

First United Monthly Newsletter

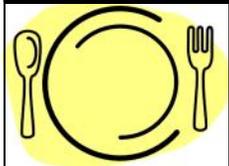
OCTOBER 2018



October is probably best known for Halloween (10/31), but we bet you didn't know it's also **Learn to Bowl Month**, **National Toilet Tank Repair Month**, and of course **Squirrel Awareness Month**. Here are a few more important dates for you to keep in mind:



**Men's Club 62nd Annual
Fruitcake Bake Kickoff**
Monday, 10/1, 5:45pm



Agape Dinner
Wednesday, 10/3, 5:45pm



**Happy 30th Birthday PW!
Lunch & Program**
Saturday, 10/13, 11:30am



Sweetest Day Dinner
Saturday, 10/20, 6 pm



Family Halloween Party
Wednesday, 10/24, 5:45pm

Remember, you can always find the most up-to-date church event information in our **"Weekly Newsletter"** available in your Sunday bulletin, in the Friday Weekend Preview emails, and on our website at www.firstunitedpc.org. You can also find our official church calendar of events on the website. Don't miss a thing!

Our October **Agape Dinner** is coming up on **Wednesday, October 3 at 5:45pm**. The October menu includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggies, and more. Be sure to invite your friends because our Agape Dinners are now open to the whole community!



**Coming
October 14!**

Our church's **Pony Express RUN** will get underway on **Sunday, October 14**

with a special breakfast (for those who have agreed to be Station Agents or Trail Bosses) and the commissioning of the Trail Bosses later by the Pastor.

During morning worship, the Pony Express RUN will be explained to everyone, demonstrating how to use the saddlebag by completing your "Estimate of Giving" card and relaying it to the next home. Each saddlebag will have eight to ten families listed on the relay route.

You will be able to make your decision about giving to God in the privacy of your own home without another member present.

We are grateful to the members who have agreed to serve as our Trail Bosses to supervise the relay of our saddlebags. Please plan on attending worship on Sunday, October 14 to participate in the official start of our Pony Express Run.

Thank you for serving,
Your Stewardship Ministry Team



Come celebrate a special birthday on **Saturday, October 13 beginning at 11:30am** featuring a lunch and a unique program celebrating

30 years of Presbyterian Women. The party will begin in the Koinonia Lounge with an interactive timeline, followed by lunch and a program with speaker Nancy Siewert from First Presbyterian Green Bay highlighting PW past, present, and future. All birthday parties have presents, and this one is no different. Please bring unwrapped gifts for children age 0 - 18 to be donated to the Christmas toy distribution at the Presbyterian Pantry coming in December.

Want to celebrate "Sweetest Day" and help support the church at the same time? Get your tickets for the **Agape "Sweetest Day" Dinner** to be held on **Saturday, October 20** as a special fundraiser for our Agape Dinner program. It will include a social time at 6pm followed by dinner at 6:30 featuring beef roulade with a demi glaze, oven roasted veggies, dutchess potatoes, salad, and cheese cake with a raspberry cream on top. Tickets for this amazing gathering will go on sale on October 3 for \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. They'll also be available on Sunday, October 7 and 14. Tickets must be purchased in advance so they know how many to cook for. Be sure to get yours early and celebrate Sweetest Day.



Our 5th annual **Family Halloween Party** is set for **Wednesday, October 24, at 5:45pm.** Families with kids ages pre-K through

5th grade can enjoy dinner, games, and a devotion. Costumes are optional, but encouraged (nothing gory or violent please). Younger and older siblings are also welcome to join the fun. The cost will be \$3 per person with a maximum of \$10 per family. To help with the event planning, please R.S.V.P. to **Meggan Farwell** at dce@firstunitedpc.org.

Monthly Financial Update

(as of August 31, 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
Operating Fund		
Income	\$235,200	\$226,400
Expenses	\$197,400	\$217,500
Building Fund		
Income	\$37,500	\$35,700

Special Upcoming Dates:

Deacons Fund Offering - October 7

"Pony Express Run" Stewardship Campaign begins - Oct. 14

Session Report

by Dawn Picard, Clerk



The September Session meeting provided the opportunity to hear from Pastor Luke about his activities during sabbatical and to receive his appreciation once again for the opportunity to renew and refresh. This meeting was also a good time to review some house-keeping items so treasurer, Sue Planert, was present to explain all things financial. Clerk Dawn Picard, reviewed the formats for setting agendas and taking minutes. Scott McPherson and Bill Picard recapped the events involved with clean-up of the water damaged rooms. Scott, Bill, and Dennis Hibray have done an outstanding job of extracting the moisture, sanitizing and cleaning the carpets, hauling the trash, and reconditioning those rooms sustaining water damage. Additional work will include repair of sections of the tile floor and painting some of the rooms. Appreciation was expressed for their hard work and dedication to FUPC. Action items included granting permission for the baptism of Breylen Couillard, daughter of Ashley Delaruelle and Adam Couillard on October 14, naming commissioners to the Presbytery meeting on October 20, and appointing Mark DeCleene and Bill Picard as Elders on the Nominating Committee.

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

On **Tuesday, September 18** our team served 216 meals at the shelter. The food was prepared by Dennis and Debbie Hibray along with Joe Williams. Cakes were provided by Vern Pahl, Diane Betz, Sue Renier, Marilyn Knuth, Sandy Steffen, Debby Cordova, Mike Kettner, Barb LeMense, and Jane Grocholski.



Dinner was served by Sally Lindow, D e b b i e Hibray, Mark DeCleene, Tim Toepel, Mike Kettner, and Nancy (a friend of Mike). In addition, Lois Pelishek delivered meals to the Freedom House.

Our next date at the shelter will be **October 16** 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 at the shelter, please contact **Cindi Barnett** at 737-5376 or cindi.barnett@snc.edu.

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?

- 10/4 - **Mission Sewing @ 9:30am**
(Koinonia Lounge)
- 10/11 - **P.W. Coordinating Team Mtg. @ 8:30am (Room 11)**
- 10/13 - **"Happy 30th Birthday PW" lunch & program @ 11:30am ("K" Lounge)**
- 10/17 - **Esther Circle Bible Study @ 9:30am**
(Koinonia Lounge)
- 10/20 - **Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)**
- 10/23 - **4th Tues. Readers @ 1pm (Library)**
- 10/28 - **PW Used Book Sale begins**

*No Talbot Circle this month...

The **62nd Annual Men's Club Fruitcake Bake** will kick off another tasty holiday fundraiser on **Monday, Oct. 1** with a chili dinner at **5:45pm**.



They'll also assemble all the dry ingredients and assign shifts for the coming weeks of baking and wrapping.

After the kick off event, guys will be baking and wrapping on Mondays at 5pm, Tuesdays at 8am and 5pm, and Wednesdays at 8am through October. Contact **Paul Weiss** at 530-6727 or epaulweiss@gmail.com for more details. Everyone's invited to join in for the 62nd year of this wonderful tradition!



Attention all crafty friends! The **Papercrafter** group would like to re-introduce themselves and invite you to join them for an upcoming crafting day. They're a group of church members and

friends who've been gathering for 13 years to be creative. Meetings are generally on the **third Saturday of the month beginning at 10am**. They take a break to eat lunch together and then continue working until around 3pm. You can either make cards (8 cards for \$15 - advance notice required to make sure they have a kit for you) or join them with your own project to work on. All ages and skills welcome.

The next meetings are scheduled for **October 20** and **November 17**. If you, or a friend, are interested in learning about making cards or scrapbooking, or you want to get back in the hobby, they'd love to have you join them. If you are interested and have questions, contact Amy Nelson at ajb.nelson@gmail.com or feel free to talk to any of the current group members: Amy Nelson, Barb Williams, Deb Hibray, Karen Braun, Laurie Clayton, or Jan Nelson.

Presbyterian Women Fall Used Book Sale

Beginning
Sunday, October 28

Church Clean-Up Day
Saturday, Nov. 3





A Message from Pastor Luke

John Denver wrote a song titled, "Back Home Again." One of the lines in the song is "There's all the news to tell him, and how did you spend your time. Yes, 'n, hey it's good to be back home again." I am

writing to let you know how good it feels to be back home again with all of you here at First United. For the last 12 weeks, I have been on sabbatical because of the kindness and generosity of all of you. During this time of Sabbath, my family was able to travel west and enjoy the beauty of God's creation while camping in our travel trailer. During our trip, we visited a number of state and national parks in South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana.



We were awed by the natural beauty that exists within our country and blessed by the kindness of new friends we met along the way. It reminded me of how important it is to reignite our own spirits through fresh experiences and new vistas. Thanks to the sabbatical, we, as a family, were able to create memories that will last a lifetime.

On our return trip home, we received the sad news that my stepfather, Sid, had been taken to the hospital. Early the next morning he died, with my mom, brother, and sister-in-law by his side. Upon returning home to Green Bay, I immediately traveled to Maryland to be



with my mother and family. On the day of the funeral, my family spotted a beautiful flower arrangement, with a note from First United Presbyterian Church.

On the card was the scripture passage from the Book of Revelation which read, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." At that moment distance was irrelevant. All of you were right there in the sanctuary of Elkton Presbyterian Church.

In truth, my sabbatical did not unfold exactly how I had planned. But when does life ever unfold the way we think it will? However, God was there, and God provided. I don't know how I would have been able to have the time helping my mother without the gift of my sabbatical. And I can't express what a gift it was to be able to be there for someone who has always been there for me. That leads me back to the beginning of this letter. Home is a place that we need to be able to leave and come back to. Otherwise, we too easily forget what a true gift it is to have a home in the first place.

Thank you for making First United a home for my family. And thank you for providing me this Sabbath opportunity. I am grateful to be back home with you, indeed!

In Christ,
Luke

**First United
Presbyterian Church**
"Changing Lives through God's Love in Christ"
605 N Webster Ave., De Pere, WI 54115
(920) 336-1446
info@firstunitedpc.org
www.firstunitedpc.org
facebook.com/First.United.Pres

▶▶◀◀

Sunday School - Sunday 8:30am

Worship Service - Sunday 9:45am

Coffee Fellowship - Sunday 10:45am

▶▶◀◀

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9am - 1pm

Friday - closed