

# the Chimes



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON

Sunday, February 19, 2017

## **SUNDAY AT FIRST CHURCH**

### **Children's Sunday School**

Children attend worship with their parents at the 9 a.m. service and go to Sunday School in the Lower Level classrooms following the "Time with Children" during the worship service.

### **Sunday Childcare is Available**

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers from 8:45 a.m.–Noon in the Noah's Ark Nursery/Room 104 near Fellowship Hall.

### **Sunday Fellowship Time**

**8:30 – 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

All are welcome to come for great coffee, good conversation and light refreshments.

### **Just Bakery Initiative and International Ministries Coffee Sales**

**Sunday, February 19, Octagon**

Local bakery items, Equal Exchange coffee and fair trade chocolate for sale all morning.

### **Theology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

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

This group is currently discussing a book by Robin Meyers, *Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshipping Christ and Start Following Jesus*.

### **Seeking and Serving God in a Time of Public Turmoil**

**Sundays, through Feb. 25, 10:30 a.m., Chapel**

Through the study of "the Word" we can find theological wisdom and spiritual courage to address today's challenging issues.

### **Young Adults Brunch**

**Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Location varies**

Meet right outside the Sanctuary after the 10:30 a.m. worship service and be ready to eat!

### **Climate Justice Book Study**

**Sunday, February 19, 1 p.m., Chapel**

Inter-congregational study of *Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action* concludes.

### **Youth Fruit Sale for Local Missions**

**Last Chance! All Morning in the Octagon**

Support local programs that are an extension of our church's mission, such as Porchlight and Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice. Consider donating a full or half order to our Food Pantry. Choose from an assortment of fresh citrus fruit, cheese and sausage. Orders will be available for pickup at church Saturday, March 4 from 3-4 p.m. and the morning of Sunday, March 5.

### **Registration Open for Lyons Lecture Saturday, April 29, FUMC**

Rev. Robin Meyers, lecturer. Click the link on the [fumc.org](http://fumc.org) home page for details and online registration.

## **Mardi Gras Brunch and Youth**

### **Missions Fundraiser**

**Sunday, February 26**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Enjoy New Orleans style food, music and festivities. Fun for the whole family! **Get your tickets in the Octagon this morning.**

### **Hope for Creation: Workshop with Timothy Eberhart**

**Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., FUMC**

In an age of climate change, ecological degradation, and the growing environmental movement, how might Christians contribute to the regenerative healing of creation? Rev. Dr. Timothy Eberhart, assistant professor of theology and ecology at Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, will attend to the realities of humanity's destructive impact on the environment, examine the relevance of Christian beliefs to an ecological worldview, and explore practical ways people of faith are engaging in mission and justice for the good of the earth. Registration: \$15 (lunch included if RSVP by March 15) Free childcare. Visit the Info Desk or [fumc.org](http://fumc.org) for more details.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

### **Dixieland Sunday**

**Sunday, February 26**

### **The Jesus Fatwah: Loving Your Muslim Neighbor As Yourself**

**Sundays, March 5-April 2, 10:30 a.m., Chapel**

Much of what passes as information about Islam is weed-like disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. In this video-based study accompanied by discussion, seventeen Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith.

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT**

### **Community Outreach Breakfast**

**Wednesdays, 9 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

Join us for fellowship time with outreach guests and a hearty breakfast prior to Come As You Are Worship.

### **Come As You Are Worship**

**Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

This half hour of worship is for anyone who wants to grow closer to God through prayer, music and Scripture.

### **Young Adults Discussion Group**

**Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Barriques (127 W. Wash)**

“Seeking and Serving God in a Time of Public Turmoil” Rev. Mel Vance will facilitate a provocative discussion. Contact Seth Schroerlucke at [youthya@fumc.org](mailto:youthya@fumc.org) for more information.

### **Governing Board Meeting**

**Monday, February 20, 6 p.m., Room 208**

### **Circle the Cities with Love – Madison**

**Sunday, February 19, 2-3 p.m., Capitol Bldg.**

Gather in silent witness to embody the healing power of love. Meet at State Street entrance.

### **Early Response Team Training**

Be part of a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster. Visit the Info Desk for details.

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage Opportunity**

Interested in traveling to Israel/Palestine? Join Joan Deming for a May 15-27 trip to meet the people working there for a just peace. Questions? Contact Joan at [jdeming7@gmail.com](mailto:jdeming7@gmail.com) or 608-235-1046.

### **Submitting Announcements to *Chimes***

Please send your submissions for *Chimes* to [chimes@fumc.org](mailto:chimes@fumc.org) by 3 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon of each week. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Hillner at [chimes@fumc.org](mailto:chimes@fumc.org) or call the communications office at 608-338-0107.