

# First United Monthly Newsletter

JUNE 2019

We know **June** brings us **Father's Day** and the **first day of summer**, but did you know it's also the month for **National Making Life Beautiful Day (11)**, **Duct Tape Days (13-15)** and **Watermelon Seed Spitting Week (27-30)**? Here are a few more things to remember...

June



**Annual Talent Show**  
*Saturday, 6/1, 6 pm*



**Memorial Garden Care**  
\*God's Gardeners Group  
& other volunteers  
*Sunday 6/2 & all summer*



**Agape Dinner**  
*Wednesday, 6/5, 5:45 pm*



**Sunday Bike Rides**  
*Every Sunday, 4 pm*



**P.W. On the Go!**  
\*Little Chute Windmill  
*Tuesday, 6/18, 9:30 am*

Remember, you can always find the most up-to-date church information in our **"Weekly Newsletter"** in your Sunday bulletin. The official church calendar of events plus recent bulletins, newsletters, and other information can always be found at [www.firstunitedpc.org](http://www.firstunitedpc.org). Be sure you don't miss a thing!

The last time we took a good look at our church's direction was in 2015. We've planted remarkable seeds such as our Agape Dinners, Vacation Bible School, and De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store.

Over the past six months, our Session has prayed, studied, and debated our future direction and has come up with a common theme - **GROW**.

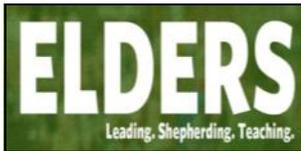


Over the next three years we're going to concentrate on three things: growing our membership and defining what it means to be a member of FUPC; creating a pipeline of skilled leaders within the church; and examining our staffing model to fit the needs of our growing congregation.

For our ministries, Session will be concentrating on providing direction and goals. For our members, some things will stay the same, and some things will change. Our Ruling Elders look forward to leading and representing our church family on this exciting journey. Let's all look forward to seeing how **FUPC can GROW!**

**Our new Church Vision Statement:**

We are a welcoming community First United in  
Proclaiming **FAITH** in Jesus Christ,  
Sharing **HOPE** for the future, and  
Inspiring **LOVE** of our neighbors.



## Session Report

by Dawn Picard, Clerk

At the May Session meeting the Ruling Elders authorized the baptism of the child of Joe and Brittany Shoemaker on June 16 and granted permission for use of the sanctuary for a wedding this August. Chris Bivins and Ted Huebbe reported on the recent Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian in Green Bay. At that meeting, the Rev. Chuck Valenti-Hein was granted membership in Winnebago Presbytery, and Rev. Randy Argall was granted the status of Honorably Retired. Session also reviewed plans by the Stewardship Ministry and Leadership Ministry. The Elder of the Month for June will be Ken Nyberg.

What's a **NOISY OFFERING?** There are billions of coins made each year. If you're like most people, you save your loose coins in a piggy bank, a jar, a bucket, or even in your sofa. On **Sunday, June 23**, we challenge you to



bring all your loose coins to church and drop them in our buckets to make some NOISE! You can help support important and exciting ministry opportunities such as our middle school youth **Great Escape Mission Adventure**. Come to church on June 23, bring your coins, and help us make a joyful noise!

## Monthly Financial Update

(as of April 2019)

*"But 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
<b>Operating Fund</b>		
Income	\$136,100	\$139,400
Expenses	\$124,600	\$125,800

### Upcoming Special Offerings:

**Deacons Fund Offering - June 2**

**PC-USA Pentecost Offering - June 9**

**"Noisy" Offering - June 23**

### A BIG THANK YOU

Your contributions for the **One Great Hour of Sharing** special offering in April raised \$1,336. Also, your donations to our recent **Memorial Garden** special offering totaled \$622. Thanks!

### Use of Funds Highlights

Highlights of Ministries' use of funds for April and May include Agape Dinners, servicing heating/cooling system, high school Triennium summer trip, VBS supplies, middle school Great Escape summer trip, Presbyterian General Mission Fund, and monthly payments for building loans.



## Presbyterian Women Calendar

Join us for some of our group opportunities and activities!

- 6/6 - **Mission Sewing Group @ 9:30am** ("K" Lounge)
- 6/13 - **P.W.C.T. Mtg. @ 8:30am (Room 11) & Talbot Circle @ 11:30am (off site - contact Barb Kraus for details)**
- 6/15 - **Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)**
- 6/25 - **4th Tuesday Readers Group @ 1pm (Library)**

### Some Reminders...

\* PW's **Christmas in July** lunch and program is coming **Saturday, July 13 at noon**. Tickets will be on sale starting **Sunday, June 2**. You can enjoy a catered lunch, admire Christmas table decor designed by fellow members, shop at a boutique, hear about a PW mission project, and sing a carol or two. See Jan Nelson or Julie Mackey for more details.

\* Our church is hosting a **Presbyterian Women Mission Explosion** for Winnebago Presbytery churches on **October 5**, but we need your help now. One project involves creating "Blessing Bags" for Women's Shelters. We're collecting items such as small hotel or travel-sized shampoo, lotions, deodorant, shower gel, bar soap, and toothpaste. See the P.W. bulletin board in the Family Life Center for a complete list of items. See Jan Nelson or Susan Leiber with questions. Thank you for helping!



Last March, everyone was invited to submit project ideas for our second annual **SPARK Grant Program**. Congrats to these recipients chosen by our Session:

**“Caring is Sharing”** - Amy Cassidy presented the idea of supporting families in crisis by partnering with local police and Kwik Trip to supply “emergency kits” containing non-perishable food items, a Kwik Trip voucher, and a hand-written message from our church.

**“Summer Sunday Service Days”** - Dawn Picard submitted the idea of planning various work service days on the first Sundays in June, July, and August with a light lunch provided for volunteers who stay after church to help.

**“Prayer Booklets”** - Linda Allen and Dawn Picard presented the idea of gathering prayers through our Weekly Prayer Group and publishing a booklet for use by church leaders, members, and visitors.

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

On **May 21** our team of volunteers served **210** meals which were prepared by Bruce Kilmer, Dennis Hibray, Lee Richardson, and Joe Williams. Cakes were provided by our JAM & CORE middle and senior high youth groups plus Debby Cordova and Sue Renier.

Dinner was served by Diane Betz, Lynn Huebbe, Mike Kettner, Rita Kilmer, Tim Toepel, and Sally and Mackenzie Lindow. Lee Richardson and Lois Pelishek also delivered meals to Freedom House.



Our next date at the shelter will be **Tuesday June 18** from 5 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).

As one of the partner churches in the **Ecumenical Partnership for Housing**, we support one of the locations used to assist homeless folks get back on their feet. We’re asking for your help on **Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 at 8:30am** to prepare our location for a new family. If you can help, contact Pastor Luke ([luke@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:luke@firstunitedpc.org)) for the location and more details. Thank you!



The Holy Spirit inspires us, from the day of Pentecost on, to support the development of children, youth, and young adults. That’s the purpose of our gifts to the **Pentecost Offering** on **Sunday, June 9**.

Forty percent of the money collected stays within your own congregation to support ministries that help youth and children



at risk. The remainder is sent to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support other programs. Your gift will help participants in the Young Adult Volunteer Program who engage in a year of service while discerning how best to love God and neighbor. Your gift will also make it possible for more than 5,000 youth to gather at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium to worship, learn, and serve together. If we all do a little, it makes a big difference. Please give to the PC(USA) Pentecost Offering on June 9.



You’ve probably heard that many participating businesses will share 2 to 5% of your purchase amount with our church through **HuTerra**. You can download an app to participate directly, or you can just drop off your recent receipts (no more than 45 days old) in the container in our Family Life Center. Elder **Tori England** will sort through them and submit all that are from participating businesses. Thanks to everyone who has already started dropping off receipts. If you’d like more details about the program, contact Tori England or Ken Nyberg.



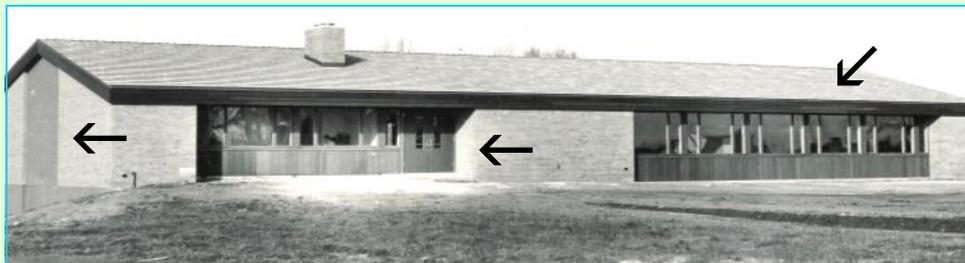
**Vacation Bible School 2019 - ROAR!** - is set for **July 21 through 25**, but the time to register is now. Get your kids plus their friends and neighbors signed up online through our church website at [www.firstunitedpc.org](http://www.firstunitedpc.org). As an extra incentive, the first ten families to register will win a **FREE CD** of the music from ROAR! We're also seeking lots of adult and teen volunteers to help make the magic happen. You can register for that online too. Contact D.C.E. Meggan Farwell to join the team or to find out more about our plans to ROAR this July.

It's time for the return of **Presbyterian Women On the Go!** The first trip is planned for **Tuesday, June 18** with a visit to the "Little Chute Windmill." Travelers will carpool from the church at 9:30am for a visit to an authentic, 100 foot tall, 1850's windmill from the Netherlands. There's a \$6 entry fee, and the group will eat lunch locally. All women are invited to join the adventure. Please R.S.V.P. to Susan Leiber at 337-0979. Watch for other travel plans to come in July and August!



### *Our History Corner...*

It's been sixty years since the first part of our current church building was dedicated in **May 1959**. It began as a place for Sunday School classes and other special events while Sunday worship was still held at our old church building in downtown De Pere. This picture shows



how it looked from **Webster Avenue**. The row of windows to the right looks into what is now the Music Room. Those double doors near the center of the photo now lead you right into our Family Life Center. In **1963**, the darker brick area on the left end became the doorway leading into our current Sanctuary. You can't really see this view of the Education Wing any more because our current Gathering Area and Family Life Center were built in front of it in **2007**.

**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.**

## **First United Presbyterian Church**

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

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**Worship Service**  
9:45am

**Coffee Fellowship**  
10:45am



**Office Hours**

**Monday - Thursday**  
9am - 1pm

**Friday - closed**

Please remember, it takes many hands to prepare, maintain, and harvest our **Judy Allan Memorial Garden**. Whether you're a beginner or a pro... Whether you can help one evening or every week... **You** can make a difference! Watch for more details on how you can help. It'll grow on you!

