

# First United Monthly Newsletter

MAY 2018

May brings us **Mother's Day** and **Memorial Day**, but did you know it's also the month for **Star Wars Day** (4 - "May the Fourth Be with You!"), **Root Canal Appreciation Day** (11), and even the famous **Do Dah Day** (19)? Here are a few more important dates for you to keep in mind during May:



## Agape Dinner

\*Open to the public this month!  
Wednesday, 5/2, 5:45 pm



## Sunday Bike Rides

\*Locations rotate weekly  
Begin Sunday, 5/6, 4 pm



## Presby Seekers

\*Special presentation  
by Joe Williams  
Tuesday, 5/8, 10 am



## Hee Haw BBQ & Talent Show

Friday, 5/18, 6 pm



## Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, 5/20, 9:45 am



## Men's Club Brat Sale

Memorial Day weekend,  
5/25,26,27 11 am - 1 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've had a wonderful first year of our **Agape Dinners**, and the final one of this program year is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 2 at 5:45pm**. The menu includes baked ziti (pasta), cheddar garlic bread, salads, and desserts. Financial donations are encouraged but not required. This will be our third dinner open to the community, so we hope you'll bring all your neighbors and friends to share the love and enjoy another great meal.



Time to get out your old bike for the return of our **Sunday Afternoon Bike Rides**. You're invited to join the group beginning **May 6 at 4pm** at a rotation of locations including the Fox River Trail, the East River Trail, the Baird Creek Trail, and Mountain Bay Trail, plus a few surprises during the summer. Rides last about an hour at a pace decided by the riders each week. For details, contact Becky Nyberg at (920) 606-6438 or find the full schedule at [www.firstunitedpc.org](http://www.firstunitedpc.org).

The **Presby Seekers** (for retired folks and friends) are planning their final meeting before the summer break. It's coming **Tuesday, May 8 at 10am** in the Koinonia Lounge. Joe Williams will share a presentation about



how he tries to inspire children to pursue their dreams by studying the S.T.E.M. subjects (science, technology, engineering, and math) in school. In addition, Joe will explain how the Civil Air Patrol and the E.A.A. are helping our community and nation. Everyone's invited!

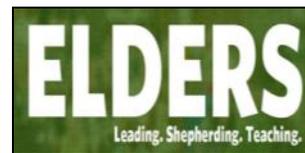


The **Hee Haw BBQ & Talent Show** benefitting our youth program is set for **Friday, May 18 beginning**

**at 6pm!** The menu includes smoked beef brisket, homemade cornbread, peach cobbler, and more. Tickets are now on sale for \$10 per person or \$25 for a family. To apply for the Talent Show, find the application form on our website ([firstunitedpc.org](http://firstunitedpc.org)) under the "What's Happening" tab. Print a copy, complete the form, and return it to the church office as soon as possible. It's going to be a great evening!

## Session Report

by Dawn Picard, Clerk



At the April Session meeting, the Elders had the privilege of hearing the faith statements of the remarkable students being confirmed to the faith on May 20. Accepted into membership through Confirmation are Braeden Janssen, Ashton Macklem, Violet Smale, and Blake Van De Hei. Permission was also granted for three couples to hold their wedding ceremonies in the sanctuary this summer.

The Elders engaged in a long, thoughtful discussion on how to portray FUPC as a welcoming church to a diverse community. Information will be gathered and more discussion held at the May meeting.

Session is pleased to announce that four people applied for the newly-created SPARK grants, and all were granted some or all of the funding requested. More information will come soon when the grants are announced during an upcoming worship service.

Time to start planning for **VBS 2018!** Our adventure will begin on **Sunday July 22** for kids from pre-school through those entering 6th grade. Please register your child soon to help with our planning. Visit our website at [firstunitedpc.org](http://firstunitedpc.org) and click on the VBS logo to link to the registration site. As a bonus, the first ten families to register will win a free CD including all the great VBS music. Sign up today and consider registering yourself or your teen as a volunteer. The little ones shouldn't get to have all the fun!

### Presbyterian Women Calendar

Join us for some of our group opportunities and activities!

- 5/3 - P.W.C.T. Mtg. @ 9am (Room 11) & Mission Sewing Group @ 9:30am ("K" Lounge)
- 5/10 - Talbot Circle @ noon (Koinonia Lounge)
- 5/16 - Esther Circle @ 9:30am (Koinonia Lounge)
- 5/19 - Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)
- 5/22 - 4th Tuesday Readers Group @ 1pm (Library)

**A Few More Things...**

- \* Our P.W. group wants to thank everyone for your enthusiastic support of last month's **Rummage Sale and Used Book Sale!**
- \* Get special **Mother's Day Cards** through **May 13** in the Narthex. Donations will support the PC(USA)'s "**Healthy Women, Healthy Families**" program helping impoverished people around the world.
- \* P.W.'s **Triennial Churchwide Gathering** is coming **August 2-5** in Louisville, KY. Scholarship money is available. See **Jan Nelson** for further information.



## Monthly Financial Update

(as of March 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                | \$85,400            | \$99,500            |
| Expenses              | \$79,000            | \$84,300            |
| <b>Building Fund</b>  |                     |                     |
| Income                | \$12,300            | \$13,800            |

**Special Upcoming Offering:**  
**Deacons Fund Offering - May 6**

## Welcome Our Church Family's Newest Members!



Heather Newell

Jill Larson



Melissa Rusk



Learn more about each of them in upcoming **Weekly Newsletters** inserted in your Sunday Bulletin and on our church website.

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

On **April 17** our team of volunteers served **183** meals consisting of chili with shredded cheese, salad, pineapple, peaches, and bread prepared by Bruce Kilmer, Lee Richardson, and Joe Williams. Cakes were provided by Mike Kettner, Dan Hamersky, Kathy Zeitler, Wanda Bauer, Vernon Pahl, Kathy Thorpe, and Anne Motquin. Rita Kilmer also provided brownies for Freedom House.



Dinner was served by **A n n e Motquin, Violet and K e n d r a**

**Smale, Michelle Griffith, Wanda Bauer, Sydney Lindow, Kathy Thorpe, and Mike Kettner.** In addition Lois Pelishek and Lee Richardson delivered meals to Freedom House.

Our next date at the shelter will be **May 15** 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 [mdbetz@att.net](mailto:mdbetz@att.net). If you would like to help prepare a meal or serve at the shelter, please contact **Cindi Barnett** at 737-5376 or at [cindi.barnett@snc.edu](mailto:cindi.barnett@snc.edu).



Our regular music groups will be taking a summer vacation which means it's your chance to share your gift of music. If you'd like to enhance our worship by providing special music one week, contact **Andy Parks** or **Julie Mackey** to reserve a date. Don't delay. Dates fill up quickly. You can find the master list on the white board in our Music Room.

## Presbyterian Pantry Update...

The **Presbyterian Food Pantry** was started in 1971 at First Presbyterian Church in Green Bay. Through the decades, they've helped thousands of local individuals and families combat hunger.



The pantry's name stems from the fact that the two major supporters are their church and ours.

Our church contributes to the Pantry in several ways. We collect food donations, give money from our church's mission budget and special offerings, provide a representative on the Pantry Board of Directors, and provide all volunteers to pack the shelf-stable food items. Our "packers" work on the **second and fourth Mondays each month from 9-11am.**



Thanks to the many volunteers who have helped recently including Sue Hutchison, Carol Pointer, David Leiber, Sandy Steffan, Diane Betz, Kathy

Thorpe, Jane Mariucci, Linda Allen, Ian Mackey, Marilyn Kabat, Julie Mackey, and Susan Leiber. **If you're interested in helping, contact Julie Mackey (337-0890) or Susan Leiber (337-0979).**

In addition to our regular support, the Presbyterian Pantry needs some extra help this month.

They will receive food donations from the upcoming **Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive."** On **Saturday May 12**, the Pantry will need extra hands to unpack and sort all the supplies received from that city-wide collection. **If you can help, please meet at First Presbyterian Church (200 S. Ashland Ave., Green Bay) at 3:30pm.**



For more information about the Presbyterian Pantry, visit [www.firstpresgreenbay.org/presbyterianpantry](http://www.firstpresgreenbay.org/presbyterianpantry) or contact Julie Mackey (337-0890) or Susan Leiber (337-0979).



- 1 - Barbara Richardson
- 4 - Caryn French & Caleb O'Brien
- 6 - Leigh Deprez
- 7 - Sean Duncanson & Donna Herber
- 9 - Emma Cannon & Dennis Koltz
- 10 - Ted Huebbe, John Nusbaum, & Emilie Planert
- 11 - Alex Dill, Logan Dzekute, & Jared Longton
- 12 - Tom Vincent & Barb Williams
- 13 - Rex Mehlberg & Lucas Planert

- 14 - Kyle Furlong & Allan Pagel
- 15 - Brian Dorn & Tristen Ostrom
- 17 - Brooke Pahl & Patricia Welle
- 18 - Sandra Birchfield
- 19 - Jack Paulson
- 21 - Bob Bivins & Chandler Steele
- 22 - Diane Betz
- 23 - Deborah Solberg
- 24 - Steve Warner
- 25 - John Foeller, Colleen McCurley, & Barbara Sobel
- 30 - John Cornell, Rachel O'Brien, & Carol Toyama-Longton
- 31 - John Everett & Mary Anna Von Hoff



**Do you know John and Gwen Haspels?**  
They are Presbyterian Mission workers and longtime friends of our church who were almost killed in an attack in Ethiopia several years ago. Thanks to Anne Dropp, you can read their latest update letters posted on the Kiosk in our Narthex.

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*"Changing Lives through God's Love in Christ"*

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**Sunday School**  
8:30am

**Worship Service**  
9:45am

**Coffee Fellowship**  
10:45am

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**Office Hours**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
9am - 1pm  
**Friday - closed**

*Our History Corner...*

That bell we hear ringing every Sunday morning has quite a history. It began on top of our older church in downtown De Pere back in 1887. When we moved to our current church building, our bell had to be transported here by tow truck, but unfortunately there was no tower for it. For 25 years, it sat on display downstairs in our Fellowship Hall (now classrooms 12 & 13).



As part of a major building project that added the Koinonia Lounge, we also had the bell refurbished and added a bell tower. On **October 23, 1988**, our bell rang again for worship. Pictured from that dedication are (clockwise) the Pastor, Rev. Dick Anderson; architect, Richard Griese; Wally Horne; and Associate Pastor, Rev. Susan Jaeger.

Next Sunday, take a look at the first thing listed in the bulletin. We begin each service **"Ringin' the 1887 Bell."** Not bad for something 131 years old!

If you have photos, films, or church memories to share, please contact Mark Young at [mark@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:mark@firstunitedpc.org) or contact the church office.