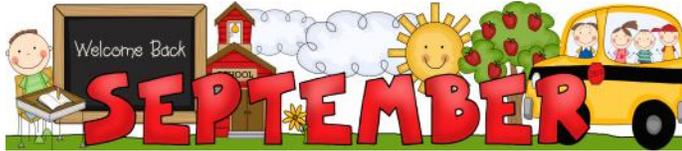


# First United Monthly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2018



September's best known for Labor Day, back to school, and football. However, it's also the time for **Be Late for Something Day** (9/5), **National Hollerin' Day** (9/8), and **Hug a Vegetarian Day** (9/28). Here are a few more important dates to keep in mind:



## Agape Dinner

Wednesday, 9/5, 5:45pm



## Rally Day 2018

Sunday School, Choir Return,  
Congregational Mtg., &  
Potluck Lunch

Sunday, 9/9, 8:30am



## Sunday Bike Rides

Most Sundays at 4pm



## Presbyterian Golf Outing

Saturday, 9/22



## Presby Seekers

\*The St. John's Bible viewing  
Tuesday, 9/25, 10am

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](http://www.firstunitedpc.org). You can also find our official church calendar of events on the website. Don't miss a thing!

Our monthly **Agape Dinners** will return on **Wednesday, September 5 at 5:45pm** in the Family Life Center. Agape means "selfless love," and we'll be opening our dinners to the whole community every month this



year thanks to the selfless love and hard work of our Agape Dinner Planning Team. The September menu will be a tailgate theme with brats, Polish sausage, hot dogs, potato salad, watermelon, and desserts. Your financial donation will be appreciated but isn't required. Invite all your friends and neighbors, and join us for this special gathering!



## Rally Day 2018

Sunday,  
September 9

That's the day we begin a new church program year with the return of our **Sunday School** classes for all ages at **8:30am**, the return of our regular musical groups during worship with **Chancel Choir** rehearsal returning at **8:30am**, a special distribution of Bibles to kids, and our big annual **Rally Day Potluck Lunch!** You're encouraged to bring your favorite main dish, salad, or dessert to share with all our church family. Please note that there will be a very brief **Congregational Meeting** after the service to fill open officer positions. **Join us as we begin a great new season of church family activities!**



## 2018-19 Christian Education Update

By Rev. Meggan Farwell, D.C.E.

Sunday School begins on Rally Day! Adults and families with kids are invited to meet in the Family Life Center at **8:30am on September 9** to begin the morning before heading into the individual classes.

Our children from ages **three to 5th grade** will begin a three-year Bible study called *“Deep Blue Connects: At Home with God.”* It incorporates family-themed stories, service learning, science activities, art & crafts, animated videos, and active games.

Our **middle high youth** will continue the *“Believe”* curriculum exploring themes of hope, love, forgiveness, and purpose with Mark DeCleene and Patricia Welle.

Our **senior high students** will have three options. They can attend one of the two adult classes being offered or serve as a helper with the younger kids. They should contact Meggan if they are interested in helping in other classes.

Finally, **adults** will have two choices for their Christian Education again this year. The first class will be held in the Koinonia Lounge featuring various topics and presenters through the season. The second adult class will be offered in the Gathering Area with Lynnee Schmidt leading a video-based discussion called *“God’s Messy Family.”*

Join us for a wonderful Christian Education year!

## Presbyterian Women Calendar

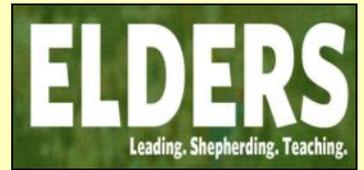


Join us for some of our group opportunities and activities!

- 9/6 - **Mission Sewing** @ 9:30am  
(Koinonia Lounge)
- 9/13 - **PWCT** @ 8:30am (Room 11) &  
**Talbot Circle** @ 12pm (“K” Lounge)
- 9/14-16 - **Papercrafting Retreat** (off site)
- 9/19 - **Esther Circle Bible Study** @ 9:30am  
(Koinonia Lounge)
- 9/25 - **4th Tues. Readers** @ 1pm (Library)

## Session Report

by Dawn Picard, Clerk



At the **August Session** meeting, the Elders heard a healthy financial report with income exceeding expenses. Dates were set for a short congregational meeting to elect officers for vacant positions, for ordination and installation of new church officers, and for a baptism. Reports were received from the ministries, and plans for the upcoming pledge campaign were reviewed. The outgoing Elders were thanked for their service.

To Tom Bayer, Donna Cass, Corday Goddard, Cole Griffin, and Tom Steffen:

*“Thank you for answering the call of the nominating committee and agreeing to serve as a Ruling Elder at First United Presbyterian Church. Whether you have been here for one, two, or three years, we know that you have given your time and talents to lead our congregation and advance God’s plans for His people. It is difficult to carve out the time to set agendas, attend meetings, complete tasks, and oversee the needs of such a diverse congregation. It is even harder to discern the mind of God in making decisions for this church. You have all risen to the challenges of leadership and served with grace, honor, and humor. You have set examples of unselfish service that we all appreciate. As you go off of Session, we invite you to stay involved in your chosen ministry and to keep this church and all its leaders in your prayers. Thank you for your commitment to FUPC. May God bless you always. Well done, good and faithful servant!”*

## YOUTH GROUP News

Our **Youth Groups** are set to return on **Sunday, September 16 at 6pm.**

**Core** leaders Scott McPherson and Dawn Picard invite all middle high youth to bring their Bible, their appetite, and a friend to go over plans for the coming year, explain the tokens, and end with a few surprises!

**JAM** leaders Lynnee Schmidt, Mark DeCleene, and Gary Williams are excited to begin a year of awesome discussions, great relationships, and (of course) food with our church family’s senior high young people. See you on the 16th!





Our **Weekly Prayer Group** will resume their meetings on **Thursday, September 6 at 10am** in the Prayer Room across from the Copy Room. New members are always invited to join the weekly gatherings. Everyone's also encouraged to submit their specific prayer requests using the Prayer Cards in the pew racks. You can turn in your card on Sundays to be included in the "Prayers of the People" during worship, or you can drop your card in the box by the door of the Prayer Room.



**September 9 is the deadline** to register for the **Third Annual Presbyterian Golf Outing**. It's set for **Saturday, September 22** at the Ledgeview Golf Course. Men and women of any skill level are invited. It's only \$30 for nine holes, a cart, and lunch. To register, write down your name, phone number, and email address, and drop it in the offering plate. Contact **Ken Nyberg** for more information.

Our **Presby Seekers** group for retired folks and friends will return on **Tuesday, September 25** with plans to enjoy a rare opportunity. They'll meet at our church to carpool to St. Norbert where they'll experience a special viewing of The St. John's Bible. One large volume from the limited Heritage Edition is on display featuring beautiful, hand-written contents highlighted by dramatic illustrations. The Presby Seekers invite everyone to meet in the Koinonia Lounge at **10am on September 25** to carpool. Those who have seen it say - prepare to be awestruck!



Our **Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell** will be returning from his Sabbatical Leave on **Sunday, September 23**. Welcome home Pastor Luke!



**New church officers will be ordained and installed on Sunday, September 16**

Ruling Elders

Chris Bivins, Amy Cassidy, Ken Nyberg, and Alice Wood

Deacons

Becky Dzekute, Barbara LeMense, Bonnie LeMense, and Betty Pajkos

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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**