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# the Chimes

A NEWSLETTER OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON

## A New Chapter Begins Come Join Us in the Story!



### SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

#### OCTOBER 2

World Communion Sunday  
Special Offering  
Holy Communion  
Text: Luke 17:5-10

Message: Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler  
Music: Chancel Choir

Extending the Table: Our  
Celebration of Communion  
continues with a lunch in  
Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m.

#### OCTOBER 9

Text: Jeremiah 29:4-7  
& Luke 17:11-19

Message: Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler  
Music: Chancel Choir,  
Quadrilateral Quartet

#### OCTOBER 16

Text: Luke 18:1-8

Message: Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler  
Music: Chamber Choir,  
Quadrilateral Quartet

#### OCTOBER 23

Stewardship Sunday  
Text: Joel 2:23-32

Message: Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler  
Music: Chancel Choir,  
Blessed Brass

#### OCTOBER 30

Reformation Sunday

Message: Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler  
Music: Chancel Choir,  
Handbell Choir



*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

I spend a lot of time with young people, it is both a pleasure and a privilege. I notice year after year all the kids are on the same journey, trying to understand our world and find their place within it. As a youth group, we try to explore these questions together. We spend a lot of time trying to understand some of the most difficult aspects of our world: poverty, racism, environmental injustice. Our mission trips offer a powerful way to investigate the intersection of these complex issues.

On this past summer's trip we delved deeper into the issues impacting the regions we served in Detroit and Appalachia. Much of what we looked at was the effect environmental abuses have had on the people living there, specifically access to clean water and mountain top removal. In unpacking these issues, we explored their histories, how things got the way they are, the political corruption involved, the demographics of those suffering health and economic consequences, the beneficiaries of the abuses, and the people working for environmental justice. In doing so, we hoped to gain a more complete picture of the issue, ultimately taking that knowledge and together, trying to find ways to effect change on a personal and even systematic level.

The youth will continue to explore this theme this fall through a Sunday morning curriculum on Climate Justice and a retreat engaging other youth groups in Madison on these topics. Of course, this journey to understand the world and our place within it is not relegated to the young, but is all of ours. It is a journey whose questions have increasing urgency; our planet is deep in crisis, and the fragile bonds of human connectedness are undermined by the pervasiveness of violence, fear, and apathy. I see First Church as a community who is actively addressing the reason for urgency through its rich spectrum of classes, workshops, sermons, hosting of public forums, ministry teams, and community service that provide an opportunity for people to be empowered to create a more positive future.

*Seth Schroerlucke*, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries



*“...this journey to understand the world and our place within it is not relegated to the young”*



# first church News

## Downtown for Good: World Communion Sunday

"The World is my Parish" is an often quoted missional principal of Methodism's founder, John Wesley. The nature and vision of United Methodism is a connectional church that embraces the world. Through our Sunday morning offerings we not only support the great work of our local congregation, but participate in ministries all over the globe.

As long as I can remember, the first Sunday of October was a highlight of the yearly pilgrimage of worship. There was something special about World Communion Sunday. Its emphasis on the connection to the world being invited to the table together filled my soul and fired my imagination with gratitude for the world mission of the church. Gathering at the Table with gratitude for the inspiration and assurance of the Word, the commitment to education, ministry with the poor and the refugee, care for the dying and spiritual formation for the living of these days, advocacy for justice and social transformation in so many places are the fulfillment of the promise of the Table.

One of the great blessings of being "Downtown for Good" is to be located at the crossroads of the capital, an international university and major international corporations. Many from throughout the world are drawn to our neighborhood and some find their way to our community. We are richly blessed to be gathered in this worldwide community around the Table. We are challenged to continue to grow in our intentional commitment to invite the global family, reach out in our congregation's international mission work and participate in the many ministries in which we are involved that confirm the blessing of World Communion Sunday.

Mark  
*Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler*

## Get to Know Mark Gatherings

These are a chance for church members to connect and get acquainted with our new lead pastor, Rev. Mark Fowler and to share ideas about the church. Mark will lead these discussions hosted by church members in different parts of the city and at the church. Sessions will last 1-1/2 to 2 hours and light refreshments will be served. Find a time and location convenient to you and sign up to attend. See online signup at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aa9ab2fa2fe3-gettoknow>. Or look for opportunities to sign up in the Octagon when you're at church on Sunday.

*FUMC Staff Parish Relations Committee*



## Join Your Friends at Senior Fall Festival

**Tuesday, October 18, 11:30 a.m.-  
1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Join us for a wonderful day of friends, food and entertainment. Grace Newton, a young adult who grew up at First Church, will share her inspiring story of searching for and finding her Chinese roots. Marion and Norm Beachley will provide music and Chef Steve is planning a delicious Autumn-themed lunch. Sign up by October 13 at the Information Desk on Sundays or contact Jim Ostrander at 608-338-0268 or [jostrander@fumc.org](mailto:jostrander@fumc.org). Fall Festival is sponsored by the United Methodist Women and FUMC's Homebound Ministry.

## Join CROP Walk

**Sunday, October 16, 12:45 p.m.,  
First Congregational UCC**

Help end hunger in Dane County by participating in this year's walk or donating to support our church's team. Visit the table in the Octagon on Sundays for details or go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/madisonwi/Team/View/27528/FUMC-Madison>.

## Food for School Children

Food for Thought Initiative provides food pantries for East High School and Sandburg Elementary School, where poverty levels are high and the need is great. They are also organizing a weekend program to provide food to homeless students and their families.

Food and monetary donations are both needed to support these programs. Donations can be sent to fiscal sponsor, the Goodman Center, at 129 Waubesa Street, Madison, WI, 53704. Checks can be made out to The Goodman Center, with Food for Thought Initiative in the memo line.

Food that is especially needed right now is ramen (packages and microwavable cups), cereals, crackers, pasta, rice, single-serving meals, fruit cups and canned fruit, cooking oil, condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo), peanut butter and cake and brownie mixes. Food can be placed in the Food for Thought barrel in the Octagon.



## Youth Worship Digest

Once a month the middle and high school youth gather in worship together, serve in leadership roles in the service and discuss it afterwards with Judy Lyons and Ann Herold-Peterson over cookies. Look for us in the front of the Sanctuary on the first Sunday of the month and introduce yourselves to the youth when you see them to make them feel welcome!

## International Ministry Team Lunch Meeting

**Sunday, October 9, 11:45 a.m., Room 208**

The team will be reviewing its work with Habitat for Humanity El Salvador in assisting the Getsemani Community and visioning next steps in the team's ministry.

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## World Communion Sunday

World Communication Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. On this special Sunday First Church will celebrate this diversity and God's grace in our lives.

### Communion Services

The diversity in the Body of Christ will be represented in various breads of the world at both 9 and 10:30 worship on Sunday October 2. At 9 a.m. breads will be served in the pews and at 10:30 a.m. the youth will serve as hosts at small tables around which we will gather to share bread and community.

### Extending the Table: Communion Continues

**Sunday, October 2, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

We receive extraordinary grace as we gather around the table in worship and it's up to us to extend that grace by taking it from worship into other parts of our lives. On World Communion Sunday we will extend table fellowship by joining together for a meal after worship. The scripture for that Sunday reminds us about great growth that can come even from a tiny mustard seed. With the International Mustard Museum "just around the corner," we've decided to have some fun celebrating mustard! A simple, free-will-offering lunch of grilled hot dogs, brats and veggies will be complemented by a Mustard Bar. Mustard works well with the grilled foods, but there will also be pretzels for sampling various kinds of mustard and fresh Root Beer on-tap. Plan to extend your Sunday morning and "extend the table" by joining others for a fun and tasty lunch...which may even include some mustard-themed prizes!

## Green Team Lunch Meeting

**Sunday, October 23, 11:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

The team will be reviewing efforts to further save church building energy through the ENERGY STAR® program and planning new initiatives for the winter and spring.

## Farley Center Tour

**Sunday, October 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m.**

Tour the Linda and Gene Farley Center for Peace, Justice and Sustainability with the Green Team. Ride through the 40-acre farm where immigrant and economically disadvantaged neighbors grow organic produce for our CSA and tour Natural Path Sanctuary, Wisconsin's first "green" cemetery. Between the tours, refreshments will be served on the deck of Linda and Gene's former home overlooking beautiful rural Wisconsin, while Shedd Farley, Farley Center's director, discusses the Center's peace and justice work with its many partner organizations. More details are available on the church's website calendar at [fumc.org](http://fumc.org) or at the Information Desk.

To assist with planning for carpooling and seating at the Farley Center please RSVP to the Green Team via the church office at [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org) or 608-338-0545 and indicate which tours/programs you plan to attend. The Farley Center is located at 2299 Spring Rose Road in Verona. For more information about the Farley Center and its programs, visit <http://farleycenter.org/>.

# 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

### Outreach in the Octagon

Wednesdays

9-11 a.m., Octagon

### 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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## Learning, Serving and Growing: Responding to a Community-Wide Epidemic Together

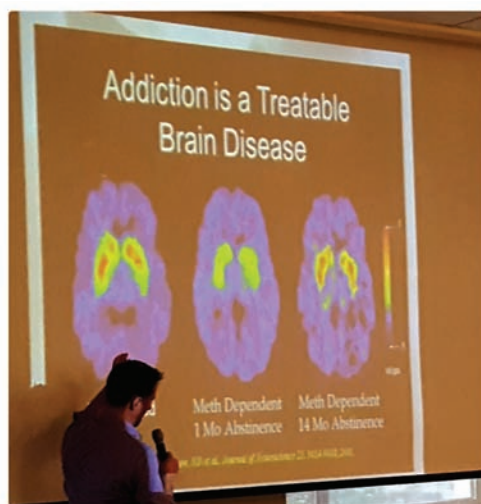
On August 30, a special training was held in Fellowship Hall bringing together outreach workers, volunteers and street outreach teams. It was offered for family members or anyone whose work involves individuals struggling with addiction to opiates, an epidemic that touches the lives of all socioeconomic classes.

Dr. Randy Brown, MD, PhD, FASAM; Director at the University of Wisconsin Hospital Center for Addictive Disorders, provided an insightful presentation on opioid use disorders (addiction), trends and interventions. Heidi Olson-Streed, Harm Reduction Educator, followed with a talk on how to recognize signs and respond to opioid addiction and overdose. She shared how anyone can respond to save a life, from calling 9-1-1 to administering the life-saving drug Narcan nasally or by injection.

Many joined in this training, including leaders and volunteers with Friends of the State Street Family, who continue to build bridges of care between our homeless, service providers and faith communities. We are hopeful that fear, stereotypes and ignorance can be replaced with knowledge, understanding and empathy, all important in dealing with this epidemic as a community.

For more information visit the Safe Communities website:

<http://safercommunity.net/DontRunCall911.php/>



Dr. Randall Brown, MD, PhD, FASAM



Heidi Olson-Streed,  
Harm Reduction Educator



# Serving God's People

## Building Bridges to Hope and Justice



Isabel Hubbard, Chair of Friends 4 Friends Program at UnityPoint Health Meriter. We are grateful for receiving two grants this year to support our Outreach Ministries.

Outreach Ministries provides a way for us to build bridges, with much of what we do helping individuals and families who live in poverty. Our programs and services help not only with basic needs, but also transform lives.

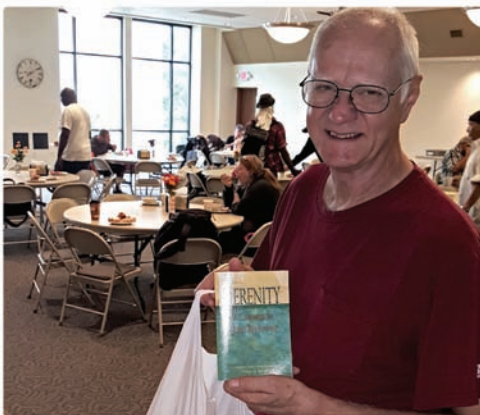
We are grateful to our outreach family of volunteers who give generously of their time supporting our Food Pantry, Community Outreach Breakfast, Come As You Are Worship, To-Go Meals for the Homeless, Shelter Meals, Community Holiday Meals, emergency shelter partnerships, and our newest endeavor, a Foot Care Clinic for the Homeless.



We are grateful to the WM. S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital for their Food Drive to benefit our Food Pantry.



Dedicated volunteers make all that we do possible in Outreach Ministries. Our Community Outreach Breakfast provides nourishment for body and spirit.



John Reynolds, an active Outreach Ministries volunteer, shares Bibles and AA books.



Rev. Linda Vance and Mary Bean lead our informal worship and support gathering, Come As You Are Worship.



Attorney Seep Paliwal of Community Justice, Inc. providing free legal counseling during Outreach in the Octagon on Wednesdays.

## Thank You from UMW

The people of First Church continue to demonstrate generosity in tangible ways. Thank you to everyone who responded to these recent appeals:

### **Sewing Kits for UMCOR:**

21 kits and \$25 for shipping expenses

### **Food for Thought Initiative:**

Many backpacks and \$100 in donations

### **Northcott Neighborhood House:**

The new “Campbell’s Soup Label” van has been delivered! (We are still collecting labels for other projects.)

## Church Women United Forum

**Friday, October 7, 9 a.m.**

**Christ Presbyterian Church  
(44 E. Gorham St.)**

Gathering, coffee and refreshments at 9 a.m., followed by a short business meeting. At 10 a.m. Julia Weaver, Women’s Chaplain, will present a program on “Jail Ministry, Human Trafficking and the Intersection of the Two.”

## UMW Deborah Circle

**Tuesday, October 11, 6 p.m., Julep  
(829 E. Washington, Madison,  
Across from Festival Foods)**

Linda Vance will tell us about our FUMC Foundation and its contributions to the church’s life.

## Theology in the 21st Century

**Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Room LL05**

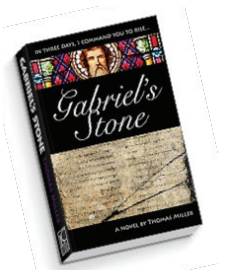
The class begins a book reading/discussion series in October using Bart Ehrman’s book titled, *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why*. Ehrman shows where and why changes were made in our earliest surviving manuscripts, explaining how the many variations of our cherished biblical stories came to be. This is framed in personal reflections on how his study of the Greek manuscripts made him abandon his once ultra-conservative views of the Bible.

## Shaping, Strengthening and Engaging Our Faith

### *Gabriel’s Stone* Book Review

**Sunday, October 9, 10:30 a.m., Chapel**

Thomas Miller, FUMC Member, has published his second novel in a series. Some of you may recall his first novel titled *The Letter*. Book II is titled *Gabriel’s Stone*. While many of the same characters from *The Letter* are in Book II, *Gabriel’s Stone* is a stand-alone story, which once again blends fact and fiction taking the reader on a surreal journey to the nether world in an attempt to recover the message on *Gabriel’s Stone*. Copies of the book are available at a discounted price of \$12.



### “On This Spirit Walk”

**Sundays, Oct. 16 - Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m., Room 208, facilitated by Jim Scorgie**

The United Methodist Church has committed itself to better understanding and seeking forgiveness for atrocities inflicted on indigenous peoples. Educational experiences and services of repentance have been included in many Annual Conferences and as part of General Conference last spring. A new book, *On This Spirit Walk: The Voices of Native American and Indigenous Peoples* has been gifted to each congregation in the hopes that members of local churches will explore this history together in study and prayer. Authors Henrietta Mann and Anita Phillips are both Native Americans and are from the Cheyenne and Cherokee tribes. The book shares insights into tribal culture and the history of our church’s relationship with this culture. Copies of the book will be available at the Information Desk.

### The Story We Find Ourselves In, by Brian McLaren

**5-Week Reading/Discussion Group Continues**

**Sundays, October 2 and 9, 10:30 a.m., Room 208**

Join others to read and discuss an inspiring retelling of the Biblical story explored in seven brief episodes. In this story, successful pastor and author, Brian McLaren captures a new spirit of relevant Christianity, where traditional divisions and doctrinal differences give way to a focus on God and the story of God’s love for this world. This is a fictional, but inspiring tale that provides a vision of what it could mean to recapture a joyful spiritual life.

### From the Darkwood Brew Coffee House

**“Dwelling and Indwelling,” Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Room 214**

It’s scholarly, it’s entertaining, it’s fun, and it’s enlightening: what is it? A new series using contemporary technology, but based on the ancient spiritual practice of the Lectio Divina. Darkwood Brew features world-class musicians, interviews with renowned and emerging religious thinkers, and a variety of interactive media. In October the series titled, “Dwelling and Indwelling,” focuses on several biblical narratives with an eye toward discerning what provides a solid foundation and structure for “God’s house” which not only stands for God’s sanctuary, but for the people of God. Major themes include patience, trust, wisdom and humility, but from angles you may never have experienced before. Grab your coffee, get comfortable – but not too comfortable – and join the conversation that’s “stirring things up.”



# all God's Children

## Superhero Sunday School

Our Superkid Superheroes are busy learning about their Superpowers for good! Many thanks to teachers Steffenie Williams, Josh Williams, Erin Salisbury Kernkamp, Laurie Peterson, Grace Newton, Michael Carlson, their classroom helpers, substitute teachers and childcare providers for leading the youngest among us on this Super-adventure!



## Halloween UNICEF Carnival

**Sunday, October 30, 9:15-10 a.m., Lower Level Classrooms**

Superheroes and other friendly characters are welcome to come to Sunday school in costume on Sunday, October 30. That morning we'll be having fun with our annual UNICEF carnival. There will be fun games, opportunities to learn about UNICEF's work with women and children all over the world, and a Halloween movie complete with popcorn snack! Children are encouraged to collect coins (or paper money!) throughout the month of October and bring them on the 30th for the carnival. (though all activities are no cost) Adults are welcome to add their gifts to our UNICEF pumpkins found in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.



## 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.

- Halloween UNICEF Carnival  
Sunday, October 30

**Children's Library, Room LL14**

For more info contact Tina Lang at [tlang@fumc.org](mailto:tlang@fumc.org).

### Childcare on Sundays

Available 8:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Infants and Toddlers:

Noah's Ark Nursery/ Room 104

### Youth

For more info contact Seth Schroerlucke at [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org).



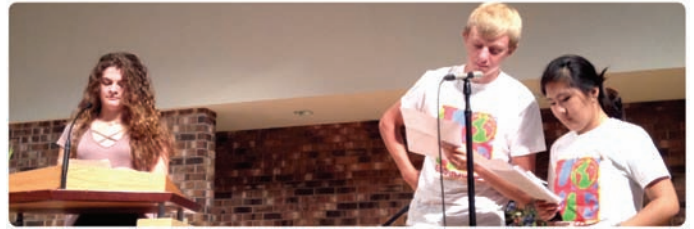
## Sharing in Community: The Word, a Meal and Music



## Thanks for Your Support!

Thanks to the many people who joined us for the Quadrilateral Quartet "Sing For Your Supper" concert. It was an entertaining concert of amazing singing by Adam Shelton, Jeremiah Gile, Anna Polum and Rebecca Buechel, with Stephen Radtke at the piano. Thank you to the volunteers who provided the dessert. Thank you to the 29 donors who contributed \$2,219 for the Quadrilateral Quartet! (Donations will continue to be accepted as seed money for next year.)

## Youth Missions Sunday



Middle School and High School Youth shared experiences from this summer's trips to Detroit and Kentucky.

## Young Adults Now Meeting Weekly



### 7 p.m., Every Tuesday

Same time, now every Tuesday. New people always welcome! We meet for discussion and fellowship and once a month we welcome a special presentation. As always, free beverages! Locations vary - check our Facebook page for weekly meeting spot: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FUMCmadisonyoungadults/> or contact Seth Schroerlucke at [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org) or 608-338-0158.

## Newcomer Gathering

Sunday, October 30, 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](mailto:mhasheider@fumc.org) or 608-338-0107.

## Date Night: Grandparents on Call

5-8 p.m. every 1st Sunday of the month, Fellowship Hall

Now once a month, members from the United Methodist Women's group and the high school youth group will give parents a night off and watch your kids while you take some time for yourselves. Drop off your kid(s) for this FREE service and know they'll be well taken care of with fun games and food. To sign up contact Seth Schroerlucke at [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org) or 608-338-0158 by the Sunday prior.

## Joys and Concerns

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

- Elaine Waldo and her family upon the death of Bob Waldo on August 30.
- Abby DeLong and her family upon the death of her mother, Patricia Brumbaugh, on September 14.

### Celebrations at First Church:

- Congratulations to Emily and Bryan Burris on the birth of their daughter, Adelaide, on August 29.

## 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. Monday, October 10, for the November issue of *The Chimes*, to be published on Wednesday, October 26.

## Recurring Calendar Items

### Grandparents on Call

Sunday, October 2, 5 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Monday, October 3, 2 p.m., Chapel

### Governing Board Meeting

Monday, October 17, 6 p.m., Room 208

### QPR/Suicide Prevention Training

Monday, October 24, Noon-1:30 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall

### Young Adult Life Group

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Location Varies

### UMW Deborah Circle

Tuesday, October 11, 6 p.m.,  
Julep Restaurant

### Spouses Now Alone

Tuesday, October 25, Noon,  
Imperial Garden, Middleton

### Chimes Team

Wednesday, October 26, 9:30 a.m.,  
Room 208

### UMW Envisioning Team

Wednesday, October 26, 1 p.m.,  
Room 208

### Yoga For Good

Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Chapel

### Meditation Group

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Chapel

### UMW Tabitha Circle

Thursday, October 20, 1 p.m., Room 208

### Handbell Choir

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

### Chancel Choir

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Music Room

### AA Group

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

### Foot Care Clinic for the Homeless Outreach

Saturday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.

### Our Night at the Shelter

Saturday, October 8

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