

# First United Monthly Newsletter

APRIL 2018

April is the month best known for **Easter** and the deadline for filing our taxes, but did you realize it's also the time for **Holy Humor Month**, **National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Month**, and **National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day (4/19)**? Here are a few more important dates for you to keep in mind:



## Agape Dinner

\*Baked Potato Bar

Wednesday, 4/4, 5:45 pm



## Contemporary Readers

Sunday, 4/8, 5:30 pm



## Dinner at 6

PW Catered Spring Event

\* Tickets on sale through 4/8

Wednesday, 4/18, 6 pm



## P.W. Rummage Sale

Saturday, 4/21,

9 am - 2 pm



## Saturday Night Cinema

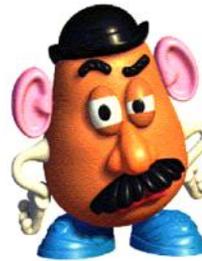
"Five People You Meet in Heaven"

Saturday, 4/21, 6:30 pm

You can always find the most up-to-date church information in our **"Weekly Newsletter"** in your Sunday bulletin. Recent newsletters, bulletins, information, and the official church calendar of events can always be found on our website at [www.firstunitedpc.org](http://www.firstunitedpc.org). Don't miss a thing!

We'd like to send out a big "Thank You" to all the members of our church family who worked so hard to provide us all with a very special 2018 Holy Week. It took lots of time, talent, and dedication to prepare all the music, dance, projection, sound, Communion elements, bulletins, and everything else involved so that we could share five special worship services during this important eight day period. Thanks for making it a very special week!

thank  
you!



You're invited to our next monthly **Agape Dinner** on **Wednesday, April 4 at 5:45pm**. Come and share the love as we enjoy a delicious baked potato bar loaded with options for toppings! Financial donations are appreciated but not required.

During our dinner, we'll join an international **Day of Remembrance** commemorating the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's death. At 6:05pm, we'll ring our church bell 39 times - once for each year he lived - as we reflect on his important legacy of change.

It's going to be like a zoo at the next **Presby Seekers** meeting! **Tuesday, April 10 at 10am**, our group for retired folks and friends will welcome Neil Anderson, Director of the **NEW Zoo & Adventure Park**, as a



special guest in the Koinonia Lounge. He'll share some history and updates on the zoo's latest programs. Neil will also offer information about the master plan for future expansion. You may even get to meet a live critter or two! Mark your calendar. You'll be growling if you miss it.

## N.E.W. Community Shelter Update...

On **March 20** our team of volunteers served **214** meals prepared by Bruce Kilmer, Dennis Hibray, Lee Richardson, and Mike Kettner. Cakes were provided by Mike Kettner, Marilyn Knuth, Jen Van De Hei, Diane Betz, Vern Pahl, Debby Cordova, Anne Motquin, Lynn Huebbe, Gus Hanold, and Sue Renier. Rita Kilmer provided brownies for Freedom House.



Dinner was served by Bruce Kilmer, Dennis Hibray, Pat Schock, Joe Williams, Will Bredael, Jen and Blake Van De Hei, Cindi Barnett, and Mike Kettner. In addition Lois Pelishek and Lee Richardson delivered meals to Freedom House.

Our next date at the shelter will be **April 17** from 5pm to 6:15pm. If you'd like to donate a cake, sign up in the Family Life Center or contact **Diane Betz** at 336-5054. If you would like to help prepare a meal or serve at the shelter, please contact **Cindi Barnett** at [cindi.barnett@snc.edu](mailto:cindi.barnett@snc.edu) or at 737-5376.

## JOSHUA Update...

Our church is a member of this faith-based social justice group. Details at [www.joshua4justice.org](http://www.joshua4justice.org).



Come enjoy a special program called "**Voices of Hope**" offering true stories of Hispanic immigrants who have settled in the Fox Valley. This event will be held at **Resurrection Church** (333 Hilltop Drive, Allouez) on **Monday, April 9 at 6:30pm** with refreshments at 5:40pm.

Also, join JOSHUA folks for **Race to Justice** - on **Saturday, April 28** from 11am until 3pm at the West Side Moravian Church. This event is sponsored by the Prison Reform Task Force and is meant to call attention to the current situation of mass incarceration and unjust laws that are causing the overloading of our prisons.



**Presbyterian Pantry**  
"Item of the Month"  
for April is  
**cans of fruit**

## De Pere Christian Outreach Update...

Thanks to the generous donations of member churches throughout Lent, the food pantry was able to feed **299 adults** and **181 children** from the De Pere area during the month of March. Looking ahead, they are currently in need of pork & beans, baked beans, boxed potatoes, Manwich, and peanut butter.

## Presbyterian Women Calendar



Join us for some of our group opportunities and activities!

- 4/2 - **Election Day Bake Sale prep @ 6:30pm**
- 4/3 - **Election Day Bake Sale @ 7am (Kitchen)**
- 4/4 - **Used Book Sale begins (Family Life Ctr.)**
- 4/5 - **P.W.C.T. Mtg. @ 9am (Room 11) & Mission Sewing Group @ 9:30am (K Lounge)**
- 4/12 - **Talbot Circle @ noon (Koinonia Lounge)**
- 4/18 - **Esther Circle @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge) & Spring Event "Dinner at 6" (Family Life Ctr.)**
- 4/20 - **Rummage Sale Set-up 9am-6pm (F.L.C.)**
- 4/21 - **P.W. Rummage Sale 9am-2pm (F.L.C.) & Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)**
- 4/24 - **4th Tuesday Readers Group @ 1pm (Library)**
- 4/28 - **Joint meeting with Milwaukee Presbytery P.W. @ 9am (Sheboygan Presbyterian Church)**
- 4/29 - **Celebrate the Gifts of Women Service @ 9:45am (Sanctuary)**

## Looking Ahead...

- \* The **Election Day Bake Sale** is coming on **Tuesday, April 3**. You can drop off baked donations on the evening before or the day of.
- \* Our Spring Event called "**Dinner at Six**" is set for **April 18**. It will be a catered meal, so tickets will only be available until Sunday, April 8.
- \* The **P.W. Used Book Sale** will be running all through April in the Family Life Center. Donations of used books can be dropped off under the magazine table.
- \* The annual **P.W. Rummage Sale** will be held on **Saturday, April 21** from 9am until 2pm. Set aside your spring cleaning "treasures" for donation beginning the week before.



## Session Report

by Dawn Picard, Clerk

The March meeting covered two months of business as the February meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. Financially the church is close to budget projections. Income and expenditures are even, so we are doing well overall. Tom Bayer reported that beginning in April, the new Stewardship, Finance, and Leadership ministries will begin meeting independently. Tom will chair Leadership, Brian Lindow will chair Finance, and Patricia Cobos-Welle will head the Stewardship ministry.

Pastor Luke reported that the congregation will be surveyed in May to gather perceptions of the worship experience. He also reported that the collaboration with First Presbyterian in Green Bay is ongoing. There is shared advertising for Easter, collaborative experiences with the youth groups and music groups, and plans to have financial audits by the opposing church at the end of the year. He is also preparing for his graduation in June. Clerk of Session, Dawn Picard, reported the records have been completed with no exceptions and there has been a change in insurance coverage bringing better coverage and a reduced cost. Plans for Pastor Luke's Sabbatical have been reviewed. All non-Communion Sundays will be covered by Ruling Elders or the Rev. Meggan Farwell. Communion Sundays will be covered by Teaching Elders not yet identified.

Fourteen people were removed from church membership. Two were by letter of transfer and the others after conversation with them about their desire to continue. Much discussion was given to an issue of a lawsuit against the City of De Pere by a group of churches hoping to repeal a city ordinance concerning the LGBTQ community. Session agreed to look at additional information before deciding if there is any action needed by FUPC. Scott McPherson mentioned the youth groups will hold a dinner and talent show fundraiser on Friday, May 18. Patricia encouraged all ministries to start dreaming about what they might accomplish if funding is not an issue. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

### Who are our Deacons?

The Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order describes the **Board of Deacons** as "...one of



compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed..." That's quite a special and challenging charge.

Among other things, our Deacons provide meals for homebound members, make regular visits with special care members, assist in transportation, and provide emergency help when needed. They also assist with weddings, baptisms, funerals, and Communion.

Our current Deacons are Mike Kettner (President), Marilyn Kabat (Vice President), Anne Motquin (Secretary), Kathy Thorpe (Treasurer), Wanda Bauer, Debbie Pahl, Kendra Smale, Violet Smale (Youth), Lynnee Schmidt, Dan Hamersky, Lou Seiler, Kathy Zeitler, and Michele Griffith.

The **Deacons Fund** is supported through your donations using the **green envelopes** in your pew racks. Please support these caring and compassionate members of our church family and pray for their ongoing ministry of service.



### Monthly Financial Update

(as of February 2018)

*"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to SERVE, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Mark 10:45

	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
<b>Operating Fund</b>		
Income	\$62,900	\$66,600
Expenses	\$54,400	\$53,300
<b>Building Fund</b>		
Income	\$9,000	\$10,300

### Special Upcoming Offering:

**Deacons Fund Offering - April 1**  
**One Great Hour of Sharing - April 1**  
**2018 Per Capita - \$36 per member**

## Marshall & Ruby Morsette

(1873-1962) (1881-1966)

daughter - Ann



## Edward & Ann LaRock

(1910-1996) (1911-1989)

children - **Donald, Gerald, Paul, & Paula**  
(all baptized & confirmed here)



## Don & Phyllis LaRock

Don was a Trustee in our church and helped bake fruitcakes for many years. He also was in charge of putting in the original lawn and digging out the round driveway behind the building. Phyllis has served as a Deacon and a Sunday School teacher.

children -

**Pamela, Barbara, Kathleen, Annette, & Loree**  
(all baptized, confirmed, & married here)

\*Also, Pam's daughter Jennifer, Barbara's 3 children, and Loree's 2 sons were all baptized here.



## Dan & Kathy Thorpe

Kathy currently serves as a Deacon and has taught Sunday School.

children - **Andrea, Alex, & Amanda**  
(all baptized & confirmed here)

\* **Fun Fact:** Amanda's daughter, **Ava** (pictured) was Pastor Luke's first baptism at our church.



## Chris & Jennifer Wirtanen

son - **Jonas** (baptized here)

**Ava & Jonas represent this family's 6th generation as a part of our church!**

# One branch of Our Church Family Tree

A look back at one of our church's long-time member families...