



December 3, 2017

First United Methodist Church

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Helping People 'Say Yes' to God

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ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, & OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Worship...

December 10 – “Sacred People”

- Isaiah 2:1-5 and Matthew 1:18-25
- *Special Music by The Bell Choir*

December 17 – “Sacred Space”

- Isaiah 35:1-10 and Luke 1:39-56
- Children's Christmas Program
- *Special Music by the Tone Chimes, Rainbow Bells, and Harpist, Diane Michaels*



December 24 – 10:30am—“Sacred Being”

- Titus 3:4-7, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-7
- This will be a quiet, meditative service with music, Holy Communion and time and space to just “be” (no sermon).
- *Special Music by Jim Cotter and Samuel Cotter*

December 24 – 4:00pm—“Sacred Knowing”

- Isaiah 52:7-10, Luke 2:1-20
- Interactive Candlelight Christmas Service for all ages (with a flameless candle option for smaller children).
- *Special Music will be offered by “Ring and Sing” Hand Bell Choir (composed of members of the congregation).*

December 24 – 7:00pm—“Sacred Knowing”

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 - *Special Music by Ellie Kennedy, Rex Flygt and John Ellington, and Vocal Choir.*
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Church Conference – Today!

The all-church conference of First UMC Baraboo will be held right after worship. We'll celebrate ministries of 2017, look ahead to next year, elect new leaders, vote on the 2018 budget, and update our membership records. All are invited; if you are members of First UMC you may vote on all action items. So right after worship, get a snack and a beverage then have a seat in fellowship hall. Rev. David Kell will be the presiding elder.

Warming Shelter – Meal Signup for December

The Warming Shelter is now in need of meals for December. If you are interested in providing a component of the meal the menus are in the Singer Fellowship Hall with a signup sheet. There is also an informational sheet with the menus. Your contributions are invited and welcome. They may be brought to church the Sunday before the Monday we are serving or the day of by 5 p.m. and I will deliver them to the Shelter. Please mark Warming Shelter on them and leave them in the kitchen. If you want to be on the email list to get a "heads up" on the menus, please contact Judy Ellington.



~ Judy Ellington, jmjsellington@charter.net, 608-963-4683

Madison Vigil to end Gun Violence – December 11th

Come together to remember half a million Americans killed or injured by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy. Attend a vigil on Monday, December 11 at 7pm at the Madison Mennonite Church, 1501 Gilbert Rd, Madison. At hundreds of locations nationwide, we will give voice to all victims and survivors of gun violence and together help #EndGunViolence in America.

CHURCH TO HOST 14TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our church will once again serve as the host site for the free Baraboo Area Community Christmas Dinner. This 14th annual event will take place on Monday, December 25 at 12:00 noon in the Singer Fellowship Hall. The dinner is the work of numerous churches, charitable groups and individual volunteers, drawing an average of 250 guests of all ages, both individuals and entire extended families.

How can you help? Sign up in the church's Singer Fellowship Hall to:

- Set up on Friday, December 22, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.,
- Help with food prep on Saturday, December 23, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Serve, deliver or clean up after the meal on Christmas Day.
- Make a cash donation.
- Contribute turkey breasts and hams.

To attend the dinner or to schedule a meal delivery (There will be no take-outs this year), make a reservation by calling the church office at (608) 356-3991. To make a donation to the dinner, contact the church at (608) 356-3991 or Judy Ellington at (608) 356-5495 or jmsjellington@charter.net.

Church Mission Trip to Chatham, IL – Jan 28-31, 2018

We have reached our capacity for people to go to Chatham Midwest Distribution as far as dorm rooms. If more rooms become available we will let you know. Thanks for your support.

Pine Lake Winter Camp – Feb. 16-18 – Signup in Fellowship Hall

The date has been changed to **February 16-18, 2018**. If you are interested, please contact Kim Shrake or write your name on the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall. It will be a fun winter weekend with WARM accommodations, food, fellowship, winter outdoor activities, campfires, and many memories made! Cost is approximately \$288 for a family of 4. (Scholarships available)

Thanksgiving Food Drive – Thank you!

The Community Thanksgiving Food drive was a wonderful success. All who came with Food Pantry coupons received a food box and vouchers for fresh eggs and milk, and there were extra boxes to fill the waiting list at the Giving Tree. In addition, the Food Pantry received more than \$2500 from donations to help cover the costs of turkeys, milk and fresh eggs. Thank you! ~Mary Ellen and Peter

Christmas Offering – God’s Loving Arms

During the 4:00pm and 7:00pm services a special offering will be received for God’s Loving Arms which provides emergency food rent and utilities for Baraboo residents (given out through St. Vincent de Paul).

UW Baraboo/Sauk County Choir Concert – NEW Location

The UW Baraboo/Sauk County Campus & Community Choir will be performing their holiday concert, “Peace”, on Dec. 12th 7pm and Dec. 17th 3pm at the First Congregational United Church of Christ (131 6th Ave).

THIS WEEK AT FUMC

Sunday Dec. 3

9am	Adult Sunday School
9:15 – 10:15am	Youth Coffee with Michael
9:15 – 10:15am	Children’s Sunday School
10am	Fellowship
10:30am	Worship Service
11:45am	All Church Conference

Monday (Office Hours: 9am-2pm) Dec. 4

10am	Staff Meeting
1-2:30pm	Neighborly Store
3-6pm	Kids’ Ranch

Tuesday (Office Hours: 9am-2pm) Dec. 5

10am	Service at Oak Park Place
10:30-11:30am	Qigong Class
5-6pm	Neighborly Store
6-7:30pm	Girl Scouts #7343

Wednesday Dec. 6

12pm (noon)	Rotary Luncheon
4pm	UMW Exec Board
5:30-6pm	SPIRIT Night Dinner – Sandwich Buffet
6:30-7:30pm	Children’s Activities w/Yulia (no youth group)
6:30-7:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday (Office Hours: 9am-2pm) Dec. 7

3-6pm	Kids’ Ranch
5pm	Girl Scouts
7pm	Christian Education

Friday (Pastor’s Sabbath Day) Dec. 8

6:45am	Men’s Conversation Group
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Saturday Dec. 9

11am – 2pm	The Village Voices
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Sunday Dec. 10

9am	Adult Sunday School
9:15 – 10:15am	Youth Coffee with Emily
9:15 – 10:15am	Children’s Sunday School
10am	Fellowship
10:30am	Worship Service