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First United Methodist Church

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Helping People 'Say Yes' to God

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ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, & OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Worship Series – “Grace. Period.”

The concept of “grace” is key to our United Methodist understanding of how God works. On three Sundays in September, instead of a sermon, we’ll have a “mini-hymn sing.” There will also be commentary about how each hymn expresses something about God’s love and forgiveness offered unconditionally as a gift to us throughout our lives.



September 24

“Perfect Love”

Hymns and commentary on sanctifying grace (the grace that helps us grow in love for God and neighbor our whole lives long (sanctifying grace).



October 1

“The Bible and Homosexuality”

On April 3, 2017, the Administrative Council affirmed the following: “In the spirit of helping people say “Yes” to God and in an effort to reach out to all people in our community, the Reconciling Ministries Team recommends that FUMC Baraboo enter into a Reconciling Process. The purpose of the Reconciling Process is to examine the barriers, walls, prejudices, rejections and judgments that separate us and to attempt to eliminate them so that all people, including our LGBT neighbors, feel safe, welcome, accepted and loved at our church.” As part of the educational process being led by our Reconciling Ministries team, I am offering three sermons on the topic of homosexuality and the Bible. The next sermon will be October 1st (the story of Sodom and Gomorrah) and the last on February 11th, 2018 (on Romans 1:26-27). There will be a time of conversation following worship, to share your thoughts/questions/wonderings in response to the sermon.

~ Pastor Marianne, marianne.cotter@gmail.com, 608-843-9641

Tone Chimes & "Rainbow Bells" – Youth Music Opportunities

We are now taking signups for the Youth Tone Chimes and the Children's Rainbow Bells!

Tone Chimes – For kids 3rd grade and up (or 2nd graders that have good reading fluency) and want to have fun playing music together! **No experience reading music is required** – their notes are highlighted with the words of the song. They will gain exposure to reading sheet music, and we have a lot of fun together! Kids can sign up for all performances or pick-and-choose. However, rehearsals are required for performances, as we need all our notes present! Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6-6:30pm. *Signup forms are available on the white kiosk in Fellowship Hall.*

Rainbow Bells - For younger children that are able to recognize their colors and want to have fun ringing too! We hold up color-coded cards so the children know when they should ring their color bell. The Rainbow Bells will follow the same performance schedule as Tone Chimes. However, we will only schedule 1-2 rehearsals that will last about 10-15 minutes. Please contact Aimee if you have a child that would like to try the Rainbow Bells, and if you have a preference of rehearsing on Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings.

~Aimee Lutz, aimeelutz@hotmail.com, 608-844-0684

UMW Pasty Sale – September 30th

The next pasty bake will be on **September 30th**. Please see insert...

CROP WALK – October 1 - Register Now!

The walk begins and ends at the Presbyterian Church. Six local churches are participating. Each church will share a paragraph about people from their congregation that have made a difference for their congregation and community.

A passport will be given to each walker. The walk will stop at 11 stations featuring people who make a difference. Someone will be present at each special spot to stamp the walkers passport.



The CROP Walk will raise awareness of the need for clean water, adequate food, decent housing and adequate health care. 25% of the money raised will go to our local Baraboo Food Pantry. The rest will go to Church World service to fulfill their mission in the world in ending hunger.

Packets are now available at each church for this year's crop walkers (see David Kell after worship in Fellowship Hall). You can also signup online (www.crophungerwalk.org/baraboowi), form groups and have your friends and relatives support you on your walk! ~Dave Kell, revskell2@gmail.com, 608-370-9030

Delivering Meals to Homebound Seniors

The Aging & Disability Resource Center needs volunteers to help deliver meals to homebound seniors. If you can help, please call Kathy at 355-3289.

“Bucks for Buckets” THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who contributed to the “Bucks for Buckets” collection taken in August. The amount collected was \$645.00 which has been sent to the Midwest Distribution Center in Chatham, IL to purchase items for Cleaning Buckets which are distributed to places in need. The recent disasters in Houston and surrounding areas as well as Florida have clearly created an incredible need for the Cleaning Buckets. Should you wish to donate additional amounts to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) going on their website www.umcor.org is an easy way to do so. UMCOR is known as a relief agency which goes in when disaster occurs and stays after many relief organizations are gone. You can be assured that the entire amount you contribute goes directly to relief efforts.



~Thank you again, FUMC Mission Committee

An Introduction to Powerful Non-Defensive Communication

At 9:15 on the first four Sundays of October, Jim Cotter will be offering a presentation/discussion on some simple and effective techniques for communication. The first session will serve as an introduction. The second will focus on how to ask questions. The third will be about ways to make statements. The last session will focus on what author Sharon Strand Ellison calls “predictions,” which are really just ways of being clear about your future responses to what the other might do.

These techniques help a person to listen with empathy and curiosity, and live more intentionally. The techniques also help a person set aside defensiveness, which gets in the way of good communication. For those who wish to read more, Jim has a few copies of “Taking the War out of Our Words” by Sharon Strand Ellison (a copy is on display on the kiosk in fellowship hall).

Please sign up (so Jim can make the appropriate number of handouts) by calling the office or putting your name on the sign-up sheet in Singer Fellowship Hall. If there is interest, a future class could focus on how these techniques can help with parenting.

The sessions will take place in the Singer Fellowship Hall.

Helpers needed for Funeral – Monday, September 18th

If you can help with preparing for a funeral and a luncheon on Monday morning sometime between 9:00am – 1:30pm, please contact Pastor Marianne – marianne.cotter@gmail.com or 608-843-9641.

Welcome to our new FUMC members ... Paul & Elizabeth Stevens!

Paul grew up in Green Bay and Elizabeth in the Stevens Point area. We met at Lawrence University, where we ran on the Cross Country team together. We were married in 2012 on the Lawrence campus. Our kids are Walter (2) and Ruth (3 months). As a family, we enjoy hiking, running, cross-country skiing and traveling.

THIS WEEK AT FUMC

Sunday Sept 17

9am Adult Sunday School
9:15am Youth Sunday School
10am Fellowship
10:30am Worship

Monday (*Office Hours: 9am-2pm*)..... Sept 18

11am Joyce Litscher funeral
1pm Neighborly Store

Tuesday (*Office Hours: 9am-2pm*)..... Sept 19

10am Staff Meeting
10:30am Qigong Class
3:30pm St. Clare worship service
5pm Neighborly Store

Wednesday Sept 20

12pm (noon) Rotary Luncheon
5:30pm SPIRIT Night
6:30pm Confirmation Class

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → SEPT 20th

Thursday (*Office Hours: 9am-2pm*) Sept 21

5pm Girl Scouts
5:30pm Missions Committee

Friday (Pastor's Sabbath Day) Sept 22

6:45am Conversation Group

Sunday Sept 24

9am Adult Sunday School
9:15am Youth Sunday School
10am Fellowship
10:30am Worship