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New Ways to Spread the Word



Technology helps us invite people to God by speaking the “native languages” of those who spend much of their days “online”. See how this can happen on Pentecost Sunday during worship and fellowship time. Bring your Smartphones to worship and text Pastor Carly your prayer requests and sermon questions.

Stop by the “help desk” in the Octagon to find out how to:

- Navigate FUMC’s website
- Subscribe to sermons on FUMC’s YouTube channel
- Access FUMC Facebook page and Twitter feed
- Solve your technology-related questions related to your computer, laptop, iPad or Smartphone

“Technology help desk” times: 8:45 - 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Octagon, Sunday, May 19.



New Worship Times Start Sunday, June 2
Two Services at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

TEACHING MOMENTS

9:20 & 10:50 a.m., Sanctuary

MAY 5

Pluralism Sunday
Food Pantry Offering
Holy Communion
Rev. Tina Lang preaching
9:30 & 11 a.m. Handbell Choir
11 a.m. Chamber Choir

MAY 12

Celebration of Christian Family
Golden Cross Offering
Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Rev. Carly Kuntz preaching
9:30 Chancel Choir
11 a.m. Soloist

MAY 19

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2: 1-21
Rev. Carly Kuntz preaching
9:30 a.m. Very Special Arts Choir
11 a.m. Confirmation Celebration

MAY 26

Peace With Justice Offering
Romans 5: 1-5
Rev. Carly Kuntz preaching
8 a.m. Worship in Chapel
9:30 a.m. Blessed Brass
11 a.m. Soloist

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship 8:30-11 a.m.
First Cup Café – 8:30-9:15 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast May 12

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

Jesus wept.

It is said that this is the shortest verse in the Bible. Short...but very important. In this simple statement we understand Jesus to be a man with human feelings; and a man with a heart (that can be broken). And we learn that it is OK to cry, for it is through tears that our sorrow is released.

Last week I learned that a young woman in Marshall, WI (a freshman in high school) committed suicide. Not long after discovering this tragic situation, I saw a reference to her on Facebook. It was a link to a video she herself had recorded last fall. On this heart wrenching video, she tearfully described the pain she felt from having been the victim of bullying. Sadly, within six months, she clearly felt so overwhelmed by her pain that she took her own life.

I wept.

I wept to think that this young woman could not see how beautiful she was. I wept to think that she did not have the perspective to understand that her high school world...and the cruelty that she experienced there...were not all there was to her young life. Did she have a safe person to talk to about her pain? Did she have someone who could give her comfort, and a new perspective?

I wept.

But Jesus' death and resurrection reveals to us that OUR world (the one that we think of as being larger and more "real" than the "high school world") is also not all there is. It is not always easy to adopt the larger, more spiritual (and largely unknown) perspective. And yet, that perspective can sometimes give us the hope and the vision we need to see beyond our present pain or sorrow--that, and the caring presence of another (safe) person.

I pray that I might be a caring person for someone who might be facing immense pain or sorrow. This situation certainly made me think of the loving, caring people in my own life. The gratitude I feel helps me to experience that larger, God-sized perspective. And that is the job of the Church: to follow Jesus and to share that larger, spiritual perspective. And, with that, I rejoice.

Kathie Nichols

Business Administrator



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RETHINKING LEADERSHIP

EMPOWERING MINISTRY

Three new committees appointed by the Governing Board met together for orientation on Saturday, April 13. The Communications Committee will include Susan Schmidt-Thomson (chair), Ann Herrold-Peterson (board member), Tricia Hillner, and Earl Madden. The Finance Committee is comprised of Cal Cobb (chair), Barb Conley, Jon Furlow, and Gary Sandefur (board member). Brenda Furlow (chair), Heidi Hoffland, Elissa Jones, and Leigh Roberts (board member) make up the Human Resources Committee. Rev. Carly Kuntz serves on all committees *ex officio* and may appoint other staff members to assist or attend meetings as her representative.

These three committees, along with the previously elected Nominating and Governance Committee (Lori Bowman, Judy Lyons, Rev. Jim Scorgie, and Bill White – chair), will assist the Governing Board in carrying out its responsibilities. We are indeed blessed to have people with exceptional talents and experience focused on “building out” this new governance structure at First Church!



Pastor Carly's Column

To robe or not to robe...that is the question in the twenty first century large church. You have probably noticed I choose not to wear robes during worship. Without a doubt some, if not all, are wondering why. After prayer, thought and theological reflection, I discerned robes get in the way of so much Jesus wants for his church.

Preaching robes came into vogue when pastors were first being educated in seminaries. Like professors at that time, robes were worn for warmth; there was no central heating. And robes were worn as a sign of authority. This was an educated person to whom all should listen.

Professors today seldom wear robes. They claim their authority in other ways through knowledge, teaching, research and publishing. In the same way, robes are not needed to give pastors authority. Jesus claimed spiritual authority through his knowledge of scripture, his relationship to God and his ability to be present to others. Jesus is our role model for ministry.

My personal calling from God is to share religious authority; to help every person name, claim and live their own calling to ministry. Like the apostle Paul, I believe each member of our congregation is a minister of the gospel. Robes don't make us ministers of the gospel. Authentic faith, relationship to God and knowledge of scripture give us the authority as ministers of the gospel.

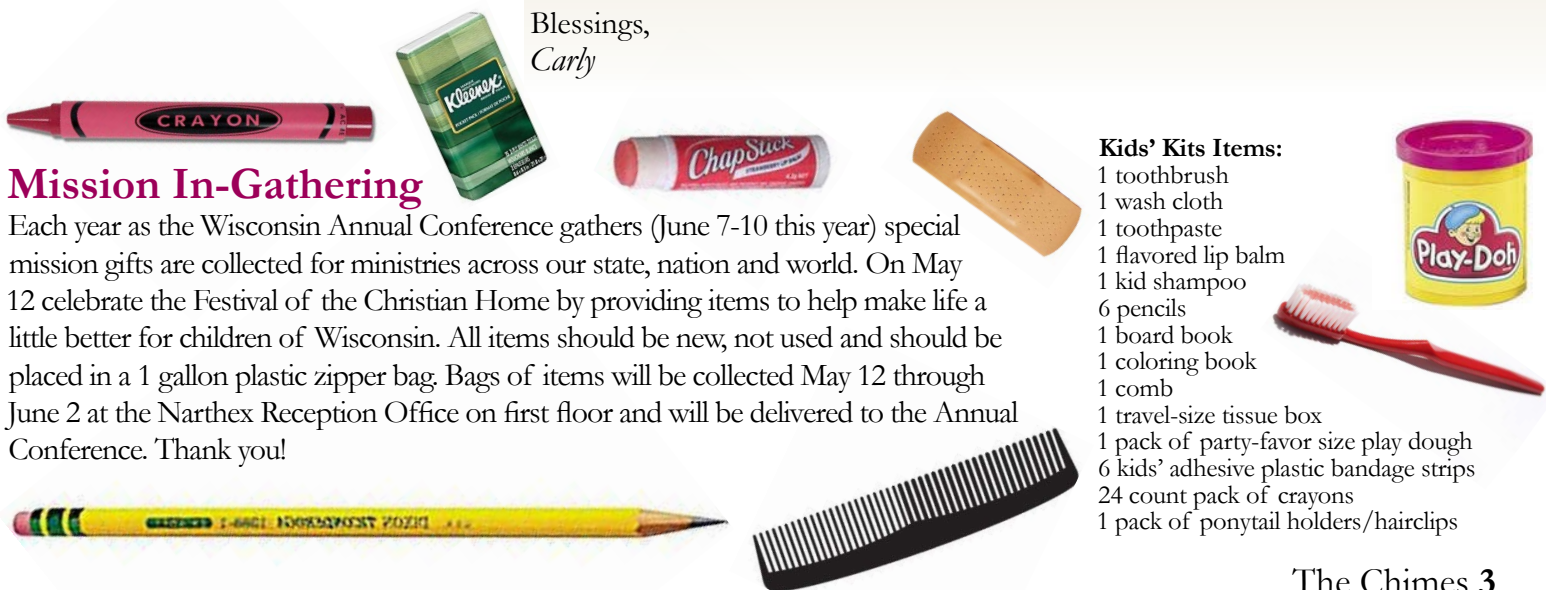
Finally, pastors of growing congregations do not wear robes. For many, robes are a negative reminder of churches that exclude some, abuse others and separate themselves from truth and real life. First Church is open to all, authentic in its mission and ready to oppose abuse wherever we find it. Robes send a message we do not want to be sending.

Please feel free to talk with me about this face to face. My door and my heart are always open to you.

Blessings,
Carly

Mission In-Gathering

Each year as the Wisconsin Annual Conference gathers (June 7-10 this year) special mission gifts are collected for ministries across our state, nation and world. On May 12 celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home by providing items to help make life a little better for children of Wisconsin. All items should be new, not used and should be placed in a 1 gallon plastic zipper bag. Bags of items will be collected May 12 through June 2 at the Narthex Reception Office on first floor and will be delivered to the Annual Conference. Thank you!



Kids' Kits Items:

- 1 toothbrush
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 toothpaste
- 1 flavored lip balm
- 1 kid shampoo
- 6 pencils
- 1 board book
- 1 coloring book
- 1 comb
- 1 travel-size tissue box
- 1 pack of party-favor size play dough
- 6 kids' adhesive plastic bandage strips
- 24 count pack of crayons
- 1 pack of ponytail holders/hairclips

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Youth Auction & Breakfast Fundraiser for Youth Missions Sunday, May 12

It's going to be a big, BIG Sunday! Find great deals at the silent auction; later enjoy the excitement of the live auction, where a basketball autographed by Bo Ryan will be one of the items up for bid. Be sure to also stop and enjoy our Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast.

Visit the FUMC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fumcmadison to participate in our special online auction.

Silent Auction

8:30 -11a.m., Octagon

Live Auction

11 -11:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Pancake Breakfast

8:30 -10 a.m.,
Fellowship Hall



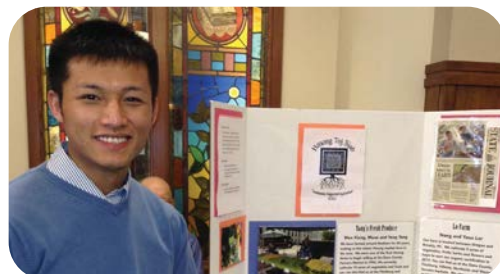
Auction Items Needed

The Youth are eager to accept your new or nicely used items. Be creative: We would love to feature gift certificates or other donations from businesses. Drop off donations on Sundays in the "Auction Donation Box" located in the Narthex Office, at the church office during the week, or contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org to make other arrangements.

Confirmation Sunday

May 19 at 11 a.m.

Celebrate our newest members, beginning with a reception at 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, and ending with a special worship service in the Sanctuary, designed by the Confirmation class.



Everywhere Fun Fair

Where God's World Comes Together
June 24 - 27 (Evenings)

Vacation Bible School & Meal

Are you ready to help share the good news with children of Madison? As an outreach to children and families of Madison, FUMC will offer Vacation Bible School, and an evening meal (June 24 - 27).

We need YOU to help support the program. Volunteers will be needed to help with the simple suppers (served at church); to help with music, games, lessons and crafts for kids which will take place at James Madison Park; and to offer hospitality and faith-based programming for the parents while they wait for their kids at church. Let us know what you can do to support this effort. Contact Tina Lang at tlang@fumc.org or 608.256.4646, Ext. 15 for more information and watch for sign ups coming soon.

Sign Up for CSA

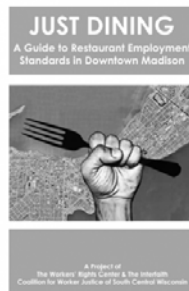
The community-supported agriculture collective (CSA), Hmong Toj Siab, will be distributing boxes of fresh herbs and vegetables at our church this summer. You can receive a weekly box of fresh produce from their farm at church every Sunday morning for 20 weeks beginning May 26. *A half share feeds 1-2 people; a full share feeds 3-6.*

Help Wanted: Volunteers are needed each Sunday at 11 a.m. during the CSA season for cleanup. This involves storing boxes and moving donated produce to the Food Pantry refrigerators.

For more information, or to sign up contact Kathy Maldegen, CSA Coordinator for the Green Team, at 608.288.9102 or kmaldegen@charter.net.

Dining Guide for Sale

The *Just Dining Guide*, compiled by the Workers' Rights Center (WRC) and the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice, contains information about restaurant employment standards in downtown Madison. It is available for \$5 on Sunday mornings at the International Ministry table in Fellowship Hall.





Summit: Justice in Housing
Saturday, April 27 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church &
Bethel Lutheran Church

Both the City of Madison and Dane County recently passed resolutions recognizing housing as a human right. Now policy makers must find ways to overcome significant challenges to realizing that right for Dane County residents. But they don't have to do it alone. All members of our community can creatively collaborate to find solutions. You are invited to this summit to join the effort. Visit the Community page at www.fumc.org or contact Karen Andro at 608.256.4646, Ext. 16 for details of the day's events.



Craft Group

Monday, May 6, 6-8 p.m., Room 208
 Looking for a nice card for Mother's Day? Create your own! All ages welcome. Supplies and snacks provided. Join the fun, fellowship, and creativity.

Church Women United

Friday, May 3, May Friendship Day
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 (4100 Nakoma Road)
 10:30 a.m. - Annual Meeting
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch
 12:15 - Worship Service
 "Swinging Wide the Doors of Hospitality"
 RSVP to Ruth Hein at 608.273.4724.



Sunday Highlights

May 5 – Pluralism Sunday
Food Pantry Special Offering

In 2012 our Food Pantry served nearly 6,000 households and over 13,000 individuals. Your gifts this Sunday will support this ongoing outreach ministry.

On the first Sunday in May many congregations will dedicate their worship to a celebration of our interfaith world. As Christians, we thank God for religious diversity! We don't claim that our religion is superior to all others. We recognize that other religions can be as good for others as ours is for us. We can grow closer to God and deeper in compassion—and we can understand our own traditions better—through a more intimate awareness of the world's religions. In addition to the pluralism focus of worship, the Chapel will house an interactive World Peace Village, which will include prayers and sacred items from other faiths. Be sure to spend some time before or after worship visiting this display.

May 12 – Celebration of the Christian Family
Golden Cross Offering

Golden Cross offerings help the 14 Health and Welfare Ministries of the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to assist persons in need throughout our state. One hundred percent of our Golden Cross Offering is used to support persons who are unable to pay for services received.

May 19 – Pentecost: The Holy Spirit Present in the Formation of the Church
 Join us as we explore new ways to invite people to God.

May 26 – Peace With Justice
Peace with Justice Offering

Special gifts shared on this day in United Methodist churches across the world change lives in places where the joy of knowing Christ is mixed with the tragedy of violence. The special offering benefits peace-related ministries through the Board of Church and Society by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries, and teaching about peaceful, just efforts around the world inspired by Christ's gospel of love and liberation.



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 Monica or Clay Bear at claybear@chorus.net to connect with some youth to come help with your chores. Any donation accepted.

Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC

members and friends in your prayers:

Beverly Lewis, Sandra Farr,
Lawrence Tally, Phyllis Sticha,
Vivian Haase, Jean Myers,
Jeanne Schirmer, Ivan Haynes,
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:*

- Karen Wydeven, whose mother, Marilyn Corning, died March 14.
- Fred and Ellen Webb upon the death of Fred's father, Baxter Webb, who died March 27.
- Friends and family of Margaret Kohli, who died April 2.
- Jean Shoemaker upon the death of her brother, Edgar E. Poore, who died April 5 in Richmond, VA.

Celebrations at First Church:

- Jason and Trisha (Wolf) Witt welcomed their daughter, Gracelyn Ann into the world on March 20. Also celebrating are proud grandpa Don Wolf and great-aunt Gert Thiel.
- Ann Eaves and Bob Wolfe were married on Saturday, March 30 in our Chapel.

“Most-Wanted” List

- **Come As You Are Worship**
Milk and fruit for breakfast on Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Our Night At the Shelter**
Pancake syrup and pancake mix (Needed by May 7)
- **Food Pantry**
Grocery bags, 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 and XXL

FUMC Building Hours

Closed Monday, May 27

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 Wednesday, May 1
or Monday, May 27**

Mondays & Wednesdays:

Breakfast & Fellowship: 9 a.m.

Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Food Pantry Hours

Closed Monday, May 27

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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Recurring Calendar Items

Yoga for Good Sessions

Mondays: 11:45 a.m., Chapel

Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m., Chapel

Meditation Group

Mondays @ 7 p.m., Chapel

Faith & Reason

Tuesday, May 7 @ 7:30 a.m., Capitol Lakes

UMW Ruth Circle

Tuesday, May 7 @ Noon, Capitol Lakes

Spouses Newly Alone

Tuesday, May 27 @ Noon, Concourse

Game Days

Wednesdays, May 1 & 15 @ 1 p.m.,

Room 208

Choir Rehearsals

Handbell Choir

Thursday, May 2 @ 6:30 p.m.,

Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 9 @ 7:30 p.m.,

Music Room

Toddler Playgroup

Fridays, May 3 & 17 @ 3:30 p.m.,

Room LL12

NEW Chimes Deadline

Articles Due: 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 10

for the June edition of *Chimes*, to be published Wednesday, May 22.

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High School Mission Trip

Kentucky ASP, July 20-28

ASP provides one of the most rewarding structured service opportunities in the nation, bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. But ASP is more than just a building program. It creates opportunities to get to know the families whose homes you are repairing and to build relationships with people from another culture and place. Evening activities include large group devotions, culture nights, or a picnic with all the families. Each trip culminates in a sometimes emotional, but always connecting, sharing of our week together. Visit the ASP website at <http://www.asphome.org/>.



Middle School Mission Trip

Detroit Motown Missions, June 23-28

The Motown Mission Experience provides economic disaster recovery work ranging from home repair, feeding the homeless, helping "green-up" the city, and participating in multiple events that explore the rich culture of Detroit. Begun and continuing as a United Methodist organization, the Motown Mission offers an experience deeply rooted in Wesleyan theology and the contemporary church's call to mission and service as a means for individual and communal transformation. Visit their website at <http://motownmission.org/>.



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

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

High School Lock-In

Saturday/Sunday, May 11/12

Lock-Ins are the best! We'll play awesome games; have meaningful discussions; set up for the next day's Youth Auction; prepare and serve a meal for the men's shelter; and of course, play more games. Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org if you plan to attend.

Young Adults



College & Young Adult Mission Trip

West Virginia, August 3-11

Last year's Social Justice trip was a big success! This year, noting the fondness of our high school youth for the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), our College and Young Adults are planning their own trip to Appalachia, where they will repair homes and build relationships with the people they meet and serve. Whether you are seasoned or have never been to ASP, here is a chance to experience the spirituality and special camaraderie that is the heart of a mission trip. Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org if you're interested.



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Young Adult Potluck Discussion

Sunday, May 26 @ 5 - 6:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

We will be discussing our unique thoughts on "God." Come with your thoughts and share a great conversation and meal together. Bring a dish to pass. Childcare provided.



A Wonderful Easter Community Meal

Thank you to our many (83!) volunteers and especially our leadership team: Earl Madden and Kathy Paul (kitchen leadership), Kathy and Gary Sandefur (hospitality), Judy Metz (volunteer coordinator), Paul DeLong (meal delivery coordinator) and Karen Crossley (dining room coordinator). We served a total of 593 meals, which includes 248 meals that were delivered.



Young Adult Team Trivia

Sunday, June 2 @ 2:15 p.m.,
Murphy's Tavern
(3737 E. Washington Ave.)

You have knowledge. Here's a chance to share it. FUMC's young adults are joining together for an afternoon of trivia and fellowship at Murphy's Tavern. Game play starts at 2:30, so come grab a seat between 2:15-2:30 and meet your teammates. Prizes given to the top teams. Contact Abby Reborn at 812.249.8047 with any questions. Hope to see you there!



First Cup Café Menu

- April 28:** Fix Ahead Scrambled Eggs
- May 5:** Crunchy French Toast
- May 12:** Youth Missions Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast
- May 19:** Praline French Toast (Last week for First Cup Café)
- May 26:** No First Cup (Memorial Day weekend)