



First United Methodist Church Madison
2011 Fall Program Guide

An Invitation

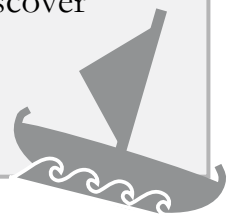
Who was Jesus, anyway? This fall we will be asking that question in our worship and through a variety of other faith development experiences. This is not a quest for the historical Jesus, although it is important to understand the historical context in which Jesus lived and taught; only then can we honestly relate, in meaningful and significant ways, the message and teachings of Jesus to our time and place. This fall's emphasis will afford us opportunities to explore and reaffirm the centrality of Jesus on our journeys of faith, as well as the meaning and relevance of his teachings for our lives.

There will be much happening in our church this fall. Our program staff and lay ministry leaders have put together a diverse and rich program of worship, learning and service. I invite you to look through this program booklet and discover some activities that will be meaningful for you. In addition to those described in this publication, other opportunities for ministry will be offered in subsequent weeks and months. Please review each Chimes issue for additional information when it arrives on your computer or in your mailbox.

Seek out those areas that sound inviting and through worship, learning and service rediscover "who Jesus was anyway."

See you along the journey,

Pastor Keith



Artists Have Asked the Question Too

Over the centuries, artists' imaginations have shaped various representations of Jesus. Those artistic renderings have likely shaped some of our own interpretations. Several FUMC members and friends have shared art which will be on display in the Chapel throughout the fall. Visit the Chapel and spend some time contemplating the diverse art pieces. Perhaps they will inspire some new insights as we explore the question, "Who Was Jesus, Anyway?"



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Sunday Morning Opportunities

New Bible Study

Weekly Beginning September 18

Sundays in Fellowship Hall, 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Facilitated by Daniel Cochran

All are welcome and encouraged to participate in a new weekly Bible study to help reflect on worship just experienced or prepare for worship later in the morning. This study will follow the church lectionary. Each week the group will discuss the Scripture passages that will be read and preached in worship services that morning. While some historical, literary, and theological context will be provided each week for spiritual and intellectual exploration, this is a discussion based Bible study where personal perspectives, beliefs, doubts and questions will help shape the conversations. The atmosphere will be casual and welcoming of all ideas. Come explore our always inspiring and sometimes perplexing sacred Scriptures with friends and family, all over a morning cup of coffee. The study will be organized by Daniel Cochran, a recent M.Div. graduate of Harvard Divinity School, candidate for ordination in the United Methodist Church and Ph.D. candidate in Art History at UW-Madison. Daniel, his wife Lauren, and their daughter Avanelle, are excited to have the opportunity to serve the Madison community and worship with First United Methodist Church and First Church is excited to welcome them!

Theology for the 21st Century

Weekly Beginning September 18

Sundays in Room LL05, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Facilitated by various members of the class

The class will start the year with a study of the book *Profiles of Jesus*. In this book, words and deeds of Jesus as identified by the Jesus Seminar furnish a basis for a profile of the Jesus of history. The following authors have each contributed a profile of Jesus: Marcus J. Borg, Kathleen E. Corley, John Dominic Crossan, Arthur J. Dewey, Robert T. Fortna, Robert W. Funk, Charles W. Hedrick, Roy W. Hoover, C. McGaughey, Stephen J. Patterson, James M. Robinson, Bernard Brandon Scott, Mahlon H. Smith and Hal Taussig. Readers will see not Jesus, the icon of myth and creed, but a provocative young man of first-century Palestine whose vision and determination to live the vision gave birth to a new form of faith and changed the course of history.

The Journey

Weekly Beginning September 18

Sundays in Room 208, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Facilitated by various participants

With a focus toward parents and couples, this fellowship-based class meets with a topic and discussion format to share life's journeys together. Topics vary, though they frequently include parenting, our faith, the Bible and many more. Join the group for a single Sunday or become a regular participant.

The Christian Adventure

Weekly Beginning September 18

Sundays in Room 208, 11 a.m.-noon

Facilitated by various participants

This class starts the fall by reading and discussing a book authored by Bernard Brandon Scott, one of the two lecturers who will be with us for the Jesus Seminar in late October. *Re-Imagine the World: An Introduction to the Parables of Jesus* offers an interpretation of the key parables of Jesus in the context of other things Jesus said and did. The result is a startling and provocative picture of the historical figure and the challenge he presents to contemporary life. Weekly discussion will encourage participants to delve into the question, "Who was Jesus, anyway?" This book is available in our church library and copies will also be available for purchase.

Two Jewish Scholars Write About Jesus

September 18 - October 16

Sundays in Room LL09, 11 a.m.-noon

Facilitated by Brian McCarthy

With their expertise in the Aramaic/Hebrew-speaking world in which Jeshua han Nazri (Jesus' real Aramaic name) lived, David Flusser (d. 2001) of Hebrew University, Jerusalem and Geza Vermes, current emeritus at Oxford, have a unique contribution to make to the "Quest for the Historical Jesus," which began in Germany 233 years ago. Not having to struggle with a conservative/evangelical Christian upbringing, these scholars have been freer to engage the Jewish Jesus, about whom they have written for 30 years. Differing in temperament, they share a) an unabashed admiration for Jesus—"a religious genius" (Vermes) and b) the conviction that his distinctive teachings have decisive significance for both Jews and Christians today—indeed, for the whole world. "My ambition is simply to serve as a mouthpiece for Jesus' message today," says Flusser in his book's dedication. Together, these two works are a rich complement to the remarkable scholarship of the Jesus Seminar.

Mental Health Series

Offered by Homelessness Task Force

September 25 – October 16

Sundays in Room 203, 9:30-10:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.-noon

Facilitated by various presenters

At least one-third of people who are homeless have a mental illness. The persistent stigma associated with mental illness can isolate and marginalize people, keeping them from seeking help. Join us for this series to learn and understand more about the continuum—"Mental Illness or Mental Health?" (*See insert for more details.*)

Sunday, October 16 members of Forward Theatre will be performing scenes in worship lifting up issues surrounding mental health and mental illness.

Shaping a Life of Significance for Retirement

October 2 (other Sundays TBA)

Sundays in Room LL05, 11 a.m.-noon

Facilitated by Ann Herrold-Peterson

and various group members

Life beyond career is about concerns like finances and health, but more importantly it is about very personal matters like family, relationships and ways of spending discretionary time. Moving from full-time work can point us toward unique opportunities for personal, spiritual and intellectual growth. New sources of "significance" emerge in surprising ways. This discussion group is designed for those looking ahead to retirement, recently retired or looking for direction in the midst of retirement.

Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, October 16

The Chapel and lounge area adjacent to the Library, 8:15-9:15 a.m.

Members of the prayer team invite others to join them for a simple breakfast, a time of sharing insights about the practice of prayer and a short time of community prayer. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about the ministry of the prayer team, to explore ways to strengthen your personal prayer life or just to join others for fellowship and prayer. To be included in the breakfast, please sign up online at info@fumc.org or call the church office at 608-256-9061.

A Discussion: What's the most interesting thing you heard from the Jesus Seminar scholars?

October 23 – November 20

Sundays in Room LL09, 11 a.m.-noon

Facilitated by Brian McCarthy

What did you hear from the Jesus Seminar scholars? Where do we stand now, after those two stimulating days? For example, what do we now know about the reaction of the disciples to the disaster of his premature, unforeseen murder? Why didn't they just give up and go back to fishing? And when they didn't, why on earth did anyone join them?

The Gift of Life: Organ/Tissue/Eye Donation Sunday

Sunday, November 13

Fellowship Hall, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 11-noon

Facilitated by Christine Monahan,

UW Health Organ Procurement Organization

Would Jesus be an organ donor? It's uncertain what he would decide if he had the same opportunity we all have today. But for certain, he would proclaim that the Gift of Life of an organ to someone in need is truly a gift of compassion and a miracle of healing. Members of the Organ Procurement Organization's (OPO) staff will give a short mission moment in all three worship services. In addition, they will assist people in signing up for the official Wisconsin's Donor Registry which ensures that your wishes will be honored by health care professionals at the time of your death. OPO staff will provide a forum during both education hours including helpful printed materials, opportunities to hear about updates in transplantation and process of donation and plenty of time for questions and answers.

FUMC's Partnership with Habitat for Humanity in El Salvador

Sunday, November 13

Room 203, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Come learn about First Church's work with Habitat for Humanity and other partners at the Getsemani Community in western El Salvador. This program, sponsored by the International Ministry Team, will include reports on FUMC's Habitat build in the Getsemani Community last April and the micro entrepreneur development efforts at the Community supported by First Church. The program will also provide information about FUMC's 2012 team going to El Salvador, including and how you can join the team. The group will also discuss ways to support the Community and its micro entrepreneurship program in the future.

Packer Parties & Lunches

Sundays, September 18, October 16,

November 20 & December 11

Fellowship Hall, noon

Watch the Green Bay Packers on our LARGE screen with family and church friends. Lawn chairs, team colors and Packer paraphernalia are welcome! Different but equally delicious menus will be served each Sunday for a free will offering with a suggested donation of \$6 per adult. Sign up ahead of time at info@fumc.org or on the board in Fellowship Hall.

Alternative Gift Market and Forest of Giving Trees

Sundays, November 27-December 18

Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.-noon

Make it a Merry and Meaningful Christmas. During this Advent and Christmas season First Church can help you:

- Give yourself the gift of extra time.
- Give our planet the gift of less fuel consumption and less pollution.
- Give struggling individuals and families the support they need to lift themselves out of poverty.
- Give family and friends unique gifts that honor the spirit of the One whose birth we celebrate!

Do all your Christmas gift selection in one place, saving you time and energy, but even more important, support ministries that bring glimpses of peace and justice to our world. The Alternative Market will be open Sunday mornings beginning November 27 and concluding December 18. Cash and checks will be accepted. We hope you enjoy this special way of selecting gifts while "gifting" various ministries in our church, our community and around the world.

Chancel Choir Presents Major Musical Work

Sunday, December 4

Sanctuary, 9:30 & 11 worship services

The Chancel Choir continues an annual tradition as this year they present "How Sweet the Sound" by William Cutter.

Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 18

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.-noon

This worship celebration is built around a traditional Christmas pageant that includes prophets, angels, shepherds and a very special baby. Most will choose to enjoy the pageant "from the pew," but people of all ages are welcome to participate by taking roles in the pageant. People interested in participating are invited to contact Rev. Tina Lang at 608-256-9061 or tlang@fumc.org.



Opportunities Throughout the Week

For Faith Development, Fellowship and Service

Meditation

Beginning Monday, September 12

Weekly in the Chapel, 7-8:30 p.m.

The Meditation group will begin a new series of twelve sessions using a set of CDs by James Finley entitled *Christian Meditation*. Anyone interested in learning more about meditation, beginning to meditate or expanding their meditation practice is welcome to participate. Each session includes some information, opportunities to share ideas and experiences and time to meditate. For more information, call Mary Bean at 608-222-5783 or Marilyn Smith at 608-273-3366.

Faith and Reason

Second Tuesday of the Month

Capitol Lakes in the Premier Room, 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Facilitated by various participants

The scientific and theological environments of the 21st century ought properly to be seen not as in conflict, but as the lingering effects of bygone controversy still exerting a corrosive influence on both theological and rational thought. Is not science merely that branch of theology which explores the manner in which God made the Universe? This question and a host of others are vetted in monthly Faith and Reason gatherings. All are welcome.

Living the Question - Who Was Jesus Anyway?

Wednesdays, September 14-November 16 (no class 9/28)

Fellowship Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.

Thursdays, September 15-November 17 (no class 9/29)

Room 208, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Facilitated by Pastor Keith Schroerlucke

Pastor Schroerlucke will host this 10-week series of conversations around the topic, "Who Was Jesus, Anyway?" Using video highlights from the "Living the Questions" series to get the conversation flowing, the group will share insights and understandings about the person of Jesus. Themes include: "Jesus through the Ages," "Who Was Jesus?" "Jesus' Program: The Kingdom of God" and "Crucifixion - Atonement - Resurrection" among others. These gatherings are intended to offer a safe environment where people can ask questions and discover insight for their lives. These sessions will be equally appropriate for people new to the faith journey and those struggling with old concepts and understandings. Enjoy a cup of coffee and good conversation as we share this journey together.

Yoga For Good

Mondays 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

and/or Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Chapel

During September of 2008, FUMC was approached by a young yoga instructor named Meg Wambach. Her concept was to teach yoga and, at the same time, give back to the community. Just as the practice of yoga facilitates healthy minds, bodies and spirits (it makes you feel good); the sharing of its monetary "fruits" to make the world a better place takes that personal "goodness" and passes it on. Meg charges a modest fee for her services; class fees over and above that are donated to our Food Pantry. If you are someone who has always wondered what yoga is like, Meg's classes are for you. She is skilled at accommodating all levels of experience and fitness. No previous yoga experience is necessary. She has mats and supplies, so you simply need to come with comfortable clothing that you can easily move in. It is an open, relaxing and spirit-filled space. Classes take place in six-week "sessions", but drop-ins are always welcome. The cost of the class is \$30 for six sessions; or \$6 per class if you drop in. Contact Kathie Nichols at knichols@fumc.org or call the church office at 608-256-9061 for more information, or to double check the calendar as there is typically an "off" week between six-week sessions.

Game Day

Wednesdays, September 14 & 28,

October 12 & 26, November 9

Room 208, 1-3 p.m.

If you enjoy a good game of Scrabble, Cribbage, Euchre or a favorite board game, we've got just the spot for you! Join other church members and friends for afternoon game day twice a month. Competition and refreshments are light, but fellowship and laughs abound!

Dinner and a Movie

Wednesday, September 28

Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

The Homelessness Task Force invites members and friends to share a light supper then view the 50-minute PBS video "Minds on the Edge: Facing Mental Illness." This video presents the family struggles, HEPA issues, rights to privacy, law enforcement issues, limits and boundaries faced by all those who are trying to help individuals and families struggling with mental illness. It underscores the complexities we face. Judy Lyons will facilitate discussion following the viewing. (*See insert for more information about the Mental Health Series.*)

Friday Night Dinner and a Concert Series

What better way to spend a Friday night than gathering with friends from church for a delicious, reasonably priced meal followed by a concert? The meals are served between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. and the concerts begin shortly after dinner. We have great menus and musicians lined up and hope you'll join the fun! Menus, prices and sign-up sheets will be posted in Fellowship Hall or you may sign up under the Events section of the church website, www.fumc.org.

Friday, October 7

The Dang-Its

Country Cookin' Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Concert at 7 p.m.

Proceeds support Porchlight's Safe Haven.

Friday, November 18

Harvest Dinner and a Concert

First-Century Jesus Movements: How did Christianity Evolve?

Friday and Saturday, October 21 & 22

First Church hosts a weekend of Westar Institute and Jesus Seminar on the Road presentations.

Friday, 7:30-9 p.m. -

From Jesus to Constantine: Disunity to Unity

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-noon -

The Many Faces of Early Christianity

Saturday, 1:30-2:30 p.m. -

Living in the Empire

Saturday, 3-4 p.m. -

What Can We Learn?



See pages 9-10 of this brochure for more details.

To register go online to www.westarinstitute.org or call toll free 877-523-3545.

Free Community Meals

THANKSGIVING-Thursday, November 24

Fellowship Hall, Noon-3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS, Sunday, December 25

Fellowship Hall, Noon-3 p.m.

Come and share the holiday with others and enjoy a delicious meal in our Fellowship Hall. More than 100 volunteers are needed for our free community meals. Last year we served more than 300 people in Fellowship Hall and delivered more than 150 meals to those who were unable to attend. Visit our website www.fumc.org to sign up or watch for sign-up sheets to be posted in the Octagon. We welcome food donations, on-site volunteers and delivery drivers.

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 26

Fellowship Hall, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Help decorate our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the Advent and Christmas seasons and then enjoy a lunch of bread and homemade soups (no turkey left overs). Sign up online at www.fumc.org or on the board in Fellowship Hall so we're sure to have enough soup.

Alternative Christmas Worship on the Longest Night

Wednesday, December 21

Chapel, 7 p.m.

This special service offers an early celebration of Christmas for those leaving the area for the holidays and/or those wishing to celebrate Holy Communion. Join others for candlelight, music and Communion on the longest night of the year in the intimacy of our Chapel. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve Celebrations

Saturday, December 24

Sanctuary, 7 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Once again, we will offer traditional services of Word, Music and Candlelight on Christmas Eve. On this evening, you will walk along a candlelit sidewalk into a sanctuary of candlelight, Christmas music and the warmth of Christmas love and peace. **Childcare will be available at 7 p.m. only.** Bring the family and celebrate this holy night.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day Celebrations

Sundays, December 25 & January 1

Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

With these two holidays falling on a Sunday and recognizing the many family observances on these days, we will host one worship service at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Come a little early and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or apple cider before the worship service each Sunday. More information will follow but make note that **on these two Sundays there will be only one worship hour, at 10 a.m.**

September 2011

| SUN | MON | TUES | WEDS | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Remembering 9/11 | 10 Shelter Night |
| 11 | 12 ●Meditation Class | 13 Faith & Reason | 14 ●Living the Question - Game Day | 15 ●Living the Question | 16 | 17 |
| 18 ●Children, Youth & Adult Classes ●Two Jewish Scholars - Packer Party /Lunch - Bible Learning Breakfast | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 ●Mental Health Series - Y.A. Pot Luck/ Discussion | 26 | 27 | 28 (Living the Question, No Class) - Game Day - Dinner & Movie | 29 (Living the Question, No Class) | 30 | |

Key:
 ● = Weekly Series Begins
 ■ = Weekly Series Ends

October 2011

| SUN | MON | TUES | WEDS | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|-----|---|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2 - Shaping/ Retirement Class - NAMI Walk | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 - Labyrinth Walk (MCC) | 7 - Dinner & Dang-Its Concert | 8 - Shelter Night Circuit Service Day |
| 9 | 10 | 11 - Faith & Reason - Democracy/ Webcast | 12 Game Day | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 ■Two Jewish Scholars ■Mental Health Series - Prayer Breakfast - Packer Party/Lunch - CROP Walk | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 - Labyrinth Walk (MCC) | 21 Jesus Seminar | 22 Jesus Seminar |
| 23 ●Jesus Seminar Discussion - Y.A. Potluck/Discussion | 24 | 25 | 26 Game Day | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 - UNICEF Carnival | 31 | | | | | |

November 2011

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 - Labyrinth Walk (FUMC) | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 - Faith & Reason | 9 - Game Day | 10 | 11 | 12 - Shelter Night |
| 13 - Gift of Life Forum - Habitat Partnership Session | 14 | 15 | 16 ■ Living the Question | 17 ■ Living the Question - Labyrinth Walk (FUMC) | 18 - Harvest Dinner/Concert | 19 |
| 20 ■ Jesus Seminar Discussion - Packer Party/Lunch - Family Style Worship Service | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 - Community Meal | 25 | 26 - Hanging of the Greens |
| 27 ● Alternative Market/Giving Trees - Y.A. Potluck/Discussion | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

December 2011

| SUN | MON | TUES | WEDS | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 - Chancel Choir Musical Work | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 - Shelter Night |
| 11 - Packer Party/Lunch | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 ■ Alternative Market/Giving Trees - Christmas Pageant | 19 | 20 | 21 - Longest Night Service | 22 | 23 | 24 - Christmas Eve Services |
| 25 - Worship Service 10:00 a.m. - Community Meal | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |



Madison, Wisconsin



October 21 & 22, 2011

FIRST-CENTURY JESUS MOVEMENTS

HOW DID CHRISTIANITY EVOLVE?

KATHLEEN E. CORLEY & BERNARD BRANDON SCOTT

Lecture

From Jesus to Constantine: Disunity to Unity

The myth of Christian origins maintains that early Christians formed a unified, loving community. But looking far back into the mists of emerging Christianity, we see conflict and controversy. Brandon Scott will examine the plurality and diversity in early Christian belief, and ask why Christianity grew, why it succeeded, and how it became unified.

◆ **Friday, 7:30–9 P.M.**



Kathleen E. Corley (Ph.D., Claremont Graduate School) is the Oshkosh Northwestern Distinguished Professor, University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh. A member of the Steering Committee of the Women and the Biblical World section of the Society of Biblical Literature, she is the author of *Women and the Historical Jesus* (2002), and *Maranatha: Women's Funerary Rituals and Christian Origins* (2010).



Bernard Brandon Scott (Ph.D., Vanderbilt University) is the Darbeth Distinguished Professor of New Testament at the Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK. He is the author of several books, including *The Trouble with Resurrection* (2010) and *Re-Imagine the World* (2002).

Workshops

The Many Faces of Early Christianity

Early Christianities varied from a focus on Jesus sayings, to a focus on his life and execution, to a focus on the crucified and risen one without concern for his life. Kathleen Corley will explore the various Christian communities, their different contexts and theological perspectives. As we look at these groups, we will consider the impact of class, ethnicity (Jew or Gentile) and gender on their understandings of Christianity.

◆ **Saturday, 9:30 A.M.–Noon**

Living in the Empire

The Roman Empire was the two thousand pound gorilla that determined reality in the ancient world. This session will examine how Jesus and Paul rejected the Empire and how Constantine turned the church into an empire.

◆ **Saturday, 1:30–2:30 P.M.**

What Can We Learn?

What does the diversity of early Christianity tell us about the possible configurations contemporary Christianity might take? How might we begin to learn from the diversity of the past? How might we respond to today's empire?

◆ **Saturday, 3:00–4:00 P.M.**

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REGISTRATION FEES

All Sessions

Pre-registration (by Oct 7, 2011) \$60

Registration (after Oct 7, 2011) \$75

Additional Family Member \$50

Single Sessions

Friday Evening Lecture \$20

Saturday Morning Workshop \$30

Saturday Afternoon Workshop \$30

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Jesus Seminar on the Road Registration Form

I would like to register for: **Madison, Wisconsin**

October 21–22, 2011

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Register on-line at westarinstitute.org

**or fill out and mail the form below
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*Please also provide the names of additional persons for name tags.

Name 1. _____

Name 2. _____

Please register me for:

ALL SESSIONS

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| Individual Rate | \$75 | _____ | _____ |
| Pre-registration by Oct 7, 2011. | \$60 | _____ | _____ |
| Additional Family Members | \$50 | _____ | _____ |

SINGLE SESSIONS

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| Friday Evening Lecture | \$20 | _____ | _____ |
| Saturday Morning Workshop | \$30 | _____ | _____ |
| Saturday Afternoon Workshop | \$30 | _____ | _____ |

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Connecting With the Larger Community

Our Night at the Shelter

Saturdays, September 10, October 8,
November 12 and December 10

The second Saturday of each month, First Church volunteers provide and prepare food, heat and transport the food, and serve a chili dinner at the Men's Homeless Shelter at Grace Episcopal Church. Chili cooks, food donors, and servers are needed. Sign up online at www.fumc.org or contact Kathy Sandefur at 608-274-7268 or ksandefur1@charter.net.

Immigration as a Moral Issue

Sundays, September 18 - October 23, 2-4 p.m.

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation

2146 E. Johnson St., Madison

Registration deadline is September 4

Register with Elizabeth Barrett at 608-242-8887

\$15 registration fee helps cover handouts and other costs

The six Sunday classes will cover:

- September 18--The Underlying Causes of (Im)migration
- September 25--The History of Immigration and Racism in the US.
- October 2--The Global Economics of Immigration
- October 9--Security, Enforcement and Human Rights
- October 16--Who Benefits from a Broken System
- October 23--Seeking Humane Solutions

Do you wish you understood more about why our U.S. immigration system is broken and how it can be fixed? This six-week series is open to the general public but space is limited so be sure to register ahead of the deadline. The classes will be facilitated by Leila Pine, a human rights worker who spends her winters working with immigrants at the Arizona-Mexico border through No More Deaths, an award-winning human rights and humanitarian aid group.

Personal Essentials Pantry

Sunday, September 18

The Personal Essentials Pantry of Madison does not distribute food. Instead, it complements food pantries like ours by supplying personal care items. To support this oft-used referral pantry, First Church is sponsoring a product drive to help stock the shelves. Watch the bulletin board in the Octagon for more information and a complete list of needed items. You can also contact Susan Jeannette at 256-9061 or sjeannette@fumc.org.

Remembering 9/11 and Healing Through the Pursuit of Justice

Friday, September 9

Fellowship Hall, 7- 9:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Lou Stolzenberg,

Coordinator of Religious Leaders for 9/11 Truth

While some people urge letting go of 9/11 related fears in order to move forward, why are thousands of scientists, professionals and more than 130 religious leaders calling for a new 9/11 investigation? View the new documentary, "9/11: Explosive Evidence – Experts Speak Out." Listen to more than 45 experts in a variety of fields of study give testimony related to the destruction of the three World Trade Center skyscrapers on 9/11. Hear from 9/11 family members and psychologists who will help viewers understand why serious problems in the 9/11 official story are so difficult to discuss and comprehend. On the 10th anniversary of 9/11, decide for yourself which explanations are evidence based or faith based. Reflect on whether the cultural pressure to adhere to conventional thought on 9/11 may actually hamper loving one's neighbors. You are invited to consider whether healing can effectively occur if an incorrect 9/11 diagnosis has been made. Witness the courage and compassion of 9/11 Truth and Justice seekers and maybe become one yourself.

HospiceCare Grief Support

Since 1978, HospiceCare Inc. has been a nonprofit, community based hospice service dedicated to providing expert physical, emotional and spiritual support to patients and families dealing with life limiting conditions. Upcoming programs include:

Tuesdays, September 20 – November 8, 6-8 p.m.

Journey Thru Grief

Tuesdays, October 4 – November 8, 5:30-8 p.m.

Powerful Tools for the Caregiver

Wednesdays, October 5 – November 2, 4-6 p.m.

Spouse/Partner Loss

Mondays, September 26 – October 24, 5:30-7 p.m.

Kids' Grief Support Group

Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11 a.m.

Bridges Drop-In Support Group

Wednesdays, October 5 – October 26, 10 a.m.-noon

Mother Loss Group

For descriptions of the various programs or to register for a program please visit www.hospicecareinc.com or call Cheri Milton, Grief Services Manager at 608-276-4660.

Conversation with the Bishop

Sunday, September 25, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Asbury UMC, 6101 University Avenue, Madison, WI

Have you met our Bishop? Bishop Linda Lee will host a time to visit with clergy and laity from the Madison area. The theme will be “Love Unconditionally” by Bishop Lee, followed by open informal dialogue (Q/A time) with the Bishop.

2011 NAMI Walk

Sunday, October 2

Check-in time: 10:30 a.m./Start time: noon

Olin-Turville Park, Madison

Mental illness affects one in four families. It has been estimated that at least one-third of people who are homeless have a mental illness. Persons with mental illness are often met with isolation and fear due to stigma and misperception about the disease. Join others in our community for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) 5K Walk fundraiser. For more information visit www.nami.org.

The Labyrinth Called Life

Thursdays, October 6 & 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Madison Christian Community

7118 Old Sauk Road, Madison

Thursdays, November 3 & 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Chapel

FUMC collaborates with Madison Christian Community and Wisdom’s Well Interfaith Spirituality Center for a series of four labyrinth walks:

- **October 6** – A-Mazed Pilgrims in a Labyrinth Land: Our Yin-Yang Life Journey
- **October 20** – Planetary Pilgrims: The Nature of the YOU-niverse
- **November 3** – Pilgrimage: Journeying In & Out (contemplation – a way of being and doing)
- **November 17** – The Round-about Way: Interspiritual & Other Voices and Choices

Whether the labyrinth is familiar or new to you, here’s a unique opportunity to experience labyrinth walking, reflect on its relationship to your personal journey, and welcome the communal nature of a spiritual path. Gatherings will be intrapersonal and interactive. Come to one or some or all. Sessions will be facilitated by Lynn Lisbeth, OP and staff member of Wisdom’s Well. Lynn is a Dominican Sister of Sinsinawa, WI. Visit the church website for more information and to register www.fumc.org.

Madison UMC Circuit Service Day

Saturday, October 8, 8:15 a.m.-1 p.m.

The 6th annual Madison UMC Circuit Service Day will take place on Saturday, October 8. The purpose of the day is to:

- Involve the entire Madison circuit of UMCs in one day of serving the wider community.
- Promote a sense of unity in the faith community.
- Make a difference in our community by meeting special needs.

You can get more information and sign up to participate at the Service Day table on Sundays in the Octagon area outside Fellowship Hall or on our website www.fumc.org. We hope you will join in this opportunity to support those in our community who need our help.

Democracy from the Inside Out: A Webcast hosted by Parker Palmer

Tuesday, October 11, 7-8:30 p.m., Chapel

Through the “magic” of technology, participate in the kick off of a series of conversations about “doing democracy from the inside out.” Parker Palmer of the Center for Courage & Renewal will give a thirty-minute talk about some key issues in American democracy and then be joined by conversation partners who see these issues from different vantage points. All of this will be available to us through a live webcast on the large screen in our Chapel. The webcast will include an array of topics and focused questions to help participants explore their own civic values, share their concerns about our current political climate, and imagine human-scale things they can do to help reweave the civic fabric in their own communities. The webcast will last one hour and will be followed by a short time of conversation among those gathered. Following this October 11 event, the Center for Courage & Renewal will provide additional materials and opportunities to help interested people continue the conversation.

CROP Hunger Walk/Rock

Sunday, October 16, 12:30 p.m.

Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty hosts this annual fund-raiser for non-denominational food relief programs and Dane County food pantries. Participants can take part in either the 1.5 or 3.5 mile walk (or chair rocking). Several members of our congregation walk annually and solicit pledges to help support this relief effort.



In 2010 the participants from FUMC raised more than \$5,000 for the cause. Our goal this year is \$5,500. Sign up to participate or make a donation to our team. Church World Service is involved in relief efforts around the world in places like Pakistan, Haiti and New Orleans, but 25% of the money raised stays here in the Dane County area to provide support to our area food pantries. Our FUMC food pantry benefits from these funds and received \$295 last year. Won't you join us and help us in the effort to stamp out hunger in the world? For more information look for the CROP Walk booth in the Octagon later this month or visit www.cropwalkonline.org.

Screenings of Two Documentaries About Dying

**Wednesday, October 12 & Wednesday,
November 9, 6-8 p.m.**
Gilda's Club, 7907 UW Health Court, Middleton

"Cancer Support for the Whole Family ... the Whole Time"
On October 12, the film "Facing Death" will be shown and on November 9, the film will be "Caring for Dying." A time of discussion will follow each screening. For more information call 608-828-8880 or visit www.GildasClubMadison.org.

Connecting the Church in Mission: A Celebration

Wednesday, October 26, 5:30 p.m.
Asbury UMC, 6101 University Ave., Madison
**Sponsored by the Wisconsin Annual Conference
Board of Global Ministries**

Members and friends are invited to a statewide celebration of the unparalleled services provided by the many mission ministries and outreach activities within the Wisconsin Conference UMC and beyond. Thomas Kemper, the General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries will be the keynote speaker. Other special guests include missionaries from Cameroon, the Missionary in Residence from the North Central Jurisdiction, and a representative from the East Angola Conference. Displays or presentations will be offered by the Disaster Response Team, East Angola Partnership, Health and Welfare Ministries, HIV/AIDS Task Force, Imagine No Malaria, Immigration Task Force, International Volunteers in Mission, National Volunteers in Mission and Native American Partnership. Come and see firsthand how apportionment giving is working to support these worthy causes. To make reservations, contact the office of the District Superintendent, Sam Royappa, at samroy@wisconsinumc.org or 608-837-0056.

Especially for Young Adults

Groups of mostly 21 to 35 year-olds who, through special events, discussions, and programs strive to nurture spiritual growth, deepen personal connections with each other, and serve others more compassionately. Monthly events range from serving in homeless shelters, having cookouts, working on Habitat builds and playing kickball.

For more information and event listings contact Seth Schroerlucke at 608-256-9061 or youthya@fumc.org.

Potluck / Discussion Group

Fourth Sunday of the Month, 4 p.m.
Discussion, 5 p.m. Dinner
Fellowship Hall

A small group that meets to discuss and share perspectives on a broad range of topics pertaining to spirituality. Childcare is provided. This fall discussion will focus on the life of Jesus and his role in our lives.

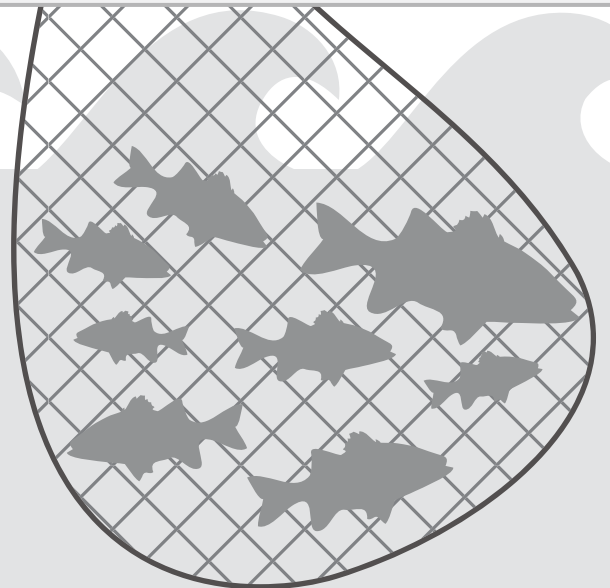
Night Lifers Group

A typically younger group that enjoys hanging out a little later. It meets once a month, generally on weekends, at various locations to socialize and engage in faith-related discussions.

College Group Class

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Chapel

Primarily for undergraduate students, though everyone is welcome, this new group will watch a short video each week from a series called "Re:Form". The videos approach interesting spiritual questions like, "How does God answer prayers?" in a humorous, yet provocative way, leaving much room for questions and discussion.



Especially for Youth

For more information and event listings contact Seth Schroerlucke at 608 256-9061 or youthya@fumc.org.

Monthly Youth Events

Activities for students in Middle School and High School bring youth together for learning and spiritual growth through fun events like paintball, church overnights, Youth Convo and weekend retreats.

Youth Sunday School

Weekly, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Middle School (Grades 6-8) Youth Room LL02

High School (Grades 9-12) Youth Room LL04

In a welcoming environment youth discuss their ideas about faith, share stories, play games and take action to build a stronger community and shape the kind of world they want to live in. This fall the classes will be taking a deeper look into the life of Jesus.

Confirmation Class

Fourth Sunday of the Month, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Youth in Grade 8, Youth Room LL06

Students and their adult mentors meet to discern and explore their faith and learn about the United Methodist Church. Interested youth who are in 8th grade or older should contact Seth Schroerlucke at 608-256-9061 or youthya@fumc.org for more information.

High School Seniors' Small Group

Second Sunday of the Month, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

High School Seniors, Youth Room LL06

Youth explore spiritual topics and questions together in greater depth as they prepare their minds and hearts for life after high school.

High School Life Groups

Monthly, Various times and locations

High School students meet at least once a month in regionally-based small groups for just-guys and just-girls. Groups focus on Bible study, using the fun and creative oral tradition of "storying" to explore spiritual lessons. Each Life Group also serves as a support group and safe place for sharing the struggles and passions of high school life.

Especially For Children and Families

Parents and Families Encouraged to Participate

Childcare and children's classes are available every Sunday from 9:15 a.m. until noon and for other occasional programs and events. For additional childcare requests please contact the church office no later than one week prior to the activity in which you wish to participate and we will do our best to secure childcare. Parents are also welcome to include very young children in adult gatherings.

Children learn best when their parents participate in their learning. Please consider participating in children's ministries as an occasional teacher or classroom assistant. Contact Rev. Tina Lang at tlang@fumc.org or 608- 256-9061, or visit the church website www.fumc.org for more information.

Care for Infants and Toddlers

Babies are cared for each Sunday morning by Geryllynne in Room 104, just off the Narthex area. Rocking chairs are present for nursing mothers, a diaper changing table is available, and the room includes a restroom. Toddlers age 2 and older are cared for by Kirsten in Room LL12 in the lower level of the building. Both rooms are staffed from 9:15 a.m. until noon each Sunday. If your child has specific needs, please share those needs with the childcare attendants.

Children's Sunday School Classes

Weekly, 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Children are invited to participate in the "Conversation With Children" during the first few minutes of 9:30 worship in the Sanctuary. After that, they are invited to the lower level of the church building where classrooms and a Children's Library have been prepared for them.

Toddlers Age 2 & 3

Toddlers age 2 and 3 are invited to Room LL19 to participate in entry-level Sunday School experiences designed specifically for them. Basics of faith are introduced through play and a variety of creative hands-on activities. Children begin to learn that God created and loves them, that Jesus is their friend, and that their church is a safe and welcoming place.

Preschoolers (Room LL17)

Preschoolers meet in Room LL17 to experience a variety of basic Bible stories throughout the year. Lessons include stories, prayer time, music, fun activities, and a variety of opportunities for busy little bodies to move with the Spirit!

Grades K-1 (Room LL10), Grades 2-3 (Room LL15), and Grades 4-5 (Room LL11)

Fall curriculum for grades K-5 focuses on the life of Jesus and will explore the many ways that people worship God. Children will participate in a variety of hands-on learning experiences including Bible stories, art, puppetry, storytelling, food preparation, computer programs, music and role playing. Near the end of the fall term, children will help lead a special intergenerational worship service and share some of what they've learned.

Early Childhood Playgroup (Room LL19)

Parents and children under five years old are invited to participate in a weekly playgroup at FUMC on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. Please Join other parents and caregivers for a time of sharing, support, and community-building while our children play together. A small snack will be provided for the children. Day and time to be determined. Please contact Sarah Schroerlucke at s.schroerlucke@gmail.com if you are interested.

Children's Special Giving and Special Events

School Supplies for Homeless Children

Every child needs a backpack and supplies for the new school year, but some families simply aren't able to provide these items for their children. In conjunction with our congregation's initiative on homelessness, Sunday school families and others are invited to contribute backpacks, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, folders and other school supplies to be donated to children in homeless families. During late summer and early fall (while prices are still low!) pick up a few extra supplies and add them to the School Supply buckets located near the Children's Library. Buckets will be available through October 16. Supplies will be distributed by the Madison Metropolitan School District Transitional Education program, which works with families living in homeless shelters.

Bible Learning Breakfast

Sunday, September 18, 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Third, fourth and fifth graders and their parents are invited to bring their Bibles for our Bible Breakfast! Join together in some fun Bible learning games. As the games help you get acquainted with your Bibles, you will also snack on interesting and tasty Bible foods. Email or call Rev. Tina Lang at tlang@fumc.org or 608-256-9061, ext 15 to let us know you're coming so we have plenty of breakfast foods ready. Remember to bring your Bible!

Ahhhhh-Mazing Family Fun on the Farm

Sunday, October 2

Treinen Farm in Lodi

Depart from church at 12:30 p.m.

Join other church families (of all ages) for a fall afternoon of fun on the farm! Enjoy a horse-drawn hayride to the pumpkin patch, pick your own pumpkin, climb up Jacob's Ladder, shoot pumpkins and gourds over the pond with the pumpkin slingshot, meet goats, sheep, llamas, and chickens in the barnyard, play in the tractor tire playground or the corny fun house and if you're really adventurous, find your way through the twists, turns and dead ends of the amazing corn maze. It's a mind-boggling living puzzle. Try the observation tower before or after your maze adventure—it's fun to see the groups with colorful flags try to navigate the maze. All-terrain strollers work well in the maze or bring a wagon to pull young children. There's plenty of fun for people of all ages. Prices vary depending on your choice of activities. Visit the church website or view the sign-up sheet near the Children's Library for more details, prices and to register. Registrations accepted through September 25.

UNICEF Carnival

Sunday, October 30, 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Save your coins this fall then have fun playing games while contributing to a cause that helps children and families all over the world! On October 30 children and parents are invited to our Sunday School Families' UNICEF Carnival during the Sunday School hour.

Family-Style Worship

Sunday, November 20, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

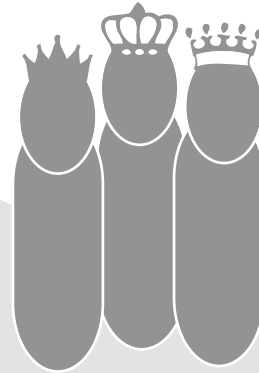
Fellowship Hall

Experience intergenerational, interactive worship together as a family on this Sunday just before Thanksgiving. Throughout the fall semester children will have been learning about worship and they'll have lots to share by November 20. Come, and maybe you'll learn something new about worship as you experience God's presence in this intergenerational gathering. This worship experience welcomes ALL shapes and sizes of families. If you're a family of one and you are grateful for the gifts children bring, you may want to be part of this special worship celebration in Fellowship Hall. "...and a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6)

Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 18, 11 a.m.-noon

Sunday school children are all invited to participate in the annual pageant. Be a shepherd, a sheep or an angel. There are no lines to memorize and we provide the costume. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board near the Children's Library.



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