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A NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON



First Church in Madison's Pride Parade: "Pride is faith in our belovedness."

Sunday, August 21

FUMC is looking forward to adding our faith witness to the Sunday, August 21 Pride Parade. After worship that morning, a simple lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. All participants will gather at our unit's assigned spot on State Street by 12:45 p.m. with the parade stepping off at 1 p.m. The route again this year is up State Street and around the Capitol Square. We'll have signs participants can carry in the parade, but feel free to bring small candies to distribute to the crowd. Wheelchairs, wagons, tricycles, bikes, strollers and people on foot are all welcome. And if we can find the appropriate vehicle, we hope to enter a band-wagon "float" in the parade again this year. Contact Rev. Tina Lang at tlang@fumc.org or 608-476-5108 if you'd like to be part of FUMC's band!

First Church Coming Out Block Party

Saturday, August 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

With the changing demographics of the downtown area, we want to reach out and get to know our neighbors and let them know who we are and what we're about. Come on down to church to meet and greet them with the hospitality our church is known for.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

AUGUST 7

Holy Communion

Message:

Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler

Music: Summer Choir;

Black Marigold

Woodwind Quintet

AUGUST 14

Message:

Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler

Music: Krista Tweed

and Margaret Talcott,

Vocalists

AUGUST 21

Pride Sunday

Message: Rev. Tina Lang

Music: Perfect Harmony

Men's Chorus;

Dave Woolpert

and Steve Tweed,

Euphonium/Tuba Duet

AUGUST 28

Youth Missions Sunday

Message:

Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler

Music and Witness: Youth

Mission Trip Participants

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

Among the many blessings Phil Blackwell shared over coffee in these last months was, “in Madison you can actually do something that will make a difference!”

Daily, I experience the difference this church makes in the lives of so many people. We are an anchor for each other. Caring friends along this journey of life that seek to sustain and cherish, pray and be faithfully compassionate are gifts of rare value. Meals and mattresses in what I have come to call “Hope’s Home” are extended through the use of our building and the many willing hands and hearts that donate their time and energy to this important ministry.

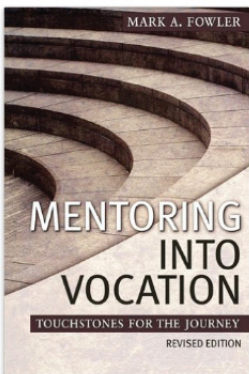
It would take many pages to expand on all that we do as a church through our programs. However, I am also aware of and find a source of great inspiration in the stories of how the yearning for our worship, education and time together might “make a difference” in the way we live our lives in our work, in our fellowship, in so many other aspects of our lives. A major focus of my pastoral ministry as well as my life at the seminary had to do with mentoring folks who sought to align their gifts, their faith journey and their life’s work. They sought wholeness in their life and to make a difference in their work and world.

A great joy of my ministry has been to accompany folks on their discernment and pilgrimage of ministry in the fullness of their lives. I wrote a book titled *Mentoring Into Vocation* that captured an essence of that joy. I hope we all live into Phil’s blessing and the gift of the blessing of our lives.

Mark
Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler, Lead Pastor



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Learn more about Pastor Mark’s book, *Mentoring Into Vocation*, online at <https://www.amazon.com/Mentoring-Into-Vocation-Mark-Fowler/dp/093816273X>. (Rev. Fowler does not receive royalties from sales of the book.)

If you order a book through Amazon, remember to use AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)) and select “First United Methodist Church Foundation Madison”) so that a portion of the proceeds will be donated to FUMC.

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Chancel Choir and Chamber Choir Organizing for Fall

It was great having new singers try out Summer Choir! It was fantastic to have some veteran singers join us after an absence! It's always wonderful to have the volunteers that share their musical talent week after week!

Chancel Choir will resume Thursday, September 8, with rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room. Chancel Choir sings three times a month for Sunday morning services. If you tried out Summer Choir and found it rewarding we would love to have you join us this Fall.

Chamber Choir will also resume in September. Chamber Choir sings once a month for Sunday services and rehearses for just 30 minutes prior to that service. Music sight-reading ability is helpful. If your schedule does not permit a Thursday evening rehearsal, but you enjoy singing, consider Chamber Choir.

Searching for Woodwind Players

This summer we enjoyed a wonderful woodwind trio during worship. Thank you Vanderbloemen family! There must be more woodwind players in the FUMC congregation or players who are friends of FUMC. We have enjoyed Blessed Brass for many years. It's time to add Wesleyan Woodwinds to our musical family. Please contact Ross Cowing at rcowing@fumc.org or 608-338-0545 if you're interested.

Celebration Sundays Welcome New Beginnings



On Sunday, June 26, special worship services included Pastor Phil Blackwell's farewell sermon and Phil sharing the second service sermon time with our new Lead Pastor Mark Fowler.

Dear members and friends at First Church, Thank you for all of your kind words and actions during the final weeks of June as the 15-month interim drew to a close. The potted herb garden, the crystal paperweight, the many comments and cards, and the generous financial gifts serve to remind us of a cherished association we now have with you. Our hopes and prayers are with you as you move toward a new era of being "downtown for good."

Peace,
Phil and Sally Blackwell



On July 10, the FUMC community continued to celebrate the season of New Beginnings at First Church by welcoming Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler and his wife, Susan.

Backpacks-for-Food Drive Sundays, August 21 and 28

The Food for Thought Initiative partnered with Madison East High School to open a school-based food pantry in January. Response has been so strong that we are now helping organize at least two more school pantries for Fall, 2016.

New or good-condition used backpacks are needed for students to take food home. Using backpacks reduces the stigma some students feel about needing food and allows students to carry food to their families without peers knowing. On our two "Backpack Sundays," August 21 and 28, please bring new or gently used backpacks suitable for high school students to the church and place in the receptacle in the Octagon.

Youth Mission Trips

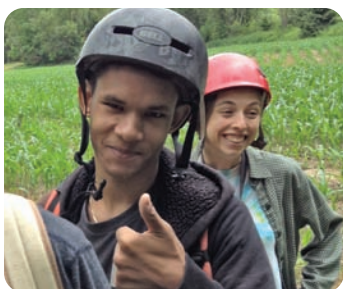


Middle School Mission Trip to Detroit

Seeing the devastation that has ravaged Detroit was powerful; learning how it got this way was enlightening; and working in solidarity with those committed to new growth in Detroit was empowering. What a difference when we see ourselves as creators and the world and all within it as sacred. Shout out to Tricia Hillner, Carolyn Betz, and Brad Crowley who rounded out a great leadership team with Seth Schroerlucke.



Fun at High School Retreat



The youth group may have a new favorite pastime: caving! Great bonding experience. In addition, the crew got trained for ASP and enjoyed cooking local/organic food together, a beautiful nature hike, campfire, and some wicked night games.

Young Adults Tuesday Night Discussions

Tuesdays, August 9 & 23, 7-8:30 p.m.
Barriques (127 W. Washington Ave.)
Drop in on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
of the month for 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.



Join us Sundays in the Chapel.

Shaping, Strengthening and Engaging Our Faith

A Summer Harvest of Books and More

Sundays, August 7, 14, 21, 28; 10:30 a.m., Chapel
Come for one presentation or all of them!

August 7: Karen Andro will speak about homelessness in Madison and the services offered by First United Methodist Church. Lots of exciting changes are taking place, including moves to protect the most vulnerable of our citizens.

August 14: General Conference Report

Rev. Tina Lang, Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler, and three lay people associated with our congregation attended the UMC General Conference in Portland, OR. General Conference is the official legislative/decision-making body of the global UMC. It meets once every four years and is the only body that can make changes to the Book of Discipline. Come to hear about decisions made at the conference as well as protests at the conference on behalf of the LGBTQ community, racial justice, immigration, eco-justice, and more. Also hear about some of the responses to General Conference and consider FUMC's potential role as a leader in our denomination.

August 21: Doug Caves reviews Nathaniel Philbrook's latest work, *Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution*. This book offers a new look at the roles of George Washington and Benedict Arnold in the Revolutionary War. It is a complex, controversial and dramatic portrait of a people in crisis and the war that gave birth to a nation.

August 28: Ann Herrold-Peterson reviews *Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity* by Ronald Rolheiser. Rolheiser shows how identifying and embracing discipleship will lead to new heights of spiritual awareness and maturity. He takes us on a journey through the dark night of the senses and of the spirit where we can experience the full gamut of human life, pleasure and fervor, disillusionment and boredom. But, as Rolheiser explains, when we embrace the struggle and yearning to know God we too can experience a profound re-understanding of our daily lives.

Softball End of the Season

All fun things must come to an end, and so it was that the Flying Angels ended the year 4-6. Although unable to defend their league title from last year, the team still had lots of laughs and even more fun. Thank you to all the fans who came out to a game this season to cheer on the home team.

Domestic Violence as a Community Issue

Wednesday, August 10, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Warner Park Community Center
1625 Northport Drive, Madison

The Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) Prevention Team will explore the systems in our community that are affected by intimate partner violence and how those systems in turn affect victims and survivors. This is a free public event.

The Politics of Resentment:

Presented by Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice

Thursday, August 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

UW-Madison Professor Katherine Cramer will give a talk on her book *The Politics of Resentment*, which describes how politicians manipulated the growing divide between rural and urban communities to pass Act 10 in 2011. Join us to learn more from Cramer and envision a more united and just future.



Serving God's People

Outreach Ministry Programming

Community Outreach Breakfast

Wednesdays

9 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Come As You Are Worship

Wednesdays,

9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

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

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Outreach In Action:

Building Bridges to Community and Service

Welcome Home Breakfast at Rethke Terrace



We hosted a special *Welcome Home Breakfast* at Rethke Terrace on July 8, where Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler led us in prayer and blessed the new kitchen. This meal was the first served at Rethke Terrace for residents and we felt blessed to share breakfast in their home.

Overdose Prevention & Response Training

**Tuesday, August 30, 5:30-7 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall**

Outreach Ministries is sponsoring this training opportunity for anyone interested in learning how to identify and respond to an opiate overdose.

- Learn about various methods of administering the opiate overdose reversal drug, Narcan.
- If you wish, you can receive a kit of injectable Narcan.
- Led by Heidi Olson-Streed who provides harm reduction education services.



We served 29 individuals at our Foot Care Clinic for the Homeless on Saturday, July 9, led by Madison Area Care for the Homeless (MACH). Every clinic begins with our clinician team huddle.



Wednesdays begin with our Community Outreach Breakfast, where we share a healthy, hearty breakfast. On July 14, Linda Ketcham, Executive Director of Madison-Area Urban Ministries, led Come As You Are Worship. She shared a message of charity and justice, explaining how advocacy is a persistent prayer for justice. Cliff Frederiksen shared music and we welcomed Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler.

Joys and Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers:

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

We offer our prayers and support to the family and friends of Lorraine Meythaler who died May 3.

Scenes From "Summer Vacation" Senior Luncheon



FUMC Building Hours

Sunday: 8 a.m. - Noon
Monday –Thursday: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday – Saturday: Closed

Chimes Deadline

Articles Due: 8 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, for the September issue of *Chimes*, to be published on Wednesday, August 31.

UMW Envisioning Team

Wednesday, August 31, 1:30 p.m., Room 208

The United Methodist Women Envisioning team will meet to plan projects and events for the women of our faith community. All are invited to come with your ideas and dreams!

Next Newcomer Gathering

Sunday, September 11, 10:30 a.m., Room 201

Our next Newcomer Gathering will be held in September. If you would like to learn more about First Church and its mission and ministries, please join us for this informal time. Let us know you are interested in attending by contacting Mary Hasheider at mhasheider@fumc.org or 608-338-0107.

Recurring Calendar Items

Governing Board Meeting

Monday, August 15, 6 p.m., Room 208

Young Adult Life Group

Tuesdays, August 9 & 23, 7 p.m., Barriques (127 W. Washington Ave.)

Spouses Now Alone

Tuesday, August 30, Noon, Imperial Garden, Middleton

Suicide Prevention Training

Tuesday, August 23, Noon-1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Chimes Team

Wednesday, August 31, 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 for Youth & Young Adult Missions

Saturday Mornings, FUMC Parking Lot

Foot Care Clinic for the Homeless Outreach

Saturday, August 13, 10:30 a.m.

Our Night at the Shelter

Saturday, August 13

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Children's Summer Sunday School

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." These nine "fruits" are the focus of children's summer Sunday school. Classes for children age two through grade 5 are held in room LL07. The August schedule is as follows:

- **August 7** – The fruit called GOODNESS led by Hannah and Zach Marshall. Children will make Fruit of the Spirit necklaces and enjoy apple snacks.
- **August 14** – The fruit called FAITHFULNESS led by Grace Newton. Children will make Scrolls of Faithfulness and enjoy banana snacks.
- **August 21** – The fruit called GENTLENESS led by Anna Wineland and Will Fleming. Children will make Blueberry Stress Balls and enjoy gummy fruit snacks.
- **August 28** – The fruit called SELF-CONTROL led by Erin Kernkamp. Children will have fun with Self Control Bubbles and enjoy watermelon snacks.

Many thanks to the volunteers who are serving as classroom teachers and assistants and snack providers.



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

Youth Missions Sunday

Sunday, August 28

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