

The **C**himes

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Sunday Worship at First Church

Sunday, February 7 Communion Sunday

Holy Communion will be celebrated at all three worship services. Pastor Schroerlucke's message will be *An Intentional Act of Gratitude*. To prepare, you are invited to read or sing Psalm 138. The Chancel Choir will provide special music at 9:30 worship. Current will offer music leadership at 11:15 in the Chapel.

Sunday, February 14 Dixieland Worship

On this last Sunday of Epiphany, the Sunday of the Transfiguration, we will again worship with a Dixieland theme at 9:30 worship by welcoming our all-star Dixieland Band. Beads and masks are welcome on this Sunday of celebration. Both the 8 and 11:15 worship services will be held in the Chapel. In addition, our church will once again participate in a nationwide focus on Science and Religion. Hundreds of churches and clergy will be embracing themes suggesting that science and religion are compatible and actually encourage one another. Pastor Schroerlucke's message, titled *What If It Doesn't Fit?* will focus on issues related to faith and evolution.

Sunday Worship Times

8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.



Lent begins

you to accept our invitation to come closer to God. Through worship, study, prayer and reflection we offer many opportunities to connect with God during this special time. See the insert in this edition of *The Chimes* for details about our Lenten journey at First Church this year.

Souper Bowl of Caring - February 7

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." This prayer gave birth to an idea. Since 1990, ordinary young people have generated an extraordinary \$60 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country. In addition, hundreds of thousands of youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

Help our youth make a difference by bringing in your donation of canned goods and/or dollars to place in the soup kettles in the narthex on Sunday, February 7. All donations will benefit the First Church Food Pantry.



Bring A Bear Sunday is February 14

Share your teddy bears and other stuffed animals on Sunday, February 14, for the Madison Police Department's "Bear With Me" program. Cuddly toys ride along in police officer's cars and are distributed by the officers when they encounter young children in traumatic circumstances. Your special friend should be new, not used. Stuffed toys will be collected at the Sanctuary doors prior to all three worship services.

We are a Reconciling Congregation, open to full participation of all persons regardless of race, gender, national origin, religious background, or sexual orientation.



Musings

Are Ye Able?

I'm sure you saw them too...those scraggly looking, dead and browning trees called "evergreens" lining the boulevards waiting to be collected after Christmas celebrations had concluded. As much as we may enjoy our Christmas trees, the sight of dead trees lining the boulevards is something most of us would rather not see.

The sight of dead trees lining the "boulevards" was not an uncommon thing to see in the first century. The Roman government had a practice of erecting dead trees along the roadsides just outside the city limits. The dead trees were used as tools of torture and served as the ultimate punishment for people the government determined to be criminals. In addition to inflicting torture and death, I can imagine the dead trees were also quite effective at threatening all who entered or exited the city. Lining the "boulevard" with dead trees from which hung dying and dead citizens was a shocking display of the government's power and would most certainly prompt those entering the city to speak and act with extreme caution in the face of that power.

Dead trees draped with dying and dead citizens lining the "boulevards" was something I'm sure Jesus had rather not seen. Never the less, he entered the city and remained faithful to God's call for peace and justice. The Roman government's domination over peoples and properties was inconsistent with the ways of peace and justice so Jesus and the government were in direct conflict. Jesus' commitment to speak truth to power meant his journey into the city became a journey to his own death.

What about the journey we're preparing to take, the journey called Lent? Are we able to make the peace and justice directed journey with Jesus even as we walk boulevards lined with citizens experiencing the tortures of job loss, unaffordable health care, immigration struggles, poverty, and so many other circumstances that lead to the death of hope? On Jesus' journey the first disciples were confronted with the question, "Are ye able?" In our Lenten journey, we too, will be confronted with that question. Most of us will want to answer, "Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine!" But the truth is, like the first disciples, most of us will stumble along the way. We will need to earnestly pray as the hymn suggests, "Remold us, make us like thee, divine." That's what the Lenten journey offers us; an intentional time of spiritual growth and deepening faith; a time to be molded into the shape of Jesus.

It seems like Christmas was just yesterday, but the dead trees that line our boulevards call us to a new season. Are we able to answer that call?

Yona

For Sale: Sunshine in a Box

*The oranges we ordered last year were so delicious.
It was like eating sunshine!*

— 2009 fruit buyer



The youth are selling delicious fruit to help raise funds for the High School Appalachia Service Project and Middle School mission trips. Choose from a variety of mixed fruit boxes containing sweet and juicy oranges, grapefruit, pineapples, apples and pears, tangelos and more. Get a dose of sunshine and support the youth mission trips at the same time. Cheese and sausage boxes are also available. Orders will be taken on Sunday mornings through February 14th at our Youth Kiosk in the Octagon. Order pick up will be on February 28. You may pay now or pay when you pick your fruit up.

New Member Orientation with Pastor Keith

If you have visited with us in worship or simply desire more information, please come and join in an informal time of fellowship and conversation with Pastor Keith Schroer-lucke. You will have time to ask questions, share information and get acquainted with others who may be new to the church. The gathering will be held on Thursday evening, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. in room 208. If you plan on attending, let Mary Hasheider know by February 15 at 256-9061, ext. 34 or via email at mhasheider@fumc.org. Childcare is available upon request.

UMW Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet at noon on Tuesday, February 9, at Capitol Lakes with a brown bag lunch. Sally Phelps will present the program titled "What's so Amazing about Grace (Church)?"



Mason Jar Return

If you supported the Confirmation class by purchasing a Jar of delicious mixes before the holidays and still have the jar, we invite you to bring it with you the next time you come to church. Many members have asked if they can return the jars and the answer is "yes." We would love to use the jars for next year's sale. You can drop off your jar at the Youth Kiosk in the Octagon on Sundays or anytime during the week at the church office. Thanks again for supporting the youth programs.



Mardi Gras Dinner Tickets Now on Sale

To celebrate the anticipation of the Lenten season, the youth will be hosting a Mardi Gras dinner on Fat Tuesday, February 16, at 5:30 p.m. You will enjoy an authentic array of Louisiana fare. Tickets are \$10 each for adults, \$6 for ages 6-15, and free for kids five and under, and need to be purchased in advance by calling the church office, 256-9061, or by visiting the youth kiosk table in the octagon on Sunday mornings. There is a \$2 discount for parents and siblings of Mission Trip participants. Let the Good Times Roll!

TOP TEN

REASONS TO ATTEND AFTERNOON GAME DAY

10. A way to meet new people or old friends.
9. More fun than doing the crossword puzzle by yourself.
8. A way to challenge your brain.
7. Good treats, good eats and lots of laughs!
6. We try to follow the rules....
5. Less stressful than watching the Badgers or Packers play.
4. A way to avoid cleaning the closets at home!
3. More refreshing than an afternoon nap.
2. Parking is easy.
1. A chance to play that game you love with really nice people!

Wednesdays, February 10 and 24
1 - 3 p.m. in Room 208

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

In the event of adverse weather conditions, you may check the following for news regarding First Church cancellations:

- Call the church office at 256-9061— select option 7
- Check the church website at www.fumc.org
- WIBA radio, 1310 AM
- TV stations
Channel 3, 27 and 15

New Housing Ministries Leadership

This past Sunday the Housing Ministries Team hosted a “meet and greet” to welcome Matt and Emily Acheson as new Team leaders. After five years of service, John Stolzenberg will now be concentrating his energies on International Ministries. THANK YOU to John for providing leadership that has helped First Church build four+ homes for low-income families as well as raising thousands of dollars for Habitat for Humanity. Matt and Emily are excited to have a new role in such a vibrant and needed outreach program. Welcome aboard!

Big Questions: A Seminar Offered by Jean and Charles Pfeifer

Saturdays, February 20, 27, and March 6, 13 at Holy Wisdom Seminary

Whether you are one seeking personal life direction or an activist seeking renewal, this seminar offers a unique opportunity to engage the questions raised by Soren Kierkegaard. The seminar focuses on the life and teachings of Jesus as portrayed in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. It incorporates dialogue and the insights of Jungian depth psychology complemented by art, sculpture, dance, journaling and insights from other spiritual traditions.

Open to interested participants from any religious tradition or from none. No previous psychological, Biblical, or religious knowledge is required. The seminar costs \$225 - scholarship assistance is available. For more information, contact Charles Pfeifer at cdpfeifer@tds.net.

Preaching Workshop to be Held at First Church

First Church will host a workshop titled *Preaching to Rattle the Tea Cups and Wake the Dead* on Thursday, February 11. The workshop leader and presenter will be the Rev. Dr. Jana L. Childers, Professor of Homiletics and Speech-Communication at San Francisco Theological Seminary. This workshop is sponsored by The Wisconsin Council of Churches. For more information, contact the church office at 256-9061.

Register For Prime Timers Camp

Prime Timers camp is scheduled for April 5th to April 9th at Pine Lake Camp in Westfield, WI. All older adults are welcome to experience God's presence through worship, study, music, discussion, recreation and fellowship. For more information or to register see the Summer Camp catalog or visit www.wiumcamps.org. Catalogs are available at the Information Desk in the narthex.

Lay Speaker/Servant Basic Course

Especially For Those Who Feel Called to Be a Lay Speaker/Servant

This **Basic Course** will acquaint you with all three areas of service — Preaching, Caring Ministry, and Leadership — and certify you to serve, *in your own charge, at the request of the pastor.*

When: Saturdays, February 20, 27 and March 6, 13
from 9-11:30 a.m.

Where: Peace UMC, Richland Center

Instructor: Pastor Barbara Cook

To register contact: Pastor Barbara Cook at dbcook@tds.net

Fee: \$25 payable to Pastor Barbara Cook and sent to Lancaster UMC,
216 S. Monroe St, Lancaster, WI 53813

Specific questions about the course can be directed to
Pastor Barbara Cook at dbcook@tds.net.

Congregational Prayer List

The Wisconsin Conference invites you to be in prayer for these congregations and their pastors.

February 8 - 14: Milton UMC
Pastor, Patrick Schultz and 271 members

February 15 - 21: Monona UMC and Monona Hispanic UMC
Pastors, David Byers-Dent and Raphael Cubilette

Save the Date for Calorie Cabaret!

Sunday, March 7, at 12:15 p.m.



You won't want to miss this lunch, dessert, silent auction and talent show Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Extravaganza!

Silent Auction Items Needed

The FUMC Youth are looking for items for their Silent Auction Fundraiser at Calorie Cabaret on Sunday, March 7. The proceeds from this auction will help fund Appalachia Service Project and Middle School summer mission trips. Maybe you make a mean apple pie or have an autographed Brett Favre jersey, or tickets to a Badger game, or can offer

hang-gliding lessons? Please consider donating anything you can think of that people can bid on.



Start thinking about what you could do — this is a great way to support the youth. Contact Seth Schroerlucke at 256-9061, ext.12, or youthya@fumc.org or Lynn Fry at 249-6493 to donate.

THE FIRST CHURCH FOUNDATION BLOCK



The Bishop Ralph Alton and Marion Alton Scholarship

The Alton Scholarship program originated with a discussion in a hospital room.

Van Van Dyke of our congregation was sitting with Bishop Ralph Alton in the Bishop's room at Meriter Hospital shortly before Ralph passed away in 1994.

Ralph had been Bishop of the Wisconsin and Indiana United Methodist Conferences. When he retired in the early 1980s, he and his wife, Marion, moved back to Wisconsin and made First Church their church home. Ralph was a very active "Bishop in Residence" at First Church until his death.

As Van later recalled the hospital conversation, he asked Bishop Alton: "How do you want to be remembered? Perhaps a stained glass window?" Van said Bishop Alton scoffed at the idea. Then Van suggested a scholarship program for youth. Van said Ralph lit up at the idea and quickly added, "Yes, but be sure they earn it!"

That was some sixteen years ago.

Since then, with Van and Nancy Van Dyke's leadership, the family and friends of Bishop Ralph Alton and Marion Alton have established – and generously contributed to – the Alton Scholarship Program. Beginning in 1995 Alton Scholarships have been awarded annually to graduating high school seniors who are church members and who have been active in the church's youth program.

Bishop Alton strongly believed in the value of participation in the church youth program as important to starting a lifetime of Christian service. He said the youth program is where the youth learn to be Christians. They care for each other, they study and learn together, they work together, and they pray together.

In addition, Alton Scholarships have also been awarded to First Church members who are studying for the ordained ministry.

The Alton Scholarship program provides both financial support and a symbolic recognition that the church continues to care about the recipients. Since 1995, we have awarded some 93 scholarships worth \$85,000. After a recent major gift from the estate of Marion Murphy, the endowment base of the program now stands at more than \$300,000.

The funds in the endowment base are invested and administered by the church's Foundation and the program is overseen by a board of church members. This wonderful program has proven to be a key part of our church's youth ministry. And it all began in a hospital room.

**The next issue of
The Chimes will be
published on
Thursday, February 18.**

**The deadline for all
articles is Monday,
February 15,
at noon.**

FUMC Parish NEWS



To request prayers for yourself or to join the Intercessory Prayer Team, contact Kathie Nichols at 608-256-9061 or knichols@fumc.org.

Joys & Concerns

Please remember these FUMC members and friends in your prayers: Valerie Brown.

Sympathies are extended to Fid and Leah Sailor and Tina Lang at the loss of Irva Good. Irva moved to Madison two years ago to be near her brother, Fid, and joined our church at that time. Irva died at her home on Monday, February 1.

Congratulations to Amy, Aaron, and big brother Leo Lee on the birth of Ruby Gail on February 1.

We also congratulate Anne, Brian, and proud sisters, Rachel and Susan Vanderbloemen on the birth of Charles Leo on February 2.

Our condolences to Dale and Gloria Metcalf and family on the loss of

Dale's mother, Dorothy, who passed away on January 20.

We continue to hold the Cave's family in prayer. Sherry and Doug's daughter-in-law, Diane, was in Haiti working with the CDC when the earthquake struck on January 12. They are still waiting on confirmation concerning Diane.

We also hold the family of Babette Wainwright in prayer. They presently live in Haiti.

We hold all those affected by this disaster and especially those who lost loved ones in God's love and light.

Birthdays

February 7

Alexis Schlueter, Crystal Schlueter, Bev McCulloch, Allison Stone, Jen McDermott

February 9

Eagan Peters-Michaud

February 10

Marilyn Fayram, Jamie Lang, Julia Hasheider

February 11

Ellie Hein, Lorimer Cushman, Marcus Hasheider, Daniel Lynam, Earl Thayer, Donna Meerdink, William Bock, Carolyn Laughter

February 12

David Henry, Nancy Klawitter, Shirley Crocker

February 13

Sandra Schroerlucke, Sue Van Steenderen, Tyler Tweed, M.J. Wiseman, Shirley Porter, Loren Rathert, Maeve Breunig

February 14

Kimberly Nelson, Clark Albert, Celia Rousseau, Dona Childs

February 15

Charles Ebersohl, Mary Brumley, Lois Beduhn, William Kakuske, Sonja Parr, Darryl Jordan

February 16

Dorothy Gillet-Yant, C.J. Christensen, Hannah Conger, Leola Gabel, Elizabeth Stahmer, Ellen Webb

February 17

Max Riehemann, Sandra Smith, Ruth Burdick, Rachel Smith, Nicole Allen, Cindy Hoyt

February 18

Jordan Toon-Townsend, Elise Yanke, Leigh Finger, Tim Tryon, Anjie Pfahning

February 19

Andrew Dean, Erin O'Connell, Natalie Moser, Matt DeVos

February 20

Barbara Benson

Anniversaries

February 8

Sandy & Bill Heine
Dawn Weigel-Stiegert & Kyle Stiegert

February 12

Sarah & Toby Goecks

February 13

Joan & Doug Maynard

February 19

Bev & Bruce McCulloch

Is your anniversary or birthday missing? Contact the church office at 256-9061 to be sure you're included.

Adult Education Opportunities on Sunday Mornings

The Journey
Room 208, 9:30 a.m.

Theology for the 21st Century
LL05, 9:30 a.m.

Helping Those in Need...
LL10, 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

The Christian Adventure
Room 208, 11 a.m.



Children & Youth

Sunday Morning - Children

Children come to 9:30 a.m. worship and are escorted to their classes after the pastor's "Conversation with the Children."

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

- Wee-Learn (6-30 month olds plus accompanying adult) - Room LL11
- 2 and 3-year olds - Room LL19
- 4 and 5-year olds - Room LL17

Children in grades K through 5 will experience Sunday School in a rotation model of different learning stations.

- **Holyword Studios:** movie clips, puppet scripts, and skits (room LL07)
- **Music Makers:** music and movement (room LL10)
- **Seaside Room:** story telling (room LL05)
- **First Century Market:** creative arts and Bible-learning games (room LL15)

Sunday Morning - Youth

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
 High School - LL02
 Middle School - LL04
 Confirmation Class - LL06

Sunday Morning Childcare

9 a.m. – noon


Infant – 2 years:

First Floor Nursery - Room 104
 (just off the Octagon)

*A special space here is designated
 for nursing mothers.*

Toddlers age 2 and older:

Lower Level - Room LL12

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 Coordinator, Blended Worship Music: Dan Tyler; Blended Worship Praise Band, "The Current"
 Weekend Custodian: Ron Burrows

Mission Statement: 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.

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First Church Food Pantry

203 Wisconsin Avenue

For information contact
 Susan Jeannette, Director of Outreach
 Ministries at First United Methodist Church,
 at 256-9061.

Food Pantry Hours of Operation

Monday: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Thursday: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.



Friday: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Pantry guests, please call 251-4407 to make
 a reservation for the Food Pantry.
 Please call between 9 and 10 a.m. on the
 day you want to come in.



Periodicals Week of 2/6

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 Electronic Chimes Request: chimes@fumc.org

Address Service Requested

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 7*

Souper Bowl Sunday

Citrus Sale - Narthex
 8:15 AM First Cup Cafe - Fellowship Hall
 10:30 AM College-Age Meet and Greet - Fellowship Hall
 10:30 AM Fair Trade sale - Fellowship Hall
 11:00 AM Youth Council - LL04
 2:00 PM Savoyards - Music Room

Monday, February 8

10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)
 11:45 AM Yoga for Good - Chapel
 7:00 PM Savoyards - Music Room
 7:00 PM Meditation Group - Chapel

Tuesday, February 9

7:30 AM Faith & Reason - Capitol Lakes
 10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Room 208
 12:00 PM Ruth Circle - Capitol Lakes
 5:30 PM Food Pantry Open (till 6:30 PM)
 6:00 PM Very Special Arts - Music Room
 6:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee - Room 208
 7:00 PM Four Seasons - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 10

10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)
 1:00 PM Game Day Gathering - Room 208
 6:30 PM Yoga for Good - Chapel
 7:00 PM Confirmation Mentor Sessions - Youth Room

Thursday, February 11

9:00 AM WI Council of Churches Preaching Workshop - Fellowship Hall
 5:30 PM Food Pantry Open (till 6:30 PM)

6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
 7:30 PM Four Seasons - Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 12

10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)
 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - Music Rm

Saturday, February 13

Our Night at the Shelter
 2:30 PM All Youth Ski Trip

Sunday, February 14*

Bring-a-Bear Sunday
 Citrus Sale - Narthex
 8:15 AM First Cup Cafe - Narthex
 10:30 AM Fair Trade sale - Fellowship Hall
 1:00 PM Habitat El Salvador Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 15

10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)
 11:45 AM Yoga for Good - Chapel
 12:00 PM Deadline for Chimes articles
 5:30 PM Trustees - Room 203
 7:00 PM Meditation Group - Chapel

Tuesday, February 16

10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Room 208
 5:30 PM Mardi Gras Dinner - Fellowship Hall
 5:30 PM Food Pantry Open (till 6:30 PM)
 6:00 PM Very Special Arts - Music Room
 6:00 PM Church Council - Room 208

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday
 10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)
 12:00 PM Chimes Group - Room 208
 12:15 PM Ash Wednesday Service - Chapel

6:00 PM Soup Supper - Fellowship Hall
 6:30 PM Middle School Hang Out - Youth Room

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service - Chapel

Thursday, February 18

8:00 AM Finance Committee - Room 208
 10:00 AM Churches' Center for Land and People Board Meeting - Room 208
 5:30 PM Food Pantry Open (till 6:30 PM)
 6:00 PM Newcomer Orientation Meeting - Room 208

6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, February 19

10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)
 12:30 PM Food, Faith & Earth Day Committee Meeting - Room 203
 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - Music Room

Saturday, February 20

7:00 PM Jazz Concert - Sanctuary

Sunday, February 21*

First Sunday in Lent
 8:15 AM First Cup Cafe - Fellowship Hall
 8:30 AM Homelessness Task Force Meeting - Room 203
 10:30 AM Fair Trade sale - Fellowship Hall
 2:00 PM School Group - Youth Room
 7:00 PM Jazz Concert - Sanctuary

**For a complete listing of Sunday morning classes, please check our website at www.fumc.org or contact the church office at 256-9061.*