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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON

Sunday, May 21, 2017

SUNDAY AT FIRST CHURCH
Christian Formation Hour @ 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School for Children and Youth
Meet in the classrooms on the Lower Level.

Shaping a Generation
Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler, facilitator, Room LL12
The years of parenthood call us to pour ourselves into shaping another generation, but how are we being shaped as parents? Parents of children and youth are invited to a time of spiritual nurture.

FUMC 101: The Wesleyan Movement
Rev. Dr. Phil Blackwell, facilitator, Chapel
Survey the theology of the Wesleyan movement that shapes the ways we understand and practice faith.

Theology for the 21st Century
Room LL05
The class continues discussion of *The Trouble with Resurrection*, by Bernard Brandon Scott.

Young Adults Brunch
Meet in Narthex after 11:15 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.

In the Octagon, All Morning

Just Bakery Initiative

Fresh bakery products for sale from this program of Madison Urban Ministries (MUM).

International Ministries Sales

Equal Exchange coffee and fair trade chocolate.

Special Church Conference

Sunday, May 28, Noon, Fellowship Hall

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Scott Carlson, will lead the meeting to ratify action of the First Church Governing Board on two projects that will enhance our capacity for ministry and embrace good financial stewardship. Look for a table in the Octagon this Sunday for more information or email info@fumc.org.

All-Church Pentecost Celebration!

Sunday, June 4

June 4 is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit's presence and the birth of the Church. Please plan to worship at either 9 or 11:15 a.m. and to be part of the festivities in Fellowship Hall at 10:15 a.m. Come to share all the best of a birthday party...cake, decorations and gifts! More important will be the sharing of good news about exciting and fruitful ministries the Spirit is empowering in and through our congregation. Adult classes are being suspended for the morning (except for Theology for the 21st Century) and children and youth will join the festivities for part of the hour, enabling us to celebrate together as a whole community. Please plan to join us.

It's Time to DO SOMETHING!

Education/Formation, Direct Involvement, and Advocacy are three distinct, yet inter-connected avenues that have been identified for our congregation's continued engagement in the work of addressing racial equity. This summer we have opportunity for Direct Involvement. The **STARS program (Summer Teaching to Advance Reading Success)** prepares pre-kindergarten and kindergarten-ready students for success in school and is looking for morning volunteers June 19-July 28. Volunteer to help young children develop reading, math and social skills by assisting for one to four hours between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and noon for anywhere from one to six weeks.

Contact Kathy Carpenter at 608-338-0545 or kcarpenter@fumc.org for more information.

TRANSforming Faith Workshop

Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., FUMC

This day, organized by Joanne Lee in honor of Skylar Lee, will be dedicated to strengthening understanding between transgender youth, their parents and their faith leaders. The event will consist of panel discussions, caucus break out groups and workshops on a variety of pertinent topics. The event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. Contact info@fumc.org for details.

Faith, Fasting and Friendship:

An Interfaith Ramadan Break-the-Fast Potluck Iftar

Saturday, June 10, 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.

Madison Labor Temple, 1602 S Park St #106

Bring your friends and family, meet new friends, learn about food and fasting in different religious traditions, and bring a dish to share. First Church is a co-sponsor of this interfaith gathering. **Register by June 5.** Contact info@fumc.org for details.

Aid for NW Wisconsin

The United Methodist Wisconsin Conference is accepting donations to assist residents of northwestern Wisconsin affected by this week's tornado and floods. Note "NW Disaster Recovery #7775" on your check or donation.

Wesleyan Heritage in England:

Travel and Learn Together

Rev. Dr. Mark Fowler will be the primary teacher on a pilgrimage to England next summer, July 9-16, 2018. Pick up an itinerary and registration form at the Information Desk in the Narthex or request one from Rev. Tina Lang at 608-467-5108 or tlang@fumc.org.

Absolute Last Chance to Collect

Campbell's Soup Labels for Northcott

Last date for pickup Sunday, May 28

Please search your kitchen drawers and shelves for Campbell's soup labels and bring them to the gray collection bin in the Octagon. Northcott Neighborhood House needs all the labels we can gather for them before June. Thank you for your dedicated help over the years.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

Community Outreach Breakfast

Wednesdays, 9 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Come As You Are Worship

Wednesdays, 9:30-10 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Young Adults Discussion Group

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

Join us for a study led by Rev. Mark Fowler, who will be teaching from his book, *Mentoring into Vocation*.

UMW Envisioning Team

Wednesday, May 24, 1 p.m., Room 208

Spouses Now Alone

Tuesday, May 30, Noon, Concourse

Park in the church lot and join us for lunch. RSVP by Friday, May 26 to Jim Ostrander at 608-338-0268 or jostrander@fumc.org.

Perfect Harmony Concert

Friday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Vacation Bible School: Save the Date

Monday, June 26 – Friday, June 30