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## Congregation-wide Meal and Planning Session

Sunday, November 20, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

*Helping the Community Move Toward Racial Justice: Creating an Action Plan for Our Congregation*

Last spring, Dr. John Odom led First Church in an important series of learning opportunities related to racial justice. He and other leaders in the community increased our awareness of racial disparities and helped us begin to understand the depths of racial injustice. In worship this fall, Pastor Mark Fowler has clarified our call and challenged us to develop a plan that will help our congregation engage in efforts of racial reconciliation and justice. This is a sacred call for our congregation. It is a call that will require reflection, repentance, creativity and trust. It is a call that invites the best of what we have to give. Please plan to participate in the lunch (lasagna with vegetarian option) and planning session on Sunday, November 20. Childcare will be provided. Register your attendance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/helping-the-community-move-towards-racial-justice-a-meal-and-conversation-tickets-28586505006> or by emailing your name and number of attendees to [info@fumc.org](mailto:info@fumc.org), or by calling 608-338-0545.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

### NOVEMBER 6

All Saints Celebration  
and Communion

Text: Luke 6:20-31

Message: Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler

Music: Chancel Choir

### NOVEMBER 13

Organ and Tissue Donation  
Awareness Sunday

Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Message: Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler

“Do Not Be Weary in Doing  
What is Right”

Music: Chancel Choir

### NOVEMBER 20

Thanksgiving and Offering Our  
Pledges for Ministry

Text: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Message: Rev. Dr. Mark A. Fowler

Music: Blessed Brass,  
Chamber Choir

### NOVEMBER 27

First Sunday in Advent  
UM Student Day Special Offering

College Age Van Dyke-Alton

Scholarship Recipients Honored

Texts: Matthew 24:36, 42-44

and Romans 13:11-12

Message: Rev. Tina Lang

“Bah! Humbug! The Redemption  
of Scrooge. And Us?”

Music: Handbell Choir,  
Chancel Choir

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

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



*We seek to embody grace and hospitality in the manner of Jesus, nurturing our diverse spiritual journeys and joining together as a servant community to help realize a more loving and just world.*

# Musings

My mother grew up on a dairy farm in rural Wisconsin, a place we visited throughout my childhood. During our drives from Madison we traversed country roads winding through fields of farm land, and mom shared memories of growing up on the farm. It felt as though we were driving back in time hearing her childhood stories as I learned about life without electricity, using an outhouse, getting water from a well to bathe, and heard about the horse drawn sled her father loaded the children into for travel to a one-room school house when it was dangerously cold.

Finally, we would reach my aunt's farm where we gathered around the old wood burning stove many winter days, listening to the adults reminisce. I clung to every word, getting to know my grandparents by listening to fond memories. On the way home, we often visited my mother's childhood church, Otter Creek Lutheran, an important part of her life, where her mother sang in the choir. The church was central to her family, and we always paid our respects at my grandparents' gravesites at the cemetery near the church. These were peaceful and grounding experiences.

Eventually, I would become a grandparent, a blessing beyond measure. My grandchildren, Christa and Chance, are growing up grounded by their faith and by being a part of people's lives in their community. Seeds were planted for them at First Church, where they learned what it means to put faith into action by being the hands and feet of Jesus.

In faith,  
*Karen Andro*, Director of Outreach Ministries



*“Seeds were planted for them at First Church, where they learned what it means to put faith into action by being the hands and feet of Jesus.”*



Chance and Christa at our church on 7-21-16 when we opened as an Emergency Cooling Center and they brought their games to share with children experiencing homelessness to help them feel at home.



Chance and Christa connecting at a Community Meal in downtown Madison after church on a Sunday.



Chance and Christa at my mother's childhood church, Otter Creek Lutheran in Highland, WI.

# first church News

## Mark's Moment

November, 2016

It has been a bruising season. It has been disturbing to many in ways that are not yet clear, but are clearly deeply unsettling. As I have worked through the prophet Jeremiah, especially his words in the midst of the distress and chaos visited upon Israel during the time of the exile, the admonition of the 29th chapter continues to guide my thinking for the church's focus and message to our contemporary ministry. It was a simple reminder that hope springs from building houses, planting gardens, inviting community and praying for the welfare of the society in which we find ourselves. Prayer in this case is both devotional and actionable.

As I write these words I have completed 16 gatherings of our members and constituents in the homes of our congregation. I am deeply grateful for the hospitality and openness that has been so fruitful. One of the recurring themes is the importance of small groups in the life of the members of the congregation. One member put it best when he spoke of the church being the place where the deepest friendships can be made...as well as the great opportunity to reach out to others in hospitality and service. In a phrase from the minutes of the Governing Board that was among the mountain of papers I received when I arrived was a note that indicated that one of the keys to our future as a church is the vitality of our small group gatherings.

In a bruising season, we will build communities of care, study, formation, friendship, hospitality and service. It is for the welfare of the society and the welfare of the society is a healing balm for us all.

Blessings, 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, Mark Fowler and to share ideas about the church. Mark will lead these discussions held in church members' homes or at the church. View the schedule and sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aa9ab2fa2fe3-gettoknow1>.



## Step Back? Stand Still? Creep Ahead? Leap Forward?

Which of these do you want for your life? Which one of these do you want for our church? Stepping back, standing still and creeping ahead are appropriate at times. But First Church is ready to leap forward!

“Leaping Forward” is the theme of our fall fund appeal to support not only the ministry we have, but also the growing mission we want. We hope to increase our financial commitments by at least \$200,000 over our 2016 giving to fully fund our ongoing ministries and leap forward to reach these additional ministry goals:

- Re-energize our Christian Education program
- Provide new spiritual formation opportunities
- Revitalize our church community with more small groups
- Expand our connections with downtown music and arts groups
- Enhance our work in outreach and social justice
- Provide salary increases for our staff who have gone three years or more without growth in compensation

On Sunday, November 20, 2016 your financial commitments will be received and dedicated during worship. Please prayerfully consider how you can leap forward in giving to help our church's ministry and mission leap forward.



## Circuit Conference Set for November 29

Tuesday, November 29, 6:30 p.m., Asbury UMC (6101 University Ave.)

Our District Superintendent, Scott Carlson, has changed the format of the annual church conference by combining the churches in the Madison Circuit for a joint meeting. We will gather at Asbury United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29.

*Sections of Rev. Carlson's call to the Circuit Conference follow:*

For each Circuit Church Conference we are going to follow this agenda:

Welcome  
Devotion  
Election of Secretary  
A Time to Celebrate the Ministries of the Churches in the Circuit  
A Time for Learning  
A Time to do the Business of the Annual Church Conference of the Circuit  
Adjourn

In the time for celebration, it is my hope that the churches of the circuit can share, with each other, the ministries that they are excited about. It is my hope that we will hear from each other, how our churches are helping people to connect with God and grow in faith.

For the Time for Learning: I will lead this. My focus this year will be on hospitality and why this is so very important. We will also talk about ways we can be more welcoming. We will also talk about how we can help people move from being a guest to becoming a disciple for Jesus Christ and a member of the church. This is important to me, because when I look at the statistics that each of our churches submit, I am surprised at how many churches have less than five people join a year. As clergy and as leaders within our churches, I believe that we need to make this a priority.

For doing the business of Church Conference, this is where we will receive reports and vote on the items that we need to vote on.

From doing the Church Conferences that I did a year ago (I personally did 26), it struck me that now might be a time to try something new. This is an attempt to do something a little different, while still fulfilling the requirements of the Book of Discipline.

In the hope Jesus offers us,  
*Rev. Scott Carlson*

## Gifts of Life: Organ Donation Awareness Sunday

November 13

Organ donation...an extraordinary giving to others in critical need while facing the stark reality and emotions of a loved one's death. This opportunity for giving often comes when we least expect it or want it. It pushes us to examine the limits of our willingness to help others when we are feeling helpless. Donation challenges the meaning of our faith as we are reminded by Jesus' words, "...to love your neighbor..." Thinking about donation in advance helps prepare us if that time and opportunity to give comes our way. Thousands in Wisconsin await the donation of organs, tissues and eyes.

Volunteers from the UW Organ and Tissue Donation Services will share their experience as a recipient or donor/donor family member. At a display in the Octagon area, they will assist in answering donation questions, provide signup information on Wisconsin's Donor Registry as well as written resource materials to take with you.

We hope you will stop by our display and visit with us on Sunday, November 13.

*Bob Eagle, Retired Hospital Chaplain*



## New Beginnings Update

Thank you again for your generous response to this spring's New Beginnings Fund Appeal. Our goal was to raise \$60,000 or more. These additional financial commitments were needed to fully fund our new Lead Pastor's compensation and our Director of Music position through 2016. We received 151 financial commitments for \$98,732. More than \$56,000 of that has already been given. We expect the remainder to be received before the end of this year.

Because of your generosity the New Beginnings contributions beyond \$60,000 will continue to help fund Mark Fowler's and Ross Cowing's compensation and our music ministry into 2017.

## Campbell's Soup Labels Program Update

Campbell's will soon end its long-running label redemption program, so gather your labels and turn them in while there is still time! Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee recently took possession of a new seven passenger van earned after years of collecting points from 1.5 million labels gathered by United Methodist Churches in the Wisconsin Conference. Northcott House can still benefit from redeeming labels for laptops and other educational items so **please turn in your labels by the end of December.** Visit the Information Desk for a list of Campbell's products and other participating brand names that qualify for this program and then bring your labels to the collection canister (with the Campbell's Soup Kids on it) located under the display monitor in the Octagon. Thank you!





# Advent



## The Christmas Spirit Found in Community

Special community-building activities are planned for each Sunday of Advent. Reach out and find ways to encourage others to share the joy of our amazing community of faith by joining you for worship and these special activities! This is a season when your invitation may be most welcome.

### Sunday, November 27: Create a Christmas Card

From 10 - 11:45 a.m. we'll have a variety of card-making supplies at tables in Fellowship Hall along with experienced card-makers to provide creative ideas and helpful hints. Make something simple or fancy, then add one of the provided labels with the name and address of one of our homebound members. Your handmade card will bring great joy to one of our dear friends...and you'll have some fun exploring your creativity!

### Sunday, December 4: Christmas Cookie Walk

All members who are able are invited to bring one dozen decorated Christmas cookies to add to our cookie walk. Bring them to the kitchen by 8:45 a.m. Our kitchen crew will get them displayed on a beautiful 24-foot table right down the center of Fellowship Hall so they're ready for coffee hour at 10 a.m. Come feast your eyes and take a cookie or two for your tummy too. Extra cookies will be decoratively boxed and shared with friends at Come As You Are Worship on Wednesday and through the Food Pantry.

### Sunday, December 11: A Victorian Parlor Concert, Luncheon and "A Christmas Carol"

The sounds of Christmas will be provided by our very own Quadrilateral Quartet, though they may be hard to recognize in their Victorian costumes! Enjoy the music amidst the glow of candlelight reflecting off the silver service that's been all shined up for a Victorian-themed luncheon. The luncheon and concert begin in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. and for those who wish, will be followed by a visit to the Overture Center for the matinee performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" presented by Children's Theater of Madison. For more information about the menu and to register for lunch and/or tickets to the matinee performance email [info@jumc.org](mailto:info@jumc.org). (Ticket deadline for Children's Theater performance is November 22.)

### Sunday, December 18: Annual Christmas Pageant & Reception

10:30 a.m., Sanctuary (Followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.)

### Wednesday, December 21: Longest Night Service 7 p.m.

### Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Worship 7 & 9 p.m., Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day Worship 9 & 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 25: Christmas Dinner Noon- 2 p.m., Free Community Meal in Fellowship Hall

## Sharing Comfort and Joy

### Sundays, November 27 - December 18, Octagon

Mission ministries associated with First Church can help you bring "tidings of comfort and joy." Comfort is shared through various ministries in the world and joy comes to loved ones and friends as they receive the gifts you've purchased through our mission partners. Visit the International Ministries table where you can purchase Fair Trade coffees, teas and chocolates. Then stop at the Pilgrims of Ibillin table for handmade soaps, wood carvings, scarves and jewelry from Palestine. The third market table will offer homemade food products from Porchlight (a Dane County non-profit agency providing emergency shelter, food, employment services, counseling and affordable transitional and permanent housing to over 8,000 people annually) and Madison Urban Ministry's Just Bakery. Let your Christmas giving this year offer "tidings of comfort and joy!"

## Poinsettia Orders

Help decorate the Sanctuary for our Longest Night Service (December 21), as well as Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship celebrations by donating a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone. Plants cost \$15 each and can be taken home after worship on Christmas Eve or left for Christmas morning worship and to be shared with guests at the Community Dinner on Christmas Day. Look for order forms in bulletins and at the Information Desk, fill out an order form online (<http://firstunitedmethodistmadison.org/poinsettia-order-form>) or call the church office at 608-338-0545. *Orders must be received by Sunday, November 20.*

## Young Adults

### Meal and Vespers at The Crossing

**Sunday, November 27**

Help build a stronger connection between First Church and The Crossing by making a home-cooked meal together for UW-Madison college students and joining them in a vespers service. Contact Seth to sign up.

### Sunday Morning Brunch

**11:30 a.m., weekly**

A great chance to meet new people. Just look for the gathering of young adults in the Narthex right outside the Sanctuary after 10:30 a.m. worship and be ready to eat.

### Tuesday Discussions

**7 p.m., weekly**

**(check the Young Adult Facebook Group for Location Info)**

Join us for engaging conversation about what's going on in our lives and in the world, and together, trying to make sense of it all. November 8: Karen Andro will lead a discussion about "Poverty in Madison."

## Hanging of the Greens

Help prepare the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for Advent and Christmas by participating in the hanging of the greens. Christmas trees, garlands, wreaths, banners and manger scenes will all help beautify our space and they'll all be unpacked just before Thanksgiving. Please plan to join others for decorating from 1 - 3:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, November 21 and 22. A leader, a plan for decorating, and all the supplies will be ready. We hope you'll add your helping hands!

## Warming Up the Manger Bed

Help bring warmth and comfort to little children by filling the manger bed with hats, mittens, and scarves. The manger bed will be located in Fellowship Hall throughout Advent. Bring hand-knit, crocheted or store-bought items and help fill the manger bed. The United Methodist Women will collect the contributed items and get them to children and families affiliated with Northcott Neighborhood House, a United Methodist ministry in Milwaukee.

## Young Families

### Date Night:

### Grandparents on Call

**5-8 p.m., Sundays, November 6 and December 4**

Members from the UMW group and the high school youth group will give parents an evening to recharge by watching your kids! Drop off your kid(s) and know they'll be well taken care of with fun games and food. Sign up now by contacting Seth at [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org) or 608-338-0158 with the names and ages of the kids you will be dropping off. *Deadline for reservations is the Sunday prior to Date Night.*

### Sunday Morning Parent Group

**10:30 a.m. in Youth Rooms, weekly**

Bring your coffee downstairs and let your kids run around in the youth room, where you can keep an eye on them and at the same time enjoy the fellowship of other parents of young children. It's good to connect.

### Arboretum Walk

**Sunday, November 13, 11:30 a.m.,**

**UW Arboretum Visitor Center**

Bundle up and enjoy an autumn stroll at the UW Arboretum. With safe space for kids to explore, parents can enjoy a leisurely walk, visiting and getting to know other parents. For all interested, a Parent Group Brunch will take place beforehand in the church Youth Rooms at 10:30 a.m.

### Young Family Leadership Team Meeting and Brunch

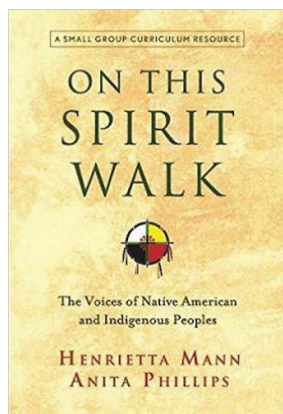
**Sunday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.,**

**Youth Rooms**

Anyone who would like to see more young families at FUMC and more ministry opportunities for young families is encouraged to come to this meeting. We will revisit the results from the spring survey and feedback meetings and explore possible Sunday morning connection opportunities for young families that fit within the needs and values of our group. We've got great momentum going – let's keep it going! Free childcare and brunch will be provided.

Contact Seth Schroerlucke, Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministries at 608-338-0158 or [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org). Visit our Young Adult Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FUMCmadisonyoungadults/>.

# Shaping, Strengthening and Engaging Our Faith



## “On This Spirit Walk”

Sundays, November 6, 13, and 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. In their new book, *On This Spirit Walk: The Voices of Native American and Indigenous Peoples*, authors Henrietta Mann from the Cheyenne tribe, and Anita Phillips from the Cherokee tribe, share insights into tribal cultures and the history of our church’s relationship with these cultures.



## The Redemption of Scrooge: An Advent Study

Sundays, November 27, December 4,  
11, and 18, 9 and 10:30 a.m., Chapel

Let this study help move you from “Bah! Humbug!” to a blessed Advent and merry Christmas. Charles Dickens’ classic novel, *A Christmas Carol*, is a story of brokenness and redemption. Ebenezer Scrooge, the main character of the story, begins as an unrepentant miser whose greed has caused harm to himself and others. The story ends with Scrooge a changed man, a redeemed man. This study will juxtapose the four main concepts of past, present, future, and important truths about brokenness and redemption with the four themes of Advent: peace, hope, love, and joy. The lenses of literature, art, and entertainment will invite us to explore and discover how God is working in and through us and in the world around us to tell God’s great story of redemption. Copies of the participants’ study books are available at the Information Desk on Sundays.

## Theology for the 21st Century

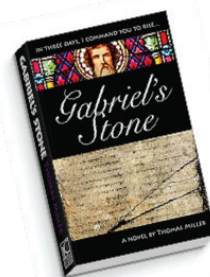
Sundays, 10:30 a.m., Room LL05

This class is reading/discussing 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.

## Read and Discuss with the Author!

Sunday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.,  
Room 208

Come to this book club meeting to discuss *Gabriel’s Stone*. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the discounted price of \$12 at the Information Desk on Sundays. If you purchase your copy now, you will have enough time to finish the read and will be able to not only join in a spirited discussion, but have any of your questions answered by the author (First Church member Tom Miller). Holding a book discussion with the author actually present is an unusually good way to get the most out of a book.





# Serving God's People

## Outreach Ministry Programming

**Community Outreach Breakfast**  
Wednesdays, November 2, 9 and 30  
9 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**Come As You Are Worship**  
Wednesdays, November 2, 9 and 30  
9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**Food Pantry**  
Monday & Wednesday:  
10 a.m. – Noon

Tuesday & Thursday:  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**Meals-To-Go Serving  
the Homeless**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
9 a.m. – Noon, Bethel

**Our Night at the Shelter**  
Second Saturday every month.  
Porchlight Homeless Men's  
Drop-in Shelter

**Community Holiday Meals**  
Christmas..... Dec. 25, 2016  
Easter..... April 16, 2017

For more information contact  
Karen Andro,  
Director of Outreach Ministries  
[kandro@fumc.org](mailto:kandro@fumc.org)  
608-338-0320

## Outreach In Action at First Church: Partnering in Faith

November brings strengthened partnerships in our faith community. Bethel Homeless Support Services opens as a Day Resource Center this month on weekdays (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) in partnership with Catholic Charities. We will be transporting our To-Go Meals for the Homeless to Bethel to support this program. The sandwiches and snack bags are prepared and assembled at First Church by students in LaFollette High School's community vocation program, which helps special needs students learn job readiness skills.

## Thanksgiving Community Meal at Bethel

We are partnering with Bethel Homeless Support Services to help with their Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 22. You are invited to bring a homemade pie or dessert to church on Sunday, November 20 (8 a.m. to Noon) or on Monday, November 21 (9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) to contribute to Bethel's meal. If you are interested in volunteering to help serve a meal on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, please contact the Volunteer Center at the United Way of Dane County at 608-246-4380 or [volctr@umwdc.org](mailto:volctr@umwdc.org).

## Christmas Community Meal at FUMC

First Church's annual Christmas Community Meal will be held Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, from Noon to 2 p.m. If you are interested in helping be sure to sign up online: <http://firstunitedmethodistmadison.org/programs/volunteer/>.

## November Outreach Break in Services

Our Food Pantry, Community Outreach Breakfast and Come As You Are informal worship will all be on break November 14 - November 24 and will re-open Monday, November 28. Seasonal breaks in services help accommodate key staff and volunteer time away. A special thank you to our dedicated volunteers!

# Youth

## What's Going on With the Youth these Days?

Theme - "Eco Justice: Working for the World"

### Youth Group Mission Statement

We strive to grow a genuinely loving, accepting community through fun and service to explore our unique spiritual journeys.



## Youth Retreats

**November 4-5** – Middle School Climate Justice and Service Lock-In

**November 19-20** – High School Climate Justice Workshop and 24-Hour Lock-In

## ASP High School Mission Trip

**Save the Dates: July 22-30, 2017**

Are you interested in coming as an adult chaperone, college leader or high school participant? Put these dates in your calendar now and contact Seth for more info.

## Youth Leadership Team Meetings

**1st Sunday of the month 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Youth Rooms**

Comprised of Middle School and High School youth who love our youth group and want to share ideas and be involved in helping make it grow. All that we do strives to be youth driven. All youth are welcome.

## High School Life Groups

Bible study, hanging out, and talking about our lives. One hour a week led by students on your side of town. Contact Seth for more info.

## College-Age Van Dyke-Alton Scholarship

Recipients will be presented with scholarships during worship services on Sunday, November 27. Thank you and congratulations to these young adults who continue to be active in support of our youth program.

# Sunday Morning Youth Programs

## Worship Digest

**Middle School and High School Youth, once/month (Nov. 27)**  
**8:45 a.m. Donuts w/ Seth in Fellowship Hall,**  
**9 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary, discussion afterwards in Youth Rooms**  
We want to foster a love and understanding of worship, so once a month all of our youth come to the 9 a.m. worship service together and serve in a variety of leadership positions during the service. Students meet beforehand to prepare for worship over donuts and again afterwards to discuss the service together over cookies.

## Sunday Special

**Middle School and High School Youth, LL04**  
**9-10:15 a.m., once/month (Nov. 20)**  
Activities designed to get to know one another better, interviewing people in our church who are doing cool things, and fun, crazy "Seth Games." Led by Seth Schroerlucke.

## Vision Quest

**Grade 12 Students, LL02**  
**10:30-11:30 a.m., once/month (Nov. 27)**  
**following Worship Digest**  
Led by Seth Schroerlucke, this class aims to provide high school seniors with a strong foundation of "who you are" and "who you are wanting to be" as they enter into adulthood and move beyond the doors of high school. Through discussion and reflection, students take a look at their beliefs, values and identity so they can articulate them and better live them out as they continue to explore and evolve with these aspects the rest of their lives.

## New Testament Bible Study

**Grades 6-7, LL02, 9-10 a.m., bi-weekly (Nov. 6, 13)**  
An interactive, progressive Bible Study that uses short, funny videos and hands on activities to build context for what the writers were trying to say and how it relates to us today. Led by Susan Mockert and Tanya Jahnke.

## Our Whole Lives

**Grades 8-9, LL06, 9-10:30 a.m., weekly (Nov. 6, 13, 20)**  
We are excited to offer a curriculum that takes a holistic approach to our sexuality based on comprehensive and accurate information. It facilitates discussions and activities around relationships, self-identity and sacredness. This is a closed group for the youth who have already registered. Led by Tom and Karyn German and Ben and Lisa Senson.

## Climate Justice

**Grades 10-12, LL04**  
**9-10:15 a.m., bi-weekly (Nov. 6, 13)**  
Continuing the theme from our summer mission trips of Eco-Justice, we will be building our knowledge of one of the most important issues facing humanity. Through fun, informative, interactive activities and discussions students will explore the implications of climate change, the importance of sustainability and why this relates to all of us. Led by Paul DeLong and Emma Crowley.

## You Can Support First Church Youth Programs

### Save the Date: Youth Missions Auction in Spring, 2017

Watch for it! It will be a big event for the public with awesome items to bid on, fun entertainment and delicious appetizers. If you would like to help plan this fun event, we need your help! Please contact Seth for details.

### Need Help Raking? Call Youth Power!

Many church members need help with various projects year round. The youth are offering their service to do what they can to help out. Contact Seth if you have a project they could do.

### Youth Advisory Team Meetings

All parents are invited to be a part of these meetings that meet every other month. The team advises on policy and program structure as a way to support and put into action the ministry ideas of the youth. Contact Seth for more info.

### Volunteering: We Need Your Help

From planning teams to chaperoning youth events, the success of our youth group depends on your involvement. Here is a link to view the myriad of opportunities: <http://firstunitedmethodistmadison.org/programs/volunteer/> Find what fits you and contact Seth to sign up today.

Contact Seth Schroerlucke, Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministries at 608-338-0158 or [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org).

Website: [www.fumc.org](http://www.fumc.org) (Middle School and High School Youth Page)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FUMCYouthMadison>



# Welcome, New Members

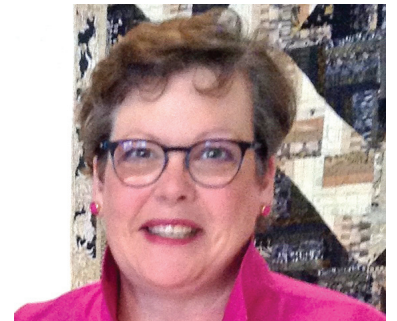
*New members join a fellowship seeking to build upon the faithful journeys of the past as we make a difference in the name of Christ today. Please take time to seek out our new members and welcome them to the fellowship of our church and the journey we will share together.*



Kali Almdale & Jon Drewsen



Carla Cornette



Susan Fowler



Olivia & Nick Hwang



Roy & Cindy Jacobs



Isaac Hoffmaster & Sara Winkler



Greg Zorko

## Newcomer Gathering

Sunday, December 4  
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 [mhasbeider@fumc.org](mailto:mhasbeider@fumc.org) or 608-338-0107.

## All God's Children

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

Children's Library, Room LL14

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

### Childcare on Sundays

Available 8:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Infants and Toddlers:

Noah's Ark Nursery/ Room 104

## Chimes Deadline

Articles Due: 8 a.m. Thursday,

November 10, for the December/

January *double issue* of *The Chimes*, to be published on Wednesday, November 30.

## Change Your Clocks November 5

Daylight Saving Time ends Saturday, November 5. Remember to set your clocks *back* one hour before you go to bed.

## Church Women United

### November and December Gatherings

Gathering, coffee and refreshments at 9 a.m., followed by a short business meeting. Worship or a program begins at 10 a.m.

### Friday, November 4 at Orchard Ridge UCC (1501 Gilbert Rd.)

Celebrate World Community Day with a worship service around the theme of "Sharing Our Gifts."

### Friday, December 2 at Bethany UMC (3910 Mineral Point Road)

Dr. Ruben Anthony will present a program, "Update on the Madison Urban League."

## FUMC Building Hours

Sunday: 8 a.m. - Noon

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Friday – Saturday: Closed

*The church building and offices and Outreach Services will be closed Thursday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.*

## Recurring Calendar Items

**Date Night: Grandparents On Call**  
Sunday, November 6, 5-8 p.m.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Monday, November 7, 2 p.m., Chapel

**Governing Board Meeting**  
Monday, November 21, 6 p.m., Room 208

**Spouses Now Alone**  
Tuesday, November 29, Noon  
Imperial Garden, Middleton

**QPR/Suicide Prevention Training**  
Tuesday, November 22, Noon-1:30 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall

**UMW Deborah Circle**  
Tuesday, November 8, 6 p.m.,  
Sa Bai Thong Restaurant  
Madison Urban Ministries representative will talk about Just Bakery program. Last meeting until March.

**Young Adult Tuesday Discussions**  
Tuesdays @ 7 p.m.,  
Check Facebook for locations  
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FUMCmadisonyoungadults/>)

**Chimes Team**  
Wednesday, November 30, 9:30 a.m.,  
Room 208

**Yoga For Good**  
Wednesdays, 6 p.m., Chapel

**Meditation Group**  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Chapel

**UMW Tabitha Circle**  
Thursday, November 17, 1 p.m., Room 208  
A tasty discussion about Michael Pollen's book, *In Defense of Food*.

**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, November 12, 10:30 a.m.

**Our Night at the Shelter**  
Saturday, November 12

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