

the Chimes

A NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON

Welcome Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler

Sunday, July 10: Special Reception, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Please join the FUMC community as we continue to celebrate the season of New Beginnings at First Church by welcoming Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler and his wife, Susan. Pastor Mark will preach at both the 9 and 10:30 a.m. worship hours. The Summer Choir and a brass ensemble will contribute their musical gifts to worship that morning as well. You won't want to miss this special first Sunday with Pastor Mark!

New Beginnings at First Church

It comes in bits and bytes. Impressions of a future wholeness...

While lugging too many boxes and wondering how all of the stuff in them will ever come together as a new home, (wonderings that compete with the impressions and data that come from the church), the lyrics of a song kept flitting through my mind and capturing my spirit. Charles Wesley wrote verses that, for me, perfectly capture the good news and missional thrust of the Methodist movement. *Love Divine, All Love's excelling...JOY of heaven to earth come down!*

The anticipation of these last many months has been our move to Madison and a promised immersion in the mission and with the people of a church that is committed to be "Downtown for Good!" I have often felt like one of those whom the apostle Paul observed as "standing on tiptoe" yearning to see what the future will bring in these people who follow the way of Jesus.

My hope is that we will find being downtown for good is good for downtown. It is a hope that the vibrancy of our community in love and service, study, justice and community will fulfill the commitments that have been made to stake our claim in the heart of Madison. *Joy...fix in us* a joyous home as we live out our mission and ministry together.

As we embark on our new beginning together, our joy cannot help but be increased by the abundant commitment to the future made by the material and financial pledge that far exceeded expectations. With deep gratitude for the commitment to the campaign and responding to the high expectations it implies, we are emboldened to step into a future abundant with promise.

Looking forward...

Mark, *Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler*



SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

JULY 3

Message:

Rev. J. Manny Santiago,
The Crossings

Executive Director

Music: Donna Veatch, Soloist

JULY 10

Message:

Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler

Music: Blessed Brass @ 9 a.m.,
Summer Choir

JULY 17

Message:

Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler

Music: Women's Ensemble,
Steve Tweed, Tuba Soloist

JULY 24

Message:

Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler

Music: Summer Choir,
Laura Mediski, Oboe Soloist

JULY 31

Message:

Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler

Music: Serina Jolivet,
Vocal Soloist

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

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



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 Circle of Life – For those who like theater, you may have just seen Lion King at the Overture Center and remember the grand entrance of the costumed animals to this song. For those with kids or grandkids, you may have seen the Lion King video numerous times and know this is the song where Simba, the lion cub, is raised up for his baptism. My son turned 23 in June, but I still cherish his two-year-old photo taken holding Simba, with a Lion King background. And what is it all about?

To me, the idea “Circle of Life” is a comfort – we go through stages of ups and downs, knowing that we may have really rough times, but we rise from the ashes (as the phoenix in Harry Potter books). We at times need help from others and at times we are the ones providing a hug, advice or help.

I’ve been at First Church for one year, and I feel the strength of this idea as I go about my work as church accountant and as I worship here on Sundays. You can feel how we are intertwined as some are making coffee, others are greeting, some are ushering, people are asking about those in the hospital, or newborn babies, or activities that are happening in the church. Every week the counters come in to count the Sunday offering, and we see funds for a variety of programs – youth, New Beginnings, Food Pantry, Homeless Ministries, scholarships, operations, debt reduction, music....

On an average day here, there are Narthex volunteers, committee members, UMW, Knitters, Yoga, Food Pantry, Overflow Shelter, youth and musicians of all kinds – all participating in the life of this church. We are not just a church on Sunday morning; we are a group of people with caring hearts, resources and a building open to all.

“Downtown for Good,” “New Beginnings,” “Radical Hospitality,” and “Circle of Life” – all have special meanings to me – to remind me where this church has been, where we are going and how blessed I am to be at this place, at this time with all of you.

Sarah Flanagan, Accountant



“We are not just a church on Sunday morning.”

New Beginnings Update

July is a month of new beginnings for First Church. Much work has gone into preparing for this new beginning. Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Bishop Jung and our District Superintendent, Scott Carlson, our church staff, the Governing Board and many others have prepared the way. We also prepared the way for this new beginning by responding generously to our special New Beginnings Fund Appeal.

Our goal was to raise \$60,000 or more and we received \$97,432! Because of your generosity and support for First Church's ministry we are not only able to fully fund our Lead Pastor and Director of Music positions through the end of 2016, but we have additional funds to support our ministry's new beginnings in ways yet to be determined.

Thank you to all our members and friends who made financial commitments and helped us exceed our goal. Thanks also to the people whose work helped make this appeal successful: Church Volunteers - Brad Crowley, Joan Deming, Bev Duncan, Bruce Marion, Paula Primm, Don Schultz, Nancy Spencer, Eleanor Wendt, Laura Wendt, Karen Wineland; and Church Staff Members - Phil Blackwell, Dana Craft-Parker, Sarah Flanagan, Mary Hasheider, Tricia Hillner, Sharon McNeely.



Report from Wisconsin Annual Conference

Conference highlights included a "Walk the Trail of Repentance" service with the Oneida Singers singing hymns in their native language, dedication of a sacred drum commissioned by the Conference, and a message by Rev. Chebon Kernell, Jr., Executive Secretary of Native American and Indigenous Ministries, General Board of Global Ministries. He stressed the need to support marginalized groups, e.g., Native Americans and GLBTQ people, by increased efforts to overcome past acts of discrimination.

There was much discussion over how to structure a conference budget in light of decreasing apportionment income (local churches paid only 82% of their apportionments in 2015) and increasing costs.

All eight elders and the one deacon ordained were women, including Mao Vang Her, the first Hmong woman elected an elder in the United Methodist Church. During a clergy session, Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler was officially transferred from the New England Annual Conference to the Wisconsin Conference and a complaint brought against Rev. Janet Ellinger for performing two same sex marriages was resolved without the loss credentials.

Lay and clergy members attending from First Church were: Delegates Doug Knudson, Bobbi Reynolds and Donna Veatch, Rev. Phil Blackwell, Rev. Tina Lang, Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler, Rev. Joan Deming, Rev. Bob Eagle, Rev. Jim Scorgie, Rev. Linda Vance and Rev. Mel Vance. Attending to witness for welcome and full inclusion of LGBTQI people were Seth Schroerlucke, Erin Webb, Ann Herrold-Peterson, Mary Lou Taylor, Steven Webster, Jim Dietrich, Fred Brancel and Mary Ann Litwiller. Go to <http://www.wisconsinumc.org/> for a full report on the conference.

Feel free to contact the FUMC delegates (Bobbi Reynolds, Donna Veatch and Doug Knudson) with any questions or for further information at info@fumc.org.

First Church Governing Board



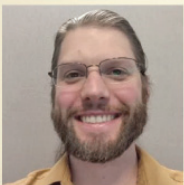
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The Governing Board of the First United Methodist Church is responsible for working toward meshing the church's mission and vision with the financial resources and facilities, as well as the gifts and talents of the pastors, staff and church members. If you would like to contact the Governing Board, please email board@fumc.org.

In addition to the Governing Board, there are currently five standing committees: Communications, Facilities, Finance, Nominations and Staff Parish Relations.

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Van Dyke-Alton High School Scholarships Awarded

On Sunday, June 12, Van Dyke-Alton Scholarships were awarded to six graduating high school seniors in the class of 2016.

The Van Dyke-Alton program was created in 1995 by Van and Nancy Van Dyke along with the family and friends of Bishop Ralph and Marian Alton. The scholarships are awarded each year to graduating high school seniors who have actively participated in church youth activities while in high school. This year the Van Dyke-Alton Scholarships are for \$2,000 each.

More than \$192,000 in scholarships has been awarded over the 21 years of the program.

These 2016 graduates received Van Dyke-Alton Scholarships:

Brett Andreas, Verona Area High School
Emma Crowley, Stoughton High School
Danielle Nelson, Madison Edgewood High School
Braxton Senson, Madison Memorial High School
Tyler Tweed, Marshall High School
Lauren Zurovitch, Madison Edgewood High School

This year the Van Dyke-Alton Scholarship Committee also approved a contribution of \$2,000 to the scholarship program at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary as a way to connect our church to the seminary and to provide scholarship support for FUMC members seeking to enter the ordained ministry through Garrett.

Again this year, additional Van Dyke-Alton scholarships for college students will be awarded in the fall. These scholarships recognize college-age youth who continue to be actively involved in our church's youth program.

The Van Dyke-Alton Scholarship Fund currently has an endowment base of more than \$626,000 and contributions are always welcome.

Newcomer Gathering

Sunday, July 17 @ 10:30 a.m., Room 201

If you would like to learn more about First Church and its mission and ministries, please join us for an informal gathering. Let us know you are interested in attending by contacting Mary Hasheider at mhasheider@fumc.org or 608.338.0107.



Lauren Zurovitch Receives Foundation Scholarship

Graduating high school senior Lauren Zurovitch received a Scholars Award from the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. Recipients are selected based on academics, leadership and involvement in church, school and community life. Congratulations, Lauren!



Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and Donna Veatch

Donna Veatch Receives Bridge Builder Award

Donna Veatch was honored with the Bridge Builder Award by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW) at this year's Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in June. The award recognizes Donna's work building bridges between the ministries of the Wisconsin Annual Conference and social/community needs throughout the world while striving to create harmony, cooperation and understanding both in the Church and beyond. Congratulations, Donna!

Serving God's People

Outreach Ministry Programming

Community Outreach Breakfast

Wednesday, July 13
8:30 a.m., Wisconsin Ave. Entrance

Come As You Are Worship

Wednesday, July 13
9:30 a.m., FUMC Garden

Food Pantry

Monday & Wednesday:
10 a.m. – Noon

Tuesday & Thursday:
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Meals-To-Go Serving the Homeless

Tuesday & Thursday
9 a.m. – Noon

Our Night at the Shelter

Second Saturday every month.
Porchlight Homeless Men's
Drop-in Shelter

Community Holiday Meals

Christmas..... Dec. 25, 2016
Easter..... April 16, 2017

For more information contact
Karen Andro,
Director of Outreach Ministries
kandro@fumc.org
608.338.0320

Outreach Closure

The Food Pantry and all outreach services will be closed the week of July 4th and will re-open Monday, July 11.

Breakfast at the Cross and Worship in the Garden

Wednesday, July 13 @ 8:30 a.m.

Due to limited volunteer availability and building maintenance this summer, we are planning to suspend regularly scheduled weekly Community Outreach Breakfasts and Come As You Are Worship gatherings in Fellowship Hall in July and August.

On Wednesday, July 13 we will share Breakfast at the Cross outside the front of the church. Our breakfast will feature healthy food items with desserts provided by Panera, Hy-Vee Bakery and Kwik Trip. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. with a special worship service in the garden at 9:30 a.m.

A special thank you to volunteers from our congregation and greater community! Interested in joining our volunteer family? Contact Karen Andro, Director of Outreach Ministries at 608.338.0320 or kandro@fumc.org.



Remembering Lenny Gertken— A Friend to All

Lenny passed away May 19 after health challenges. He grew up on a farm in Minnesota with nine siblings. Lenny worked hard selling the Street Pulse newspaper in downtown Madison where he formed special relationships, beginning with Conner Wild who hired him during his tenure at Street Pulse while a college student at UW-Madison. Lenny was kind and giving, sharing what little he had with others in need. He helped a food cart vendor downtown after seeing him struggle setting up, which became a daily ritual. Lenny was known for his kindness, storytelling and directness. He was a man of faith who never lost hope.

We take solace in knowing Lenny received supportive housing through Tellurian's HOPE program prior to his death. A special debt of gratitude to James Kilgore of Tellurian and street outreach teams Friends of the State Street Family, Madison Helping Hands and the Stone Soup Squad and all who cared and looked out for Lenny.



We celebrated the life of Lenny Gertken June 7 with a memorial service, burial at Roselawn and luncheon at Gunderson Funeral Home in Monona.



Emergency Family Shelter Update

At the beginning of June, we celebrated our first two months serving as Emergency Overflow Shelter for homeless families in partnership with The Salvation Army. We were blessed to help 101 families (217 children and 145 adults) with a safe place to sleep, private showers and ready-to-eat meals for all who are hungry. Thank you to all who are helping us answer this call in community. A special thank you to John Reynolds for his time and dedication to cleaning our overflow shelter space, and to all who are helping us answer this call with donations, encouragement and support.

Young Adults and Families



Baked Ziti for Babies - Making meals for couples that just had their first baby.



Tuesday Young Adult Discussion with guest presenter, Rev. Tina Lang, talking to our group about her experience at General Conference.



Young Adult Walkaround - Gathering observational data for FUMC's strategic plan for meeting ministry needs of millennials in our downtown neighborhood.

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Young Adults Discussions

Tuesdays, July 12 & 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Barriques (127 W. Washington Ave.)

A discussion about timely topics – and what action we can take to make a real difference in our community and the world. Contact Seth for more info at youthya@fumc.org or 608.338.0158.

College/Young Adult Balance Retreat

August 13-14

Get focused with a time of retreat, reflection, and fellowship. Led by Seth Schroerlucke, we will be spending time in nature getting re-connected to the person you are wanting to be and the life you are wanting to live in the midst of college, work, and the stresses of life. Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org or 608.338.0158 to sign up or for more details.

Try Out Summer Choir

Chancel and Chamber Choirs are always looking for new members. Come and try us out! Summer Choir meets before church to rehearse on the same Sunday mornings when we sing. We sing an anthem at the 9 a.m. service. (Those who can, stay for the 10:30 a.m. service too.) The Quadrilateral Quartet will be joining us, giving us all confidence. Whatever your skill level, age (high school through considerably older), short or long term interest, we hope you give choir a try! Contact Ross Cowing with any questions at 608.338.0545 or rcowing@fumc.org.

- July 10: 8 a.m. Rehearsal, Music Room, *Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler's first service at First Church*
- July 24: 8:15 a.m. Rehearsal, Music Room
- August 7: 8:15 a.m. Rehearsal, Music Room



Flying Angels Softball (2-2)

Come out and cheer us on!

- Wednesday, July 6 @ 8:30 p.m., Bowman Field #2
- Wednesday, July 13 @ 6:30 p.m., Elver Park #3

Musical Theater Workshop with Ken Lonnquist

August 1-12, Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-3 p.m., FUMC

Participants will help bring an original musical to life for its world premiere! This workshop is for young people ages 7-15 years old with an interest in theater, music or public speaking. No prior experience is required. The workshop will be limited to 20 participants. Cost: \$300. Contact Ken Lonnquist to register: 608.249.7714 or ken@kenland.com.



See you at Summer Vacation

Tuesday, July 19

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

We all remember how excited we were at the approach of the end of each school year. We'll recapture some of that excitement at Summer Vacation, our July 19th luncheon, when author Susan Apps Bodilly will reminisce about one-room school houses. We're asking you to look for photos from your own school days that you would be willing to share with the group. You may either drop them off at church or email them to jostrander@fumc.org. Please note that any photos received will be returned to you.

Chef Steve is planning a delicious "school days" inspired lunch. Sign up by July 15 at the Narthex desk on Sundays or contact Jim Ostrander at 608.338.0268 or jostrander@fumc.org.

Summer Vacation is sponsored by the United Methodist Women and FUMC's Homebound Ministry.

Spouses Now Alone

Tuesday, June 26 @ Noon,

Imperial Garden West

University Ave. & Allen Blvd, Middleton

Luncheons take place on the last Tuesday of each month. If you have lost a spouse, please know that this fellowship is open to all. For those planning to attend, contact Jim Ostrander at 608.338.0268 or jostrander@fumc.org.

A Summer Harvest of Books

Sundays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 10:30 a.m., Chapel

July 3: Carla Di Iorio reviews *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth* by Reza Aslan. Aslan takes Jesus out of all the contexts we thought he belonged in and holds him forth as someone entirely new. This is Jesus as a passionate Jew, a violent revolutionary, a fanatical ideologue, an odd and scary and extraordinarily interesting man.

July 10: Mark McIntosh discusses "The Mystery of the Trinity, Creation, and Prayer: A Classic Christian Perspective." Classical expressions of Christian faith seeking understanding involve believers in a life-long journey of encounter with God. In this spiritual context, the unfolding understanding of the mystery of God's trinitarian life in the hearts and minds of believers opens the possibility of seeing everything differently—including, for example, the meaning of the church's doctrine of creation and teachings about prayer. The Rev. Professor Mark A. McIntosh is the inaugural holder of the Endowed Chair in Christian Spirituality at Loyola University of Chicago, and was formerly the Van Mildert Professor of Divinity at Durham University and canon of Durham Cathedral. An Episcopal priest, Professor McIntosh holds degrees in history and theology from Yale, Oxford, and the University of Chicago. He is the son-in-law of Fred and Elizabeth Nagle.

July 17: Doug Maynard reviews *Rejoicing: Or the Torments of Religious Speech* by Bruno Latour. One of the world's leading sociologists, Latour seeks to develop an anthropology of the Moderns. This book explores the truth conditions of religious speech acts. Even though there is no question that religion is one of the values that has been intensely cherished in the course of history, it's also clear that it has become immensely difficult to tune in to its highly specific mode of enunciation. Every effort to speak in the right key sounds awkward, reactionary, pious or simply empty. Hence the necessity of devising a way of writing that brings to the fore this elusive form of speech to render it audible again. In this highly original book, the author offers a completely different tack on the endless "science and religion" conflict by protecting them both from the confusion with the notion of information.

July 24: Peter Hamon gives his take on America's love affair with the supernatural, covering books, TV shows, movies and lore. In an age of science why have so many returned to superstition? We don't believe in God, but we do believe in angels? Just where is Miskatonic University anyway? Have you ever wondered when the Zombie Apocalypse is coming and which government agency is preparing for it? Or just where did zombies come from anyway? What is the fascination with the devil in modern TV shows? Do people really believe that they can control the weather by magic? What about all those other supernatural heroes and evil spirits? Come for what promises to be a strange and unique morning.

July 31: Judy Lyons reviews *Spiritual Defiance: Building a Beloved Community of Resistance* by Robin Meyers. Meyers will be the 2017 Lyons Lecturer. During his thirty-year career as a parish minister and professor, Robin Meyers has focused on renewing the church as an instrument of social change and personal transformation. In this provocative and passionate book, he explores the decline of the church as a community of believers and calls readers back to the church's roots as a community of resistance. Shifting the conversation about church renewal away from theological purity and marketing strategies that embrace cultural norms, and toward "embodied noncompliance" with the dominant culture, Meyers urges a return to the revolutionary spirit that marked Jesus's ministry. He calls for active—sometimes even subversive—defiance of the ego's temptations, of what he terms "the heresy of orthodoxy itself," and of an uncritical acceptance of militarism and capitalism.

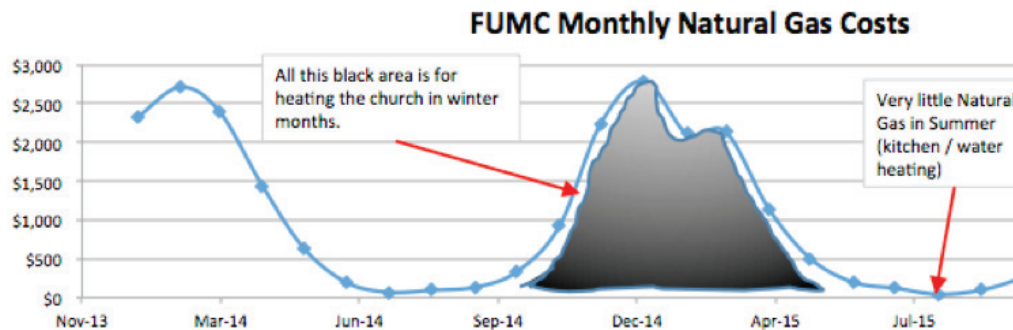
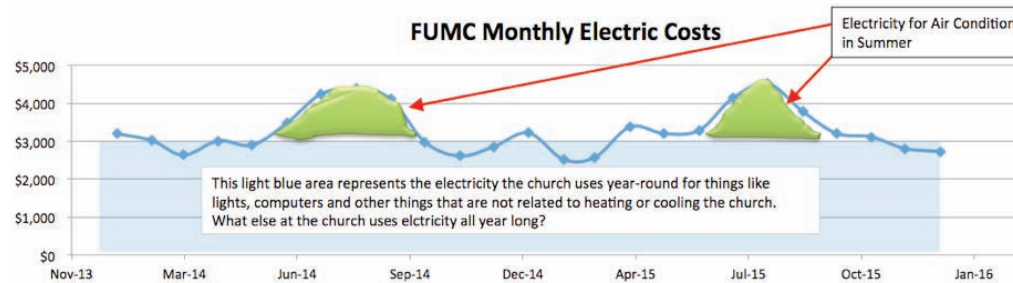
FUMC Joins ENERGY STAR Energy Efficiency Boot Camp

First Church's Green Team has joined the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Energy Efficiency Boot Camp for Houses of Worship. The boot camp started in late May and continues until November.



Through participation in this camp, the team expects to develop a plan, in partnership with the FUMC Facilities Committee, to identify additional cost effective ways to save energy in our building. The accompanying charts show the church's natural gas and electricity consumption over time and give a feel for our various types of demand for energy and thus savings opportunities.

We will also receive tools to accurately quantify a baseline of our church building's energy usage and air pollution emissions produced in the generation or consumption of that energy and then track our performance in reducing that usage and emissions. In addition, we'll be able to compare or "benchmark" our performance against similarly situated churches and other houses of worship in the nation-wide ENERGY STAR building performance database. For more information on FUMC's efforts to save energy, contact John Stolzenberg, via the church office at info@fumc.org.



Aldo Leopold Nature Center Inter-Generational Picnic/Field Trip

Sunday, July 24 @ 11:30 a.m.

Summer is here and it's time to get outside and enjoy God's beautiful creation! Join a group from First Church and head over to the Aldo Leopold Center in Monona (330 Femrite Drive) for a picnic lunch and a guided tour of the grounds and indoor climate science displays. It will be a memorable afternoon.

11:30 a.m.

Carpool departs the church parking lot

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Bring your own lunch and picnic with others at Aldo Leopold Nature Center

12:45 p.m.

Guided tour of the meadows and grounds

1:45 p.m.

Guided tour of the climate exhibition

2:45 p.m.

Carpools return to church

The Nature Center wants to be well prepared for our group so please RSVP to the church office at info@fumc.org or 608.338.0545 by July 17.

Entrance fee: \$5 per person.

Families without permanent homes will be invited to participate. Please consider sponsoring a family by offering a financial gift to cover their picnic lunch and entrance fees.

This intergenerational event is sponsored by the FUMC Green Team.

Welcome New Members

Paul Hand



Zach & Hannah
Marshall



Confirmation Sunday

2016 Confirmation Class: Jasnen Valencia, Tessa Mehnert, MaiaLynn Senson, Grace O'Connell, Sophie Brooks, Chad Metcalf, Miranda Moore, William Counts, Zachary Counts

Joys and Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers:

Bob Kramer, Frank Siedschlag, Mary Andreas, Leah Sailor, Abby Ehlers and Marcia Grothaus.

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

- Family and friends of Lillian Wirth, who died June 10.

Celebrations at First Church:

- Victor Ocampo and Julia Hasheider were married on Saturday, June 4. Julia's parents are Phil and Mary Hasheider.
- Paul & Laura Nagel welcomed a daughter, Piper Rose, on June 9.
- Jonah Yanke, son of Kevin and Elise Yanke, was baptized in our Sanctuary on Sunday, June 26.



Summer Intern

Welcome to Laura Wydevan, our youth program summer intern.

Summer Sunday Youth Gathering

Sunday, July 10, 9 a.m., Youth Rooms
VANDA Youth Center

Join us for a special get-together with games, food and a discussion.

FUMC Building Hours

Sunday: 8 a.m. - Noon

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

Friday - Saturday: Closed

The church building and offices will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

The Food Pantry and all Outreach Services will be closed July 4-7.

Chimes Deadline

Articles Due: 8 a.m. Monday, July 11, for the August issue of *Chimes*, to be published on Wednesday, July 27.

Booklet of Rev. Phil Blackwell's Sermons

So many have enjoyed Phil's sermons while he served as Interim Lead Pastor the past 15 months. We will be compiling a booklet of his sermons given during his ministry at First Church. If you are interested in ordering one or more booklets, please contact the church office at info@fumc.org or 608.338.0545. Cost is \$10 per booklet.

Recurring Calendar Items

Governing Board Meeting

Monday, July 18 @ 6 p.m., Room 208

Young Adult Life Group

Tuesdays, July 12 & 26 @ 7 p.m., Barriques (127 W. Washington Ave.)

Spouses Now Alone

Tuesday, July 26 @ Noon, Imperial Garden, Middleton

Suicide Prevention Training

Tuesday, July 26 @ Noon-1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Chimes Team

Wednesday, July 27 @ 10:30 a.m., Room 208

Yoga For Good

Wednesdays @ 6 p.m., Chapel

Meditation Group

Wednesdays @ 7 p.m., Chapel

AA Group

Thursdays @ 6:30 p.m., Room 208

Parking Lot Fundraiser:

Youth & Young Adult Missions

Saturday Mornings, FUMC Parking Lot

Foot Care Clinic: Homeless Outreach

Saturday, July 9 @ 10:30 a.m.

Our Night at the Shelter

Saturday, July 9

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all God's Children

Children Celebrate the Fruit of the Spirit

Summer Sunday school begins on July 3! Children age 3 through grade 5 are invited each Sunday morning during the 9:00 hour to share Bible lessons, music, crafts and a snack as we learn how God's Spirit is with us and helps us be our best selves! Galatians 5 tells us that "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." These nine "fruits" will be the focus of nine weeks of summer Sunday school. The classes will be held in room LL07 and the schedule for July is as follows:



- July 3 - The Fruit called LOVE led by Laurel Challoner and Laura Wydeven, with strawberry snacks
- July 10 - The Fruit called JOY led by Talitha Cushman and Laura Wydeven, with "crunchy" fruit snacks
- July 17 - The Fruit called PEACE led by Joyce O'Connell and Erin, Meghan and Grace O'Connell, with pineapple snacks
- July 24 - The Fruit called PATIENCE led by Elise Yanke and Ellen Darmstadter, with orange snacks
- July 31 - The Fruit called KINDNESS led by Ben and Allison Eyring-Green and Jessie Rodgers, with grape snacks

Thanks to the many volunteers who are serving as classroom teachers and assistants and to the snack providers. Extra helping hands are always welcome so feel free to contact Rev. Tina Lang at 608.467.5108 or tlang@fumc.org about helping on a Sunday in August. Or you can help provide fruit for snacks by signing up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4fa5a92ca75-fresh> Thank you!

Great Week at Vacation Bible School



A huge thanks to our energetic and dedicated youth volunteers and all who provided support to this year's VBS.

Sunday School

Children attend worship with their parents at the 9 a.m. service and go to Sunday School in Lower Level classrooms when they are dismissed following Children's Time.

Children's Library, Room LL14

For more info contact Tina Lang at tlang@fumc.org.

Childcare on Sundays

Available 8:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Infants and Toddlers: Room 104

Youth

Sunday Gathering – Sunday, July 10
@ 9 a.m., Youth Rooms

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

MS Mission Trip to Detroit

June 26-July 2

HS Mission Trip to KY w/ ASP

July 23-31 Spots still available!



Middle School Lock-in

It was great to help out some members in our church as well as getting psyched about our trip to Detroit and what Eco-Justice is all about.