

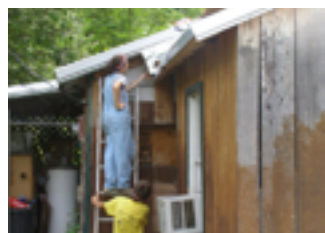
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CELEBRATING YOUTH MISSIONS



Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Recap

This year was one for the record books. A fantastic team of adult leaders led 32 people for a week long service trip in the heart of Appalachia, Harlan County, KY. In heat and humidity, our group spent their days repairing homes for families in need. With fun evening activities and an emotional final evening worship service, the youth group and leaders came away with new and transforming insights about poverty, family and faith. Each year this trip is a bonding experience for all who go, and we thank this congregation for the value it places on youth missions in order to make ASP possible each year.

What a blessing! *Seth Schroerlucke*, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Thanks a million to the many adults who helped with ASP van clean-up. It keeps getting better each year!
Laurie Peterson

SUNDAY WORSHIP

AUGUST 12

One Service @ 9:30 a.m.

Mission Sunday – Youth and Young Adults Lead Worship
10:30 a.m. – Fellowship Event
International Ministries
El Salvadoran Pupusas Picnic

AUGUST 19

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

“Just Like Fools”
Rev. Scott Anderson
Psalm 15, I Corinthians 1:18-31
9:30 a.m. Special Music –
Perfect Harmony Men’s Choir,
Doug Swenson
11 a.m. Special Music –
Doug Swenson

AUGUST 26

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

“Downtown for Good”
Rev. Carly Kuntz
Ephesians 6:10-20
9:30 a.m. Special Music –
Brian Cowing

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Fellowship 8:30-11 a.m.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

August 12, 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

International Ministries

El Salvadoran Pupusas Picnic

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

First Church sponsored Lunch Time Live today. Lunch Time Live is an opportunity to enjoy a live band's music while eating lunch on the Capitol square. It was a great event. Hundreds of people were there enjoying conversation, food, great music and some time outdoors in the middle of the work day.

While we were listening to the music a couple of us passed out cards to those attending, inviting them to enjoy more free music at First Church. I was one of those handing out the cards. It was fun going up to people, handing them a business sized card and inviting them to hear more great music, for free at First Church. All but one person willingly took the card. One side of the card listed the special music we have coming at First Church this fall. The other side gave our church name, address and website. Everyone read both sides of the card. Everyone laughed when I promised I would not show up on their doorstep repeatedly if they chose to attend one of our special music events. Handing out a card, saying our church name and inviting someone to come to First Church for a concert is called a passive invitation. It is a soft sell. It is easy to do.

United Methodists ask someone to join them for worship once every thirty two years—once every thirty two years!! We think inviting a friend, neighbor, family member or a stranger to worship is hard when in truth all we have to do is hand them a card and promise not to bug them if they show up. We have some extra cards listing our special music events. Please take a couple and hand them to people you know who enjoy good music. You'll be off the hook for the next thirty two years.

Blessings,
Pastor Carly
Lead Pastor

Upcoming Musical Events

Perfect Harmony Men's Choir – August 19, 9:30 a.m.
Elizabeth Marshall Woodwind Quintet
“Black Marigold” – Sunday, August 19, 2:30 p.m.
Claudia Schmidt & Sally Rogers
Madison Folk Society – Sunday, September 2, 1 p.m.

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Upcoming Music Events
at First Church. Join Us!

August 19th – 9:30 a.m.
Perfect Harmony
August 19th – 2 p.m.
Elizabeth Marshall
Woodwind Quintet
September 22nd – 7 p.m.
Claudia Schmidt & Sally Rogers
Madison Folk Music Society
October 20th – 7:30 p.m.
Phil Collins Song Night
Madison Folk Music Society
November 4th – 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Butter Rejoice
Chancel Choir

**Upcoming Music
Event Cards
Available at the
Information Desk**

RETHINKING LEADERSHIP

What Does Pastor Carly Think?

Although First Church's "Rethinking Leadership, Empowering Ministry" initiative began long before Pastor Carly arrived here, she has quickly become an eager advocate for the fruitful changes being created through this ongoing initiative to create clearly-defined spheres of "governance" and "ministry." A recent discussion with her unveiled a few interesting bits of information for sharing. Watch out, her enthusiasm is contagious!

"My personal mission is to share religious authority so that everyone may name, claim and live their call(s) to ministry using unique God-given gifts, skills and passions," says Pastor Carly. "We need to get out of the way of the Holy Spirit which is leading us to grow a church and transform a community in downtown Madison."

How will the new "governance and ministry" leadership model help accomplish that mission? "Successfully functioning larger churches need to flatten the hierarchy in the congregation," Pastor Carly adds. "We want to catch someone in their moment of passion, empower you to take an idea to the right person on the first try, and make things happen in alignment with the vision of our church as soon as possible – as long as that idea does not stress the budget."

Pastor Carly has studied organizational administration and assures us that where our congregation is headed is where she has been most comfortable operating in the churches she has served. Her identity on Twitter states, "My idea of heaven on earth is Disney World and Miller Park," notable world-class organizations. FUMC's "Rethinking Leadership" task force anticipates productive, positive work in the weeks to come, and will keep you informed, as we continue building our church to transform our community.

Contact the church office or send email to council@fumc.org to share your ideas or questions and/or to sign up for a new email group called "Rethinking Leadership."

Jan Moen, Rethinking Leadership Task Group

Small Groups Welcome Pastor Carly

If you've not had opportunity to visit in a small group with our new pastor, please plan to attend one of the gatherings over the next few weeks. This is **your opportunity to get to know our new pastor better and her opportunity to get to know you.** Groups are limited to 12 participants so that everyone has time to talk. Sign up for one of the groups at the table in the Octagon soon.

Dates, times and locations of groups currently available are:

Sunday, Aug. 19, 10:45 a.m. at church hosted by Kathy Maldegen

Monday, Aug. 27, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Steve and Krista Tweed

Sunday, Sept. 9, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Gary and Kathy Sandefur

Hosts' addresses are listed on the signup sheets or call the church office for more information about locations.



Join in on the silent auction for the hand-made quilt made by the El Salvador Sewing Project supported by First Church.

El Salvadoran Pupusas Picnic

Sunday, August 12, 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

What's a pupusa? It's a small bean- or cheese-filled fat tortilla (like a Mexican gordita) that is the national dish of El Salvador. **On Sunday, August 12th, you'll get the chance to try these luscious snacks and learn about the International Ministries Team's (IMT) mission work in the Getsemaní community of Ahuachapán, El Salvador.** First Church sends a team of workers to Getsemaní every year to build houses and build community strength in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Ask an IMT member about our February work trip to El Salvador – new recruits are welcome!

The picnic menu will include two pupusas, Salvadoran cole slaw, and watermelon. A free will offering for the meal will be accepted. You may also want to participate in the bidding for the hand-made quilt to be auctioned off as part of the festivities. The quilt was made by the seamstresses of Getsemaní – one of the micro-entrepreneur projects IMT and First Church support.

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A New Look for the Landscape

“A bright and vibrant landscape that reflects our families and our church”

Over the last couple of years the landscape committee has been working to develop a new landscaping plan for the Church. Removal of the junipers along the sidewalk on Wisconsin Avenue was the first step. This resulted in improved visibility along that side of the building. This type of safe, welcoming environment is something that we wish to expand upon as the new plan is implemented.

We want to maintain a bright and vibrant landscape that reflects what our congregation strives to be. The condition of the church grounds projects a certain image to the surrounding community as much as our new building does. Over time we have lost a lot of evergreens, primarily due to long term drought stress. Our mature shade trees also show signs of drought degradation. In addition, the existing planting beds, spread around the grounds, are difficult to maintain. On a large site such as this, it is not practical for volunteers to hand water all the plants and flowers. Irrigation is required to maintain the landscape over the long term.

The new landscaping plan uses low spreading evergreens and small flowering trees for year round interest. Flowering perennials and annuals will accent these framing plants, especially around entrances. The entry area along Wisconsin Avenue is where the biggest changes will occur. The removal of concrete and reduction of paved areas will make way for more color and green impact. A landscape paver system will replace the concrete. In the future these will be available for both honorariums and memorials. Think of this as a living history of your family and the church. All of us can participate.

The church has received a wonderful, generous lead gift to fund most of the construction. But, your help is necessary to finish the project. We need to raise an additional \$38,000 to begin construction. The landscape plan is a modest but important conclusion to the church remodeling and addition project. First Church members are invited to support making this corner of downtown vibrant and inviting...for good!

Dick Fayram, Landscaping Committee

End of Season CSA Shares Available

Have you noticed the delicious produce being delivered to FUMC each Sunday? The Hmong Toj Siab Community Supported Agriculture program has provided us with delicious, fresh, organic produce, despite the recent drought. If you would like to become a shareholder for the 2nd half of the season (about 10 weeks), contact Candace Moore (candacemoore@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Capital Pride Weekend at First Church – Sunday, August 19

Guest Preacher: Rev. Scott Anderson, Executive Director of Wisconsin Council of Churches, will deliver a special message at all three services, “Just Like Fools.”

Special Music at 9:30 service: Perfect Harmony Men’s Choir and Doug Swenson.

Lunch in Fellowship Hall at noon: After the 11 a.m. worship service, the Reconciling Ministries Team invites FUMC members and friends of all ages to join together for a quick, light lunch, after which the group will depart to join the parade line up.

Pride Parade: FUMC will participate in the Pride Parade again this year, which starts at noon. Wagons, strollers, wheelchairs, scooters, bicycles and walkers are all welcome! There will be space for a few in the back of our decorated truck too. The crowds love treats so feel free to bring small, individually wrapped candies to distribute during the parade. Parade participants will meet in the church parking lot around 10:45 a.m. so we can be to the parade line-up on time.

Save the Date: Trustees’ Church Work Day – Saturday, September 8

Mark your calendars now and then come and help spiff up the church for fall. The work and fun will last from 8 a.m. to noon. You will have the opportunity to sign up for an 8-10 a.m. time slot, or a 10 a.m.-noon shift (or both). Stay tuned!



Meet and Greet a Recent Novelist from our Congregation Sunday, September 9, 9:30 & 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Tom Miller, a long time member of First United Methodist Church, has written an intriguing religious novel delving into many of the questions surrounding the mystifyingly complex life of Jesus Christ. While his is a work of fiction, it is heavily rooted in biblical history—so much so that the reader will be challenged to discern what is real and what is allegory. Tom’s novel, *The Letter*, explores Jesus’ true mission on earth while also presenting a fascinatingly plausible explanation for the “Lost Years”—those 19 “missing” years in the life of Jesus from age 12 to 31. The book reaches its climax when the three protagonists uncover a most compelling archeological discovery, a discovery that will shock the world—a discovery so monumental that it would require the Canon to be re-opened and the Bible to be rewritten. But the discovery is not universally received; and the protagonists must combat the forces that would subject Jesus Christ to a second, albeit modern, high-tech crucifixion.

Tom will present an overview of the story and his research for it, and will take questions as part of our Fall Open House on Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the church on Sundays, August 19 and 26, and September 2 and 9. Purchasing and reading the book prior to the presentation is not required.

Register Now for the New *Faith Alive!* Session

Do you question how your faith impacts your daily living? Do you wonder how your faith calls you into the world? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then this program from the Wisconsin Annual Conference may be for you. I have attended *Faith Alive!* for three years as a participant and two more as Dean. It has been a life-changing experience. Via active study and engaging speakers participants learn about:

- Understanding their spiritual gifts
- Defining their ministry and service
- Exploring the relationship of the Bible and faith
- Integrating faith into the workplace and daily living

Faith Alive! consists of six sessions, three weekends each year over the course of two years.. All sessions are held at the Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center in Wautoma, WI. The cost for each weekend is \$200; scholarships are available. The first session of the new series will begin the weekend of September 15.

As a past participant in this program, I challenge you to consider: Is this the time in your life for *Faith Alive!* *Curtis Wittwer, Dean of Faith Alive!*

Scenes from *Faith Alive!*



Outdoor labyrinth at Mt. Morris.



Altar display of participants' meaningful objects.

A Second Opinion

Curtis can be very persuasive. Really nice guy, but tenacious. And I’m glad he is. I started my *Faith Alive!* journey last September with 19 other people from all over Wisconsin. We came from a variety of church backgrounds, were at different places in our spiritual journeys, and in different stages of our lives. We arrived as strangers last fall, but when we gathered for our second session, it felt like a warm reunion of close friends. It is wonderful to have this safe space where we can encounter new perspectives brought to light by knowledgeable guest speakers and then together explore how to fit these new ideas into our daily lives. I look forward to these weekend retreats for so many reasons. I can’t wait for September.

(Thank you, Curtis!) *Tricia Hillner, 2011-2013 Faith Alive! class member*

You will find more information about *Faith Alive!* on our church website (www.fumc.org) on the Community Events page. There are also brochures available at the Information Desk. You can contact Curtis or Tricia through the church office at 608.256.9061 or info@fumc.org.

Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers:

Judy Metz, Donna Berthold (Kay Knipfer's aunt), **Herb Jordan, Helen Block, Saga Richardson** (granddaughter of Marjorie Matthews), **Julia Peacock, and Valerie Brown.**

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

Jean Ebersohl, wife of **Chuck Ebersohl**, died July 24.

Cliff Bossert, husband of **Ruth Bossert and Ellen White's** father, passed away August 1.

Congratulations to **Kevin and Elise Yanke**, who welcomed their new daughter, **Evelyn Schafer Yanke** on July 3.

We celebrated baptisms at FUMC: **Kellen Wolford**, son of **Ryan and Laura Wolford**, who was baptized on Sunday, July 29.

Harriet Sue Fernandez, daughter of **Frank Fernandez and Laura Wineland**, Sunday, August 5.

Kinsey Elizabeth Sinclair, daughter of **Daniel and Kelley Sinclair**, Sunday, August 5.

James Donald Mancuso, son of **Denise Rasmussen and Denise Mancuso**, Sunday, August 5.

Thank You for Your Hospitality

"On behalf of our middle school youth and leaders, I want to thank you for the warm welcome and the gracious hospitality with which [Seth], the staff, and members of First United Methodist Church hosted our group in June.

The opportunities to 'live' in your space as we explored the concerns of homelessness and poverty in Madison, to serve alongside you in the food pantry on Wednesday morning, and to worship each day in your chapel were both rich and meaningful. Thank you, for opening your church home and ministry to us."

May God's blessing be with you all,

Laura D. Kolden, Associate in Ministry Salem United Church of Christ, Verona

Coming Up

Sunday Mornings

A Harvest of Good Books – 9:30 a.m. in Room LL05. You can view the wide variety of titles to be reviewed each week in the brochure found online at www.fumc.org or at the Information Desk.

"Love Makes a Family" Art Exhibit – Chapel, Sunday mornings and weekdays during business hours through Sunday, August 26. First-person accounts and positive images of families with LGBT members.

Mondays

Meditation Group – 7 p.m. in the Chapel

Recurring Calendar Items

Yoga for Good Sessions

Mondays: 11:45 a.m. in the Chapel

Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Toddler Playgroup – Fridays at 3:30 p.m. at James Madison Park

FUMC Building Hours

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday –Thursday: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - noon

Masonic Lot Not Available Sunday, August 19

Please be aware that the covered parking next to the Masonic Lodge will not be available to FUMC church-goers on Sunday, August 19.

Next Chimes Deadline

The next issue of *Chimes* will be published Thursday, August 30. The deadline for submitting articles is noon on Wednesday, August 15.

Please note the new Chimes publication schedule: The deadline for submitting articles will be the 15th of each month. Publication dates will be the last Thursday of the month.

First Church Food Pantry

Monday: 10 a.m - noon

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - noon

Thursday: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - noon

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all God's Children

“Love Makes a Family” Art Exhibit

The Reconciling Ministries Team has arranged to house a special gallery display in the Chapel throughout the month of August. This museum quality traveling exhibit includes photographs and interviews with families that have lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) members. Through first-person accounts and positive images, the exhibit seeks to challenge and change damaging myths and stereotypes about LGBT people and their families. By encouraging people of all ages, beginning in early childhood, to affirm and appreciate diversity, this traveling rental exhibit contributes to the process of dismantling the destructive power of prejudice and intolerance, thereby making the world a safer place for all families. More info at www.familydiv.org.



Youth Program Celebration – Sunday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Everyone who has been involved with the Youth program this past year – youth, parents, mentors, event volunteers and the like – are invited to a gathering at Wingra Park to celebrate the past year and look forward to the new one.

Where: Wingra Park and Boathouse (the one off Monroe St./Knickerbocker)

What: Grilling out, boating (free), swimming, hanging out, and playing the second annual All-Youth Soccer Game.

To Bring: Something to throw on the grill for yourself; Optional: A side dish or dessert to pass, money to buy snacks.

Provided: Beverages, buns, plastic utensils

Summer Sunday School Mission Market – Sunday, August 26

At 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall (fellowship coffee hour)

Our Summer Sunday School children are on a mission to raise enough money to provide a school with clean water for a year. On Sunday, August 26, our Sunday School classes will share what they have learned over the summer and you will have an opportunity to purchase small items and class projects in support of the Global Water Project (www.globalwater.org):

- Recipes from the congregation with ideas for using fresh summer produce
- Hand-made greeting cards
- Small magnets
- Freshly-made pet treats

The market stalls will be staffed by Sunday school kids eager to answer questions and tell you all about the new purpose they discovered this summer.

Children & Youth

Last day of Summer Sunday School is August 26.

Sunday School resumes Sunday, September 9 (Open House).

Children's Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. All children through Grade 5 meet in Lower Level Sunday School rooms.

Children come to 9:30 a.m. worship and go to their classes after the Pastor's "Conversation with the Children."

Childcare on Sundays 9:15 a.m. – Noon

- Infant – 2 years:
First Floor Nursery - Room 104
- Toddlers age 2 and older:
Lower Level - Room LL12

Contact Molly molly@fumc.org for more information about children's programs.

Middle School/High School
Summer Sunday School

Picnic/Discussion: August 19

Youth Events

- August 12 at 9:30 a.m. –
Youth Missions Sunday (Sanctuary)
- August 12 at 11:30 a.m. –
Youth Program Celebration
(Wingra Park)

Young Adults

- August 26 at 10:45 a.m. –
Canoe Trip, Wisconsin River,
Spring Green, Meet at Church

Contact Seth at youthya@fumc.org for more information about youth and young adult programs.



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Food Pantry “Most-Wanted” List

The Food Pantry has an immediate need for the following items. These will be collected in the grocery cart located in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

- Fresh fruit for To-Go Meals we serve our homeless guests
- New socks and underwear (Please note that the Food Pantry no longer stocks used clothing.)
- Backpacks

Volunteers for Tuesday, Thursday evening pantries, and weekday reception office needed. Contact info@fumc.org or call 608.256.9061.