

# First United Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2018

February is best known for the **Super Bowl**, **Valentine's Day**, and **Mardi Gras**. Did you know it's also the time for **Ice Cream for Breakfast Day** (2/3), **Curling is Cool Day** (2/23), and **Love Makes the World Go Round, But Laughter Keeps Us from Getting Dizzy Week** (2/8-14)? Here are a few more important dates to mark on your calendar:



## Agape Dinner

*\*followed by Brown County  
Purple Angel presentation  
Wednesday, 2/7, 5:45 pm*



## Men's Club Fat Tuesday Pancake & Porkies Dinner

*Tuesday 2/13, 5:45 pm*



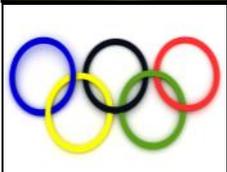
## Ash Wednesday Service

*Wednesday, 2/14, 7 pm*



## Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck

*Sunday, 2/18, 10:45 am*



## Family Winter Olympics

*Wednesday, 2/28, 5:45 pm*

You can always find the most up-to-date church information in our **"Weekly Newsletter"** inside your Sunday bulletin or by email. You can also find all our information and the official church calendar of events on our website at [www.firstunitedpc.org](http://www.firstunitedpc.org). Don't miss a thing!

## And the winner is...

After some hot (and spicy) competition, the winner of our **7th Annual Chili Cook-off** in January was **Kevin Mackey**.



Last year, Corday Goddard became our first two time winner. Now Kevin joins that exclusive group after winning his first competition back in 2014. Congratulations Kevin!



On the first Sunday in February, 2013, Rev. Luke Farwell became our minister at First United Presbyterian Church. Be sure to let Pastor Luke know how glad we are that his family has been a part of our church family for the past five years. Happy anniversary!

**Soup's on!** Our first **Agape Dinner** of 2018 is set for **Wednesday, February 7 at 5:45pm**.

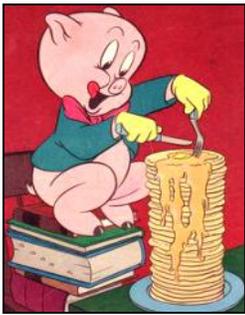
The special soup menu will include beef barley, sweet potato corn chowder, chili, and chicken cordon blue, plus bread, fruit, drinks, and dessert! The suggested donation is \$3/adult and \$1/child.



Following our dinner, everyone's invited to stick around for a very special presentation by



the **Brown County Purple Angel**. It's an important group working to train organizations and businesses in our community how to be more dementia-friendly.



Looking for a great way to celebrate Mardi Gras? Why not join us for our Men's Club's annual **Fat Tuesday Pancake & Porkies Dinner** coming **Tuesday, February 13 at 5:45pm**. Invite your friends and bring the whole family to enjoy this special "breakfast for dinner" featuring pancakes, sausages, potato pancakes, and more. The suggested donation is \$3 per person for this fundraiser. Be sure to join us when we let the good times (and some maple syrup) roll!

**Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent. We hope you'll join us for a special worship service on **Wednesday, February 14 at 7pm** to



begin the six week period leading up to Easter. This service will include beautiful music from our Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir along with the traditional anointing of ashes made from the blessed palm branches we waved on Palm Sunday last year.



Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** is set for **Sunday, February 18** following worship. We'll be reviewing our **2017 Annual Report** and

discussing other church business. The Annual Report from all our ministries and groups will be available soon so that you can preview all the information before the meeting. It will also include our final 2017 "Our Story" financial summary.

Following the meeting, we'll all gather in the Family Life Center to enjoy one of our great "**potluck**" lunches. Please begin planning what you can bring to share for our meal.



**Presbyterian Pantry**  
"Item of the Month"  
for **February** is  
**spaghetti sauce**.



## Presbyterian Women Calendar



Our Presbyterian Women's group is a community of women who are hardworking, faithful, curious, welcoming, prayerful, creative, and giving. They are YOU! Why not join us for some of our group opportunities and activities?

- 2/1 - **P.W.C.T. @ 9am (Room 11) & Mission Sewing @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge)**
- 2/8 - **Talbot Circle @ 12pm (K Lounge)**
- 2/16-18 **Papercrafting Retreat (off site)**
- 2/20 - **Election Day Bake Sale (F.L.C.)**
- 2/21 - **Esther Circle Bible Study @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge)**
- 2/27 - **4th Tuesday Readers @ 1pm (Library)**

### Looking ahead...

\*A **World Day of Prayer** service will be held at our church on **Friday, March 2 at 10am**. It's being organized by the Presbyterian Women of our church and First Presbyterian, Green Bay.

\*Has it been a while since you used the "good" dishes? We'll be hosting a special catered "**Dinner at Six**" on **April 18**, and we're asking you to share your place settings. Watch for details or contact Jan Nelson or Barb Kraus.

\*The national **Presbyterian Women's Church-wide Gathering** is set for next **August 2-5** in Louisville, Kentucky. Scholarships are available. Contact Jan Nelson, Susan Leiber, or Julie Mackey for more details or visit [www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/gathering).



### JAM & CORE February Plans...

- \***Sunday 2/4** - no meetings
- \***Sunday 2/11 @ 6pm** - regular meetings
- \***Sunday 2/18 @ 6pm** - regular meetings (discuss Easter service plans & assign roles)
- \***Friday 2/23 & Saturday 2/24** - JAM & CORE "30 Hour Famine Lock-In"
- \***Sunday 2/25** - no meetings

For more information, contact Lynnee Schmidt at [lynneesv@gmail.com](mailto:lynneesv@gmail.com).

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

On **January 16** our team of volunteers served 193 meals prepared by Bruce Kilmer, Lee Richardson, Dennis Hibray, Joe Williams, and



Mike Kettner. Cakes were provided by Mike Kettner, Lynn Huebbe, Marilyn Knuth, Sue Renier, Diane Betz, Vernon Pahl, Debbie Cordova, and Jan Pomprowitz. Rita Kilmer also made brownies for the Freedom House.

Dinner was served by Sydney, Mackenzie, and Sally Lindow; Bruce and Rita Kilmer; and a friend's granddaughter Hannah who was visiting from Australia. In addition Lois Pelishek and Lee Richardson delivered meals to Freedom House.

Our next date at the shelter will be **February 20** 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 737-5376 or [cindi.barnett@snc.edu](mailto:cindi.barnett@snc.edu).

As part of his karate black belt testing process, **Ian Farwell** must achieve goals for body, mind, and spirit. Ian's "spirit" goal involves collecting new and gently used shoes for a program called "**Soles for Jesus.**" You can drop off donations **all through February** at the church. Learn more about this group's work on their website at [www.solesforjesus.org](http://www.solesforjesus.org).



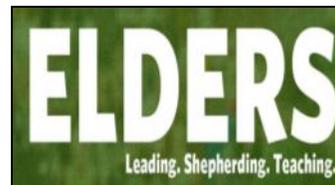
Our own **Dan Hamersky** and **Dave Leiber** travelled to Houston late last month as part of a reconstruction work trip organized by our friends at the Neenah Presbyterian Church.

They're due back on February 4, so pray for their good work and safe travels. We can't wait to hear all about their special experiences!

Our church will be joining hundreds of churches and businesses around Wisconsin once again to support the Family Radio Network's **Help for the Homeless**



**Drive.** Hygiene and cleaning items will be collected from **February 18 through March 11** to help local shelters and crisis programs. All donations stay in the area where they're collected. Some of the most needed items are cleaning supplies, laundry soap, garbage bags, dental and hair care, baby diapers, and feminine care. Our church's donation box will be located in the Narthex. For more details, go to the Family Radio Network's website at [www.thefamily.net](http://www.thefamily.net).



## Session Report

by Dawn Picard, Clerk

The January Session meeting turned into a marathon meeting because the December meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. The year-end financial statement was presented. Expenses came in slightly ahead of income, but the fund balance is healthy and we begin 2018 with confidence in our spending plan. Scott McPherson reported the team approach is working very well for the Christian Education Ministry, and they will continue operating in this manner through the program year.

Leadership and Stewardship Ministry reviewed Pastor Luke in a positive light and accepted his goals for 2018. CASA has been granted permission to use the building on occasion for cooking and lifestyle classes for young teens. Commissioners were named for the February Presbytery meeting in Manitowoc. The Elders reviewed and accepted reports that will be presented at the Annual Meeting on February 18 after worship. Please plan on attending to help wrap up 2017 and to see what exciting things are coming in 2018.



**Elder of the Month**

Ted Huebbe

**Deacons of the Month**

Dan Hamersky plus  
Kendra & Violet Smale



- 1 - Connie Campbell
- 2 - Lisa Nystrom, Katie Pointer, & Natalia Welle
- 4 - Richard Braun & Bev Meeuwssen
- 6 - Adam Dill & Braeden Janssen
- 7 - Michelle Bredael, Caylie Duncanson, & Violet Smale

- 8 - Daniel Paulson
- 9 - Jon Hardt
- 10 - Sarah Larson & Dale Zeimer
- 11 - Lyle Nahley & James Sjolie
- 13 - Mark DeCleene & Ava Mehlberg
- 15 - Barb Guyes
- 18 - Brenda Gauger & Sam Nixon
- 19 - Kaen Philip
- 20 - Jocelyn Blahnik, Alex Johnson, Brandon Macklem, & Joe Tyrrell
- 21 - Judy England & Barb Gray
- 22 - Deacon McCurley
- 23 - Hayley Goddard
- 24 - James Hickey & Kay Rimmel
- 25 - Marissa Roest & Ben Warner

*Our History Corner...*



Ground was broken for our current Sanctuary on **April 7, 1963** by Rev. Leland Rubesh. The wall in the background is the Christian Education wing which had been built a few years earlier. After just five months of construction, the cornerstone was laid for our brand new church on **September 8**. Note the open entrance area and the missing Koinonia Lounge. Also, next time you're at church, see if you can find that original 1963 cornerstone near the front doors.



\*Do you have any church memories to share with us? Please contact Mark Young at [mark@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:mark@firstunitedpc.org) or contact the church office. Thank you!

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**Sunday School**  
*Sunday 8:30am*

**Worship Service**  
*Sunday 9:45am*

**Coffee Fellowship**  
*Sunday 10:45am*



**Office Hours**

**Monday - Thursday**  
*9am - 1pm*

**Friday - closed**



**Do you have info to submit or corrections to share?**

Please send your info to **Mark Young** at [mark@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:mark@firstunitedpc.org) or to the church office at [info@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:info@firstunitedpc.org). We always appreciate your input and feedback!