

First United Monthly Newsletter

AUGUST 2019



August is not really known for any famous holidays, but it is the time for some interesting celebrations including **National Root Beer Float Day** (8/6 - get a free small float at A&W from 2-8 pm - no purchase necessary!), **Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Night** (8/8), and **National Bow Tie Day** (8/28). Here are a few more important dates for you to keep in mind:



Church Family Camp Out
Friday & Saturday, 8/2-3



Sunday Service Day
Sunday, 8/4, after church



Sunday Bike Rides
Every Sunday at 4pm



AGAPE Dinner
Wednesday, 8/7, 5:45 pm



P.W. "On the Go!"
Visit the Farmory
Thursday, 8/22, 10 am

You can always find the most up-to-date church information in our **Weekly Newsletter** insert in your Sunday bulletin, in the "Weekend Preview" email each Friday, on our Facebook page, and on our church website at www.firstunitedpc.org. You'll also find the official church calendar of events on the website too. We have a lot going on, so be sure you don't miss a thing!

We hope you got to share our wonderful **2019 Worship in the Garden and Church Family Picnic** on July 21. It was our seventh annual outdoor event (including two in the park and five in our garden). After a stormy weekend, the morning was almost perfect. Our beautiful worship service was followed by another great potluck picnic.



Thanks to Julie Mackey, Scott McPherson, Ted Huebbe, our Men's Club, and each of you who brought food or contributed to making this event another wonderful celebration of God's creation for our church family.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this summer's **ROAR! Vacation Bible School** a huge success! During the week, all our kids (plus adult and youth volunteers) learned that no matter what happens in life **GOD is GOOD!** The kids also raised over \$50 for **Operation Kid-to-Kid** which supports moms and babies in Zambia. Thanks to each of you who donated supplies or helped in other ways to make it all happen!



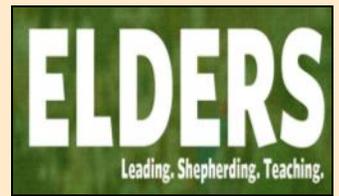
If you're looking for more VBS, our friends at First Presbyterian Church in Green Bay will be holding theirs on August 5-7 from 5-7pm each day. Find out more about their VBS plans at firstpresgreenbay.org.

We're having another great season in our **Judy Allan Memorial Garden** producing fresh vegetables for local food pantries, but we still need more help maintaining and harvesting. If you'd like to get involved, come join the **God's Gardeners** volunteers every other **Wednesday at 6pm** (August 7 & 21). You can also check out the **Sign-Up Calendar** in the Family Life Center to select dates that you are available to help. Instructions are located in the kiosk by the garden. Contact Lynn Huebbe at lynn_huebbe@new.rr.com for more. Many hands are needed to help our garden grow and to deliver food to area shelters.



Session Report

by Dawn Picard, Clerk



At the **July meeting** the Ruling Elders heard from Tori England, Bill and Dawn Picard, and Pastor Luke about the seminar they attended earlier in the month as part of the Healthy Pastor/Healthy Congregation program developed by the PC(USA) Board of Pensions. This seminar showed the importance of supporting the Pastor and staff financially and positioning the church to make sound financial decisions. Pastor Luke also shared his conversation with the Committee on Ministry concerning welcoming Corday Goddard as an Inquirer as a candidate for ministry. The church will offer Corday their prayers and some financial support as he takes this journey.

The Session also accepted the resignation of Lynnee Schmidt from the position of Youth Administrator and thanked her for her dedication to our youth. She will continue to volunteer in the youth program. Session then unanimously voted to adjust Rev. Meggan Farwell's job description to include those duties of Youth Administrator and increase her hours and salary to reflect these new duties. Welcome Rev. Megan!

Scott McPherson and Mark De Cleene shared their experiences as chaperones for the Great Escape. It was a wonderful week for all campers and chaperones. Pastor Luke will be on vacation August 11-17. Sue Planert has resigned after nine years in the position. The Session greatly appreciates her time, dedication, and professionalism and wishes her well as she devotes this time to other important areas of her life. Thank you for everything, Sue! A new treasurer, John Eggers, has been hired and will take the reins on August 1. Elder of the Month for August is Ted Huebbe.

Presbyterian Women Updates

Join them for some of their group opportunities and activities!



- 8/1 - **Mission Sewing @ 9:30am** (Koinonia Lounge)
- 8/8 - **P.W.C.T. Mtg. @ 9am (Room 11) & Talbot Circle @ 11:30am (off site)**
- 8/17 - **Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)**
- 8/22 - **P.W. On the Go @ 9:30am** (The Farmory, RSVP to Susan Leiber)
- 8/27 - **4th Tues. Readers @ 1pm (Koinonia Lounge)**

Looking Ahead...

The Presbyterian Women's **Esther Circle Bible Study** will return on September 18 with the topic of Love Carved in Stone (The Ten Commandments). The study book is \$10 (large print is \$15). If you'd like to purchase a book and join the study, please contact Marilyn Knuth at 336-7159 **by August 14**. All women are welcome.



Our church will be hosting a **"Presbyterian Women Mission Explosion"** this fall. One project will be creating "Blessing Bags" for women's shelters. They're collecting travel-sized bar soap, shampoo, lotion, shower gel, toothpaste, etc. Can you help? Find out more on the P.W. bulletin board or by contacting Jan Nelson or Julie Mackey. Thank you!

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

On **Tuesday, July 16**, our team served 196 meals at the shelter. The meal was prepared by Bruce Kilmer, Dennis Hibray, Joe Williams, Lois Pelishek, and Lee Richardson. Cakes were provided by Diane Betz, Debbie Cordova, Sue Renier, Sandy Steffen, Lynn Huebbe, Anne



Motquin, and Mike Kettner.

Dinner was served by Lynn

Huebbe, Barb LeMense, Tim Toepel, Anne Motquin, and Rita Kilmer. In addition, Lee Richardson and Lois Pelishek delivered meals to Freedom House.



Our next date at the shelter will be **August 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 mdbetz@att.net. If you would like to help prepare or serve the meal, please contact **Cindi Barnett** at 737-5376 or cindi.barnett@snc.edu.

Dear Friends,

Sue Planert, our beloved Church Treasurer, will serve her last official day on August 1. All of us give thanks for her nine years of faithful service. She has blessed this congregation richly through her attention to details, her constant professionalism, and her kind and giving spirit.



Sue has been instrumental in helping our church throughout the years in navigating the varying challenges and opportunities of ministry. All of us wish her the best as she enjoys more time with her family. We are grateful and blessed for the opportunity to have been able to work with Sue, and we pray that God will bless her future endeavors. Thank you, Sue!

In Christ,
Pastor Luke

Monthly Financial Update

(as of June 2019)

"...the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a good crop." Luke 8:15



	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Operating Fund		
Income	\$194,900	\$197,600
Expenses	\$186,400	\$190,700

Upcoming Special Offerings:
Deacons Fund Offering - August 4

Use of Funds Highlights

Highlights of Ministries' use of funds for July and August include curriculum for 2019-20 Christian Ed., Agape Dinner, Worship in the Garden & picnic, Vacation Bible School, middle school Great Escape trip, lawn care, and monthly payments for building loans.

"Sharing is Caring" is the new program our church has started in cooperation with the De Pere Police Department. Recently they delivered some of our first food boxes to local families in need (see our [Facebook page for more details](#)). Please continue donating items such as peanut butter, jelly, crackers, cereal, and single-serving sized instant oatmeal, applesauce, pears, peaches, or fruit cocktail in the Family Life Center donation area. With your help, this can become a wonderful ongoing church program.



Would you be willing to volunteer occasionally to help prepare our weekly **Coffee Fellowship** after church? If you're willing to learn how it works from one of our regulars, please sign up in the Family Life Center. Lots of new helpers are needed for us to continue this great "after church" gathering. We really appreciate your help!

WE 
VOLUNTEERS



New Books for You In Our Church Library!

A Prayer for Children - Ina Hughs

Forgiveness - Gary Inrig

A Community Called Taize - Jason Brian Santos

Killing Giants / Pulling Thorns - Charles R. Swindall

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the

Cafeteria? - Beverly Daniel Tatum

Who Stole My Church? - Gordon MacDonald

Studies in the Sermon on the Mount - Oswald Chambers

You can find these on display in the Gathering Area outside the Family Life Center. Check them out and then check them out!

Our History Corner...

You've heard of our **Judy Allan Memorial Garden**, but do you know its history? The Allan family from Greenleaf became members of our church in the mid 1990s. Judy regularly brought in produce from her garden to share with her church family. Sadly, Judy lost her fight against cancer in 2007.

A few years later, the idea was proposed to create a church garden in memory of Judy's generosity. Funding came through a grant from our Winnebago Presbytery and donations from our congregation.

On **May 1, 2010** ground was broken and our garden came to life for the first time. A generous memorial gift in honor of **Dawn Van Hoosen** brought upgrades and expansion in 2012.



It was a very special day on **July 24, 2016**, when members of the Allan family joined us as special guests for our **Worship in the Garden**. Over the years, avid gardeners **Ted and Lynn Huebbe** have given countless hours supervising the many volunteers who continue to plant, care for, and harvest hundreds of pounds of vegetables for area pantries. It's a very special way to remember Judy and to honor her unforgettable spirit of giving.

Please contact Mark Young at mark@firstunitedpc.org or the church office if you have other ideas for church history or memories you'd like explored.

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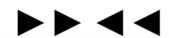
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Sunday School
Returns in September!

Worship Service
Sunday 9:45am

Coffee Fellowship
Sunday 10:45am



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

Presbyterian Pantry *"Item of the Month"*

for August
is
cans of
tomato
soup



If you'd like to contribute,
drop off your cans in the
donation area in the
Family Life Center.