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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF MADISON

3rd Sunday after Pentecost | Sunday, June 25, 2017 | 9:00 a.m.

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

Children's Summer Sunday School

Rooms LL15 and LL17

Children age 3 - grade 5. "Compassion and Forgiveness"

Youth Summer Sunday School

Room LL04

Middle/High School. "Who Is My Neighbor?"

Parents' Group: Priorities for Faithful Living Series

Room LL12

"Compassion and Healing" Facilitated by Rev. Tina Lang.

Who Is My Neighbor Series:

Hope's Home Neighbors

Chapel

Facilitated by Karen Andro, Director of Hope's Home Ministries at First Church.

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.

Extending the Table

Interdependence Day Picnic

Sunday, July 2, Noon, Fellowship Hall

Begin Independence Day celebrations by recognizing that as people of faith and citizens of the world we also celebrate our *Interdependence!* And the real joy is the opportunity to meet the newly appointed Assisting Pastor for Young Adult Ministries, Rev. Breanna Illéné.

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Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Paul Melrose.

Who Is My Neighbor Series:

Neighbors Change: Gerrymandering Chapel

Facilitated by James C. Saxon.

Welcome, Rev. Breanna Illéné

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Rev. Illéné has been appointed by Bishop He-Soo Jung to First United Methodist Church, Madison, as Assisting Pastor for Young Adults.

Rev. Illéné begins this appointment, which is approximately 10 hours per week, as of July 1. She will be working in partnership with Seth Schroerlucke, while she also continues as the pastor at Trinity UMC. Funding for this position comes from a grant to First Church by Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. The grant is for \$10,000 per year for the next two years.

We are excited about this opportunity to grow our ministry to and with the many young adults who have begun to call First Church their church home, and those who are yet to come. Please welcome Rev. Illéné!

Best Wishes to Sharon McNeely

The work of the Governing Board, Staff Parish Relations and Lead Pastor have focused on the alignment of staff, resources and programs to focus our energies and be more effective stewards. Re-writing the mortgage, seeking grants to underwrite strategic contracted personnel and making important budgeting choices that will carry the church into the future have been some of the pieces that have been the focus of attention. As part of that work, it was determined that the position of *Office Manager and Operations Associate* would be removed from the staffing roster. Sharon McNeely has filled that position and several other tasks related to finance since being hired as an intern. With gratitude, we have extended support for her transition to the next step in her journey and wish her God's caring and good wishes in future endeavors.

Principal Reduction of Mortgage Loan

Thank you to all who have donated toward lowering our mortgage balance prior to the refinancing on June 30. Over \$11,000 has been received thus far. If you would like to donate, envelopes are available at the Information Desk or you can donate through our church website. Thank you!

Congratulations, Donna Veatch

Donna Veatch received the Perry Saito award at the Wisconsin United Methodist Annual Conference for her commitment and dedication to ministries of compassion and social justice.

Service for Chuck Wineland

Sunday, June 25, 2 p.m., Sanctuary

We offer our condolences and prayers of support to Karen Wineland, Anna Wineland and Laura Wineland Fernandez upon the death of Chuck Wineland on Tuesday, June 20. A Service of Death and Resurrection will take place at 2 p.m. *today* in the Sanctuary. A time of visitation will begin at 1 p.m. A gathering to share memories and fellowship will follow the service, in Fellowship Hall.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

Vacation Bible School

June 26-30, 5:30-7 p.m., at Trinity UMC

For grade school age children. Contact Laurie Peterson at lpeterson@fumc.org or 608-338-1292.

Spouses Now Alone

Tuesday, June 27, Noon, Concourse

Contact Jim Ostrander with any questions at jostrander@fumc.org or 608-338-0268.

Young Adults Discussion Group

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

UW Memorial Union Terrace

Talk about faith, current issues and what we can do. Contact Seth Schroerlucke with any questions at youthya@fumc.org or 608-338-0158.