

First United Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2019



February is best known for the **Super Bowl** and **Valentine's Day**, but it's also the month for **Ice Cream for Breakfast Day** (2/2), **Love Makes the World Go Round, But**

Laughter Keeps Us from Getting Dizzy Week (2/8-14), and **Curling is Cool Day** (2/23). Here are a few more important dates you might want to mark on your calendar...

On the first Sunday in February back in 2013, **Rev. Luke Farwell** officially began serving as our minister at First United Presbyterian Church. Be sure to wish Pastor Luke a happy sixth anniversary and let the Farwells know how glad we are that their family is a part of our church family. Happy anniversary, Pastor Luke!



Our next **Agape Dinner** is coming up **Wednesday, February 6 at 5:45pm**. The menu will include shepherd's pie and chicken pot pie. We could still use some helpers for serving and clean-up, so sign up on the bulletin board in the Family Life Center. If you'd like to offer your financial support at any time, drop your donations into the wooden box in front of the bulletin board. Bring your family and invite your friends to come and enjoy our free dinner!



Dust off your recipe books because our **8th Annual Chili Cook-off** is returning **Saturday, February 9 at 5:30pm!** After Kevin Mackey won his second trophy last



year, our record is five different winners over seven years. Maybe you can become this year's champion! You're invited to bring a crock pot of your favorite "secret recipe" to join the competition, or you're encouraged to just come and enjoy judging all the tasty entries. Mark your calendar for this fun and flavorful Saturday night competition!



Our **Annual Congregational Meeting** is set for **Sunday, February 10** following worship. The 2018 Annual Report from all our ministries

and groups will be available in advance so that you can preview all the information before the meeting if you'd like. 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 with everyone for our meal on February 10.

Remember that you can always find the most up-to-date church information in our **"Weekly Newsletter"** inside your Sunday bulletin. You can also find all our information, newsletters, and official church calendar of events on our website at www.firstunitedpc.org. Be sure you don't miss a thing!



Our **Presby Seekers** are going to Africa in February - well, at least vicariously! Our group for retired folks and friends will gather on **Tuesday, February 12 at 10am** for a presentation from Corday Goddard about his trip to Zambia. He participated in a program which supported the travels of St. Norbert College students, and he'll be sharing his amazing experiences. Everyone's invited, and light refreshments will be provided.

The **Contemporary Readers Group** book for February will be *We Fed an Island: The Story of Rebuilding Puerto Rico One Meal at a Time* by Jose Andres. The group's meeting will be held **Sunday, February 10 at 5:30pm** (moved a week due to the Super Bowl). Check out the book and then join in the conversation when the group gets together.



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Our annual **Family Valentine Party** is set for **Wednesday, February 13 from 5:45 to 7:15pm**. Families with children ages pre-K through grade 5 (plus younger or older siblings) are invited to meet in the Family Life Center for dinner, lots of fun, and a devotion about the one love that will never fail. The cost will be \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Please contact Meggan Farwell (dce@firstunitedpc.org) in advance so she knows how many parties to plan for.



Our church will be joining hundreds of other churches and businesses around Wisconsin once again to support the Family Radio Network's **Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive** from **February 17 through March 10**.



Hygiene and cleaning items will be collected to help local shelters and crisis programs. Some of the most needed items are cleaning supplies, laundry soap, garbage bags, dental and hair care, baby diapers, and feminine care.

Last year the campaign raised \$410,000 worth of products that were donated to 83 agencies in 15 counties. All donations stay in the area where they're collected. For more details, go to the Family Radio Network's website at www.thefamily.net.



Presbyterian Women Calendar

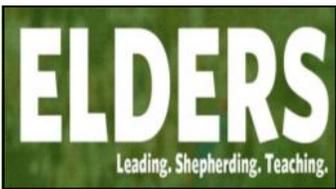
Our Presbyterian Women's group is a community of women who are hardworking, faithful, curious, welcoming, prayerful, creative, and giving. They are YOU! Why not join us for some of our group opportunities and activities?

- 2/7 - **Mission Sewing @ 9:30am**
(Koinonia Lounge)
- 2/14 - **P.W. Coordinating Team Mtg. @ 8:30am (Room 11) & Talbot Circle @ 12pm** (Koinonia Lounge)
- 2/20 - **Esther Circle Bible Study @ 9:30am** (Koinonia Lounge)
- 2/22-24 **Papercrafting Retreat (off site)**
- 2/26 - **4th Tuesday Readers @ 1pm** (Library)

Looking ahead...

*The **P.W. Rummage Sale** will be held on **Saturday, April 27** (with set up the day before). As you're sorting through things during this cold season or when you begin some early spring cleaning, be sure to set aside things that you could donate to the big fundraiser in April.

*The Presbyterian Women will be holding a catered lunch called "**Christmas in July**" on **Saturday, July 13**. There will be a Christmas boutique, a special mission program, and tables designed in a Christmas theme by members of our church. If you'd like to design a table, find reservation forms on the P.W. bulletin board in the Family Life Center. Talk with Jan Nelson or other P.W. team members for more details.



Session Report

by Dawn Picard, Clerk

The main focus of the January Session meeting was church finances. Brian Lindow reviewed the end of year numbers. He stated that December expenses were below budgeted amounts and December income exceeded expenses, so the year ended with a healthy fund balance. The 2019 budget was approved and will be presented at the annual meeting. The Session also approved the Pastor's terms of call. Those will be presented for vote by the congregation at the annual meeting. Session formally accepted Tim and Jane Groholski as new members. The statistical report was reviewed. This will be presented at the annual meeting and then filed with the denomination. Representatives were named for the upcoming Presbytery meeting. Ted Huebbe, Amy Cassidy, Chris Bivins, and Pastor Luke will attend the February 16 meeting at Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church in Stevens Point. The Leadership Ministry scheduled a meeting on March 2 to review, discuss, and formulate goals for our church.

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

On **January 15** our team of volunteers served 211 meals prepared by Bruce Kilmer, Dennis Hibray, Joe Williams, and Lee Richardson. Cakes were provided by Elaine Farwell, Barb LeMense, Diane Betz, Sue Renier, Marilyn Knuth, Debbie Cordova, Lynn Huebbe, Mike Kettner, and Cindi Barnett.



Our dinner was served by Anne Motquin, Diane Betz, Lynn Huebbe, Tim Toepel, Kendra Smale, Mike Kettner and Bruce Kilmer. In addition Lois Pelishek and Lee Richardson delivered meals to Freedom House.



Our next date at the shelter will be **February 19** 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. 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.



Monthly Financial Update

(final 2018 totals)

"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
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Special Upcoming Dates:

Deacons Fund Offering - February 3

2019 Per Capita - February 10

Some personalized 2019 offering envelopes are still available in the Narthex. If you ordered them, please pick yours up today.



Our church family is looking for a few good fixer-uppers. If you have even some basic skills and are willing to consider helping, please join our meeting on **Sunday, February 3 at 11:15am** in the Family Life Center. It's just an informational meeting, so please join the discussion and see how you can help.

Have you heard about our new **Woe-Be-Gone Group**? It's led by Pastor Luke and Barb Williams to offer encouragement, support, and friendship through intentional listening, guidance, and prayer. Everyone is welcome for some tea and light refreshments on the last Thursday each month at 10am. Contact Pastor Luke at luke@firstunitedpc.com or 920-336-1446 if you have questions or want details.



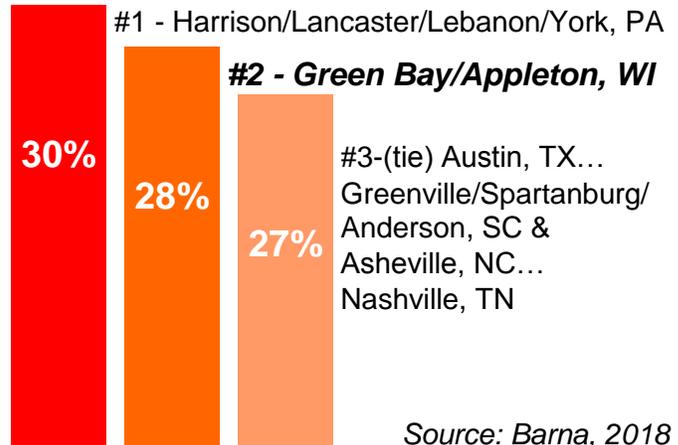


Logan Van De Hei and **Kaen Schmidt** both left recently for Basic Training. If you'd like to write them with your encouragement and prayers, here are their current addresses:

AB Van De Hei, Logan E
324 TRS/FLT 177 Dorm A4
1320 Truemper St, Unit 362910
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236-6411

AB Schmidt, Kaen P
331 TRS/FLT 226 Dorm 4A2
1320 Truemper St, Unit 369556
JBSA Lackland, TX 78236-6408

The Cities that Volunteer Most: % of Adults Who Volunteer at a Nonprofit Weekly



Our History Corner...

In the fall of 2012, after many months of searching and interviewing, our church's Pastor Nominating Committee became very interested in a young man named Rev. Luke Farwell who was the Associate Pastor at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. The mutual interest grew, and Luke was invited to preach at another church in our area as a step in the process.

On **December 1, 2012**, most of us first met Luke at a reception followed by his first sermon shared with our church family on December 2. That was the day it became official –



Rev. Luke Farwell would be our new Pastor at First United Presbyterian Church.



What a great time for the Farwells to be moving to Wisconsin. It was the middle of

winter, they had to sell their house in Virginia, find a new home in the Green Bay area, and Elaine was a month old! Pastor Luke officially began his time with us on **February 3, 2013**. Meggan, Ian, and Elaine joined him here about a month later. **We wish them all a happy sixth anniversary. We're so glad their family is a part of our church family!**



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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