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Worship - Serve - Make A Difference

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Sunday Worship at First Church

During the Lenten season, Pastor Schroerlucke will offer a Sunday sermon series focusing on five spiritual needs that were identified in a nation-wide poll.

Sunday, February 21

On this first Sunday of Lent, our worship will focus on the "Need for Meaning and Purpose." You are invited to preview our text: Luke 18:18-30. We will welcome the Handbell Choir to the 9:30 worship hour.

Sunday, February 28

Our worship on this second Sunday of Lent will focus on our "Need for Community." The morning text will be John 15:13-17. The Blessed Brass will join our Chancel Choir at the 9:30 worship hour. Our 8:00 worship will be held in the Chapel.

Sunday Worship Times

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



Worshipful Experiences each Wednesday: Practicing Our Faith

Each Wednesday through March 24, Lenten worship experiences will be offered at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. A focus on Compassionate Living will provide the thematic connection from week to week, but different experiences

will be offered each Wednesday incorporating the practices of faith articulated by John Wesley. In his *General Rules* for early Methodist Societies, Wesley's third rule was "attending upon all the ordinances of God." Those he defined as public worship of God; the ministry of the Word either read or expounded; the Supper of the Lord; family and private prayer; searching the scriptures; and fasting or abstinence. We'll gather in the Chapel each Wednesday at 7 p.m. to practice our faith. Please attend and practice with us as you are able.

Simple Soup Suppers

Each Wednesday in Lent through Wednesday, March 24, a simple soup supper will be offered between 6 and 6:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There is no cost for the suppers, but free will contributions will be received to help offset the meal costs. As Jesus demonstrated so well, coming together at table is important to our community life. We hope you'll come for supper on Wednesdays and stay for worship in the chapel.

Sunday Worship During Lent

Each Sunday during the Lenten season, Pastor Schroerlucke will speak to a Gallop Poll that listed some of the top spiritual needs of people. Some of those identified needs are:

- 1) The need to believe life is meaningful and has a purpose.
- 2) The need for a sense of community and deeper relationships.
- 3) The need to be appreciated and respected.
- 4) The need to be listened to and to be heard.
- 5) The need to feel that one is growing in faith.
- 6) The need for practical help in developing a mature faith.

Make worship one of your Lenten disciplines in 2010. You will be blessed.

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

Musings



Here's an assignment for you.

As confirmation mentors, we have been asked by Seth, the youth director, to **think about what you believed about faith issues as an 8th grader** and then *write a statement of your beliefs* (your creed) now.

Did you believe that God controlled everything that happened in the world? In your life?

Did you believe Jesus was God's son but also somehow part of God and of the Holy Spirit?

Did you believe the Christmas story happened just like it is written in the Bible?

Did you believe Jesus had miraculous powers like walking on water and turning water into wine?

What DID you believe and how has it changed? One of the things that happens sometimes is that as soon as we are confirmed into the church, we think we're done. Learning is over. Those church school Bible stories must be right. After all, the Bible is the 'Word of God,' right? And we'll hear it when (if) we come to church.

We're probably not still wearing our 8th grade clothes. Let's be sure we're not 'wearing' our 8th grade faith without maturing into new understandings using Wesley's guidelines: reason, experience, tradition, and scripture.

Let's regularly grow and feed our faith in the many ways—classes, sermons, personal study opportunities—with which we are blessed to have at First Church.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Judy".

February Food Pantry Grocery Cart . . .

February always makes us think about love... our pantry volunteers show their love for others every minute they work! In their honor, February is "food we love" month – please donate **your** favorite comfort food. Is it macaroni and cheese? Spaghetti and meatballs? A nice warm soup? Mashed potatoes and gravy? Please donate – in canned or nonperishable form – your favorite food that you love to eat. Our pantry guests will love it too! *THANK YOU!*

*Roses are red,
Hearts are the same.
Come on to church
To join in the game(s)!!*

**Afternoon Game Day
Wednesday, February 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

Jazz Concerts on February 20 and 21

First Church will be the venue for two “Young At Heart” concerts given by the Madison Mellophonium Jazz Orchestra in tribute to two local big-band directors, Dennis Oliver and Jeff Peronto. The concerts are Saturday, February 20, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, February 21, at 1 p.m. For ticket information contact rand@drums-n-moore.com.

On-Going Haiti Relief Efforts

Although it may be lost from the front pages of our newspapers or no longer be the top news story on television, the situation in Haiti continues to pose a grave human concern for the people affected by the earthquake. Efforts continue to assist the Haitian people in their rebuilding efforts with many still in a survival mode. Our help is still needed. During this Lenten season, I would hope the compassion and concern of the First Church congregation will continue to be expressed through special gifts designated for Haiti Relief through UMCOR. For the next several weeks, perhaps we could go that second mile and continue our support for these crucial efforts. Please designate your special gifts for Haiti Relief. Thank you for caring.

Church Landscaping Plan

Twenty-five members of the congregation gathered after the 9:30 service on January 17th to suggest and discuss upgrading of the landscaping and care of the grounds on the church property. It has been over 30 years since the original landscaping was done. Although a number of people have worked to maintain and

Lyons Lecture Saturday, April 10



Bishop John Shelby Spong has spent his career courting controversy. As Episcopal bishop of the Newark, N.J., diocese for 24 years, Spong boldly advocated for non-literal understandings of traditional Christian doctrines. Spong retired in 2001 and now devotes much of his time to writing books and lecturing. Spong will deliver the seventh annual Lyons Lecture at FUMC on Saturday, April 10.

Spong, while provocative, is no mere provocateur. Spong’s writings spring from a genuine conviction that Christianity is in a time of crisis and must revise itself from within to answer the needs of the contemporary world. He is calling for a “new reformation,” on the scale of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century, one that will radically revise the central doctrines and tenets of Christianity. Spong argues that traditional Christian doctrines like belief in God, resurrection, the Virgin Birth, the Fall of Humanity, and the Incarnation are sterile and no longer have the capacity to engage the needs of modern people.

Bishop Spong will deliver two lectures, “The Crisis in Believing” and “What Does It Mean To Call Jesus Divine?” at FUMC on Saturday, April 10, starting at 10 a.m. Tickets to the lectures are \$50.

care for the area, it now needs some help. A lot of ideas were presented and discussed. These were carefully recorded and will be considered as a Conceptual Landscaping Plan is developed for our section of the city block. It is recognized that all of the ideas probably can not be incorporated into the area available but every effort will be made to do so. Our thanks to the First United Methodist Church Foundation for approval of a grant to pay for the development of the Conceptual Plan. Donations will be necessary later this year. If you have ideas for landscaping, feel free to contact any member of Grounds and Landscaping Committee consisting of Carrol Spencer, Bruce McCulloch, Allison Eyring-Green and Tim Tryon.

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 Schroerlucke. 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, March 4th at 6 p.m. in room 208. If you plan on attending, let Mary Hasheider know by March 1 at 256-9061, ext. 34 or via email at mhasheider@fumc.org. Childcare is available upon request.

United Methodist Women Upcoming Events

The local Unit of FUMC United Methodist Women will have a **Prayer and Self-Denial program on March 2nd** beginning with a potluck at Noon in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

On Saturday, March 27th there will be an all-day Conference UMW at FUMC sponsored by the Social Action Committee of the Conference. The theme will be "For Christ's Sake, Turn the World Upside Down," with a focus on: Care for Creation. Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. Laura Pfeffer, member of the Women's Division Green Team, will be the guest speaker. Registration fee is \$10. Using a ticket received when you leave the church, will give you free parking at the Pinckney Street ramp. See you on March 27th!

What was that book?

The title of the book that Pastor Keith referenced in his sermon on February 7 is, *The How of Happiness*, by Sonja Lyubomirsky. Published by Penguin Press, 2007.

World Day of Prayer Sponsored by Church Women United

Sunday, March 7, 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin Ave. This ecumenical celebration will be a family event with men, women, and children coming together to pray, learn, sing and celebrate. Nursery care will be provided for infants and preschoolers. We will be joining with Christians from 170 countries to celebrate this World Day of Prayer. Come and be part of this special happening.

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THE FIRST CHURCH FOUNDATION BLOCK



Marion Murphy Leaves Generous Gift to FUMC

Gentle. Kind. Quiet. Always pleasant. A very private person. Very kind hearted. A true physician. These are some of the adjectives used to describe Dr. Marion Murphy, who died on October 12, 2009. She was 86 years old and had been a member of First Church since 1973. Marion's husband, Quillian, was also a physician in the UW Medical School. He died in 1976. Marion served at UW Student Health Service from 1951 to 1996.

She was a loyal attendee at the eight o'clock Sunday service. At her death, Marion left \$378,000 to the First United Methodist Church Foundation, to be divided between the Alton Scholarship fund, the Foundation's unrestricted fund, and a new Foundation building fund. We are deeply grateful for this gift and the ministries it will make possible.

Faith Alive 2010—2012

I've been attending Faith Alive! for the past couple of years and it has been a life-changing experience.

Faith Alive! is an active and involved study about: understanding our spiritual gifts, defining our ministry and service, exploring the relationship of the Bible and faith, and integrating faith into the workplace and daily living.

Faith Alive! consists of six sessions, three weekends each year over the course of two years, beginning the weekend of September 17, 2010 and ending the weekend of April 13, 2012. All sessions are held at the Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center in Wautoma. Each weekend costs \$200 which includes food, lodging and class materials. Scholarships are available.

Here is what happened to a few participants after attending Faith Alive: adopted two boys from the Philippines, moved from a bank lender to assisting persons with disabilities to become home owners, became foster parents, unplugged the TV and computer, and started her own business.

To learn more about Faith Alive!, go to www.wisconsinUMC.org and click on the EDUCATION bar.

As the new Dean for this program, I would challenge you: Is this the time in your life for Faith Alive?

— Curtis Wittwer
cwittwer@charter.net



Calorie Cabaret

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

The youth will be putting on an extraordinary talent show for your entertainment while you eat a delicious lunch with exquisite desserts. Feel free to mill about and bid on the multitude of items available for auction. The proceeds from this event will help fund Appalachia Service Project and Middle School mission trips. You won't want to miss this Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Extravaganza!

Silent Auction Items Needed for Calorie Cabaret

The FUMC Youth are still looking for items for the silent auction. Maybe you make a mean apple pie or have an autographed Brett Favre jersey, or tickets to a Badger game, or can offer music lessons? Please consider donating anything you can think of- do a little early spring cleaning and contact Lynn Fry at 249-6493 or lfry@sbcglobal.net to donate. This is a great way to support the youth.

Mason Jar Return

If you purchased a gift jar from the confirmation class before the holidays and still have the jar, we invite you to bring it with you the next time you come to church. We will be collecting jars all year, to reuse 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.

A Good Book and Way of Life

During Lent we are invited to explore John Wesley's General Rules (do no harm, do good, stay in love with God) through a short, but profoundly spiritual book titled, *Three Simple Rules*. Copies of the book are **available at no cost** to all interested members and friends. Stop at the table in the Octagon to pick up a copy for your household and if you're able, take an address card of a homebound member and extra book to deliver to that member.

In addition to the weekly reading, some may want to participate in small groups including short video clips and opportunities to discuss the practical applications of the three simple rules. Sign-up sheets are available at the book table.

New Adult Education Class Begins Sunday, February 21

Inner Work is the spiritual discipline of attending to dreams and visions. Just as Joseph's dream advised him to escape to Egypt with Mary and Jesus, our dreams supply the information our conscious minds lack so that we can live in accord with our larger self – God's design for us.

Over six Sundays, from February 21 through March 28, participants will study Robert Johnson's classic text, *Inner Work*, learning about the language of dreams, how to work with our dreams, and the discipline of active imagination. The 11 a.m. classes will be held in room 203, Sundays, February 21 through March 28.



Youth Ski Trip!

Thirty-six middle and high school youth went on a ski trip to Tyrol Basin last Saturday, February 13. We all had a blast! Thank you to the adult leaders that went to help drive and chaperone. For some of us, who tried snowboarding for the first time—I'd say, it was pretty brutal—I'm still not sure why they have trees that come out of nowhere. We all look forward to next year's trip.

Fruit Sale Update



Holy banana! Together, the church and the youth raised almost \$2,500 towards youth missions this year. That's an all-time record for the fruit sale! On behalf of the youth, thank you for your support.

Fruit boxes will be available for pickup at the church on:

Saturday, February 27,
from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. or
Sunday, February 28,
between worship services

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 and Lillian Wirth.

We rejoice in the birth of Calvin Hoyt Olson, born to Becky Hoyt Olson and her husband Bryan Olson on Saturday, February 13th. Calvin must remain hospitalized for a few days; so we ask you all to keep him and his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Nathan and Wendy (Jackson) Brelsford on the birth of their son, Ulysses Jackson Brelsford. Uly was born on February 12. Best wishes to the family.

We extend our sympathy to Anna Eherenman and her family for the loss of Anna's father on February 4 in LaCrosse.

Birthdays

February 21

Abby DeLong, Jacqueline German, Justin Fayram, Jan Moen

February 22

Sherry Cheadle, Lois Ebersohl, Karyn German, Trevor Gaska

February 23

Neva Hanson, John Gaska, Dennis Anderson, Teri Taylor

February 24

James Potter, Victor Soderholm, Elizabeth Charlson, Abby McBride, Barry Carlsen, Zoey Kneeland

February 26

Gary Nelson, Mary Buchner, Deirdre Hargrove, Sara Esslinger

February 27

Allison Barnsley, David Jones, Rebecca Fraire, Katharine Fowle, Gloria Waity

February 28

Joseph Shumow, Shirley Spade

March 1

Bob Kramer

March 2

Barbara Clapp, Paula Benton, Karen Weaver

March 3

Ted Iltis, Ben German, Brian Cowing, Chance Sanford, Marilyn Smith

March 4

Margaret Kohli

March 5

Michael Goodman, Nancy Nelson, Nicholas Fish, Colin Casper

March 6

LaVonne Blakley, Michelle Swain, Summer Leeper

Anniversaries

February 21

Sandra & Keith Schroerlucke

February 23

Wilma & Gene Brockmiller

February 24

Betty Lou and Russ Hovde - 59 years

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

**The next issue of
The Chimes will be
published on
Thursday, March 4.**

**The deadline
for all articles is Monday,
March 1, at noon.**

Adult Education Opportunities on Sunday Mornings

"Three Simple Rules" Small Group sponsored by *The Journey* Room 208, 9:30 a.m.

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

Inner Work Room 203, 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)
- **The Cook's and Carpenter's Room:** story telling (room LL03)
- **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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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
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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.



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 Electronic Chimes Request: chimes@fumc.org

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Periodicals Week of 2/20

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Madison, WI

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 21*

First Sunday in Lent

- 8:15 AM First Cup Cafe - Fellowship Hall
- 8:30 AM Homelessness Task Force Meeting - Rm 203
- 10:30 AM Hospital Visitation Team - LL05
- 10:30 AM Fair Trade sale - Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 PM Young at Heart Jazz Concert - Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM School Group - Youth Room

Monday, February 22

- 8:00 AM Service Access Team Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)
- 7:00 PM Festival Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
- 7:00 PM Meditation Group - Chapel

Tuesday, February 23

- 10:00 AM Landscaping Subcommittee - Rm 203
- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Room 208
- 12:00 PM *Three Simple Rules* Small Group - Rm 203
- 5:30 PM Food Pantry Open (till 6:30 PM)
- 6:00 PM Very Special Arts - Music Room

Wednesday, February 24

- 10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)
- 10:30 AM *Three Simple Rules* Small Group - Rm 203
- 12:00 PM WISDOM Meeting - LL06
- 1:00 PM Game Time Gathering - Rm 208
- 6:00 PM Stewardship Team - Rm 208
- 6:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Yoga for Good - Music Room
- 7:00 PM Lenten Worship - Chapel

Thursday, February 25

- 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

- 7:45 PM *Three Simple Rules* Small Group - Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 26

- 10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)
- 7:00 PM Madison Folk Music Society Concert - Fellowship Hall

- 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - Music Rm

Saturday, February 27

- 4:00 PM Festival Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 PM Festival Choir Concert - Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 28*

Second Sunday in Lent

- Citrus Pickup - Narthex
- 8:15 AM First Cup Cafe - Narthex
- 10:30 AM Fair Trade sale - Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Youth Council - Youth Room

Monday, March 1

- 10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)
- 12:00 PM Deadline for Chimes articles
- 7:00 PM Meditation Group - Chapel

Tuesday, March 2

- 10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Rm 208
- 11:30 AM UMWV Potluck - Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 PM *Three Simple Rules* Small Group - Rm 203
- 5:30 PM Food Pantry Open (till 6:30 PM)
- 6:00 PM Very Special Arts - Music Room

Wednesday, March 3

- 10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)
- 10:30 AM *Three Simple Rules* Small Group - Rm 203
- 12:00 PM Chimes Group - Room 208

- 5:30 PM Leadership Ministry Team - Fellowship Hall

- 6:00 PM Soup Supper - Fellowship Hall

- 6:30 PM Youth Sports Group - Youth Room

- 6:30 PM Yoga for Good - Music Room

- 7:00 PM Lenten Worship - Chapel

- 7:00 PM High School Hangout - Youth Room

Thursday, March 4

- 5:30 PM Food Pantry Open (till 6:30 PM)

- 5:30 PM Signage Subcommittee - Rm 203

- 6:00 PM Newcomer Orientation Meeting - Rm 208

- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall

- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

- 7:45 PM *Three Simple Rules* Small Group - Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 5

- 10:00 AM Food Pantry Open (till 12:30 PM)

- 6:00 PM International Ministries Event - Fellowship Hall

- 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous - Music Room

Saturday, March 6

- 9:00 AM Immigration Advocacy Group - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 7*

Third Sunday in Lent

- 8:15 AM First Cup Cafe - Fellowship Hall

- 10:30 AM Fair Trade sale - Fellowship Hall

- 12:15 PM Calorie Cabaret - Fellowship Hall

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