

# First United Monthly Newsletter

MARCH 2020

March is the month best known for **St. Patrick's Day** and the beginning of **Spring**. However, it's also the time for **National Procrastination Week** (3/1-7...*maybe*), **International Day of Awesomeness** (3/10), and **Make Up Your Own Holiday Day** (3/26). Here are a few more important things to keep in mind...



**Agape Dinner**  
& Social Worker Discussion  
Wednesday, 3/4, 5:45 pm



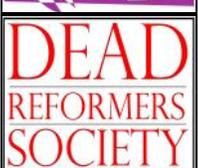
**Photo Sessions**  
W-Th-F, 3/4-5-6, 2-9 pm  
Saturday, 3/7, 9 am - 4 pm



*Rescheduled*  
**Family Valentine Party**  
Wednesday, 3/11, 5:45 pm



**P.W. Lenten Luncheon**  
Saturday, 3/14, 12 pm



**Dead Reformers Society**  
Tuesday, 3/24, 7 pm

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!

## From the Pastors' Pens...

Thank you to all who made my Installation Service such a big success last month. What a wonderful afternoon celebrating the fact that God is indeed doing a new thing here! Thank you to those who served on my



Administrative Commission, put together a wonderful reception, and to all who were in attendance. The Holy Spirit was definitely at work, and it was a special day that I will never forget. I look forward to serving as your Co-Pastor and working alongside each of you to do God's work both near and far.

~ **Pastor Meggan**

I hope you'll join me for something new. On **Tuesday, March 24** from **7-8:30pm**, we'll gather at Zimbaldi Brewing for the inaugural meeting of the **Dead Reformers Society**. The D.R.S. will meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month to engage in a lively discussion focused on our monthly topic while enjoying a beverage and an assortment of snacks options.

This month we will be discussing the current landscape of faith and politics through the lens of the Scottish reformer and political firebrand, John Knox. **Please note, you are not required to do any preliminary reading to attend.** However, I'll provide handouts at the meeting for further reading and study for anyone interested in learning more about the topic of the month. Please contact me at [luke@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:luke@firstunitedpc.org) if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you there!

~ **Pastor Luke**



Betrayal, addiction, judgment, lies, blind accusations, disrespect are all terrible things to endure and terrible things to engage in. Yet we've all been subject to them at some point in our lives. How do we recover? How do we forgive? How do we atone? In our upcoming five-part worship series called "Second Chances," Pastor Luke and Pastor Meggan will explore these topics through the use of scripture, video, and music. Beginning **Sunday, March 1**, we'll learn how to let go of hurt, shake our resentment, open our hearts to love, and forgive ourselves and others. During this reflective Lenten season, let us accept and emulate God's grace in bestowing second chances.

**Monthly Financial Update**  
*(as of January 2019)*

in Faith, Hope and Love  
First United Presbyterian Church

*"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three: and the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13*

	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
<b>Operating Fund</b>		
Income	\$36,326	\$42,090
Expenses	\$28,469	\$31,271

**Special Upcoming Offering:**  
**Deacons Fund Offering - March 3**  
**2020 Per Capita is \$40 per member**  
**One Great Hour of Sharing - April 5**

> Highlights of our Ministries' uses of funds in January included Co-Pastor Meggan Farwell's beginning of her new responsibilities, Agape Dinner, "Burn the Mortgage" Celebration, snow removal, heating of our facility, and De Pere city taxes.



The **February Session** meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. Session will meet on **March 14** for a work retreat and hold their next monthly meeting on **March 21**.

## 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?

- 3/5 - **Mission Sewing @ 9:30am**  
*(Koinonia Lounge)*
- 3/12 - **P.W.C.T. @ 8:30am (Room 11)**
- 3/12 - **Talbot Circle @ 12pm ("K" Lounge)**
- 3/14 - **Lenten Lunch & Program @ 12pm**  
*(Koinonia Lounge)*
- 3/18 - **Esther Circle Bible Study @ 9:30am**  
*(Koinonia Lounge)*
- 3/19 - **Mission Sewing II @ 9:30am**  
*(Koinonia Lounge)*
- 3/21 - **Papercrafting @ 10am (Room 11)**
- 3/26 - **4th Tuesday Readers @ 1pm**  
*(Library) book - Habits of the House*

\* Thanks to everyone who donated food for the **Presbyterian Women Election Day Bake Sale** last month. With your help, they raised more than \$250 for future mission work.

\* Our Presbyterian Women will host a **Lenten Lunch & Program on Saturday, March 14 at noon**. Rev. Paul Jensen will lead the program, and Sue Goral will be providing music. Everyone is invited to be a part of this very special gathering.



On **Sunday, March 22**, representatives from **United Church Camps Outdoor Ministry** will be visiting with us. Glenn Svetnicka, Exec. Dir. and Tiffany Ludwig, Dir. of Marketing & Development will join us during the Sunday School hour and during worship to share information about all of the opportunities UCCI provides for young and old alike at their three locations. Their new approach is inviting you to "Come as You Are" with the goal to "Love God, All Others, and the Earth by Providing Sanctuary, Practicing Hospitality, and Performing Ministry." Our Presbytery supports UCCI and scholarships are available to individuals who attend any of the camps.

## Connecting Ministry Corner...

For more than 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. Around the world millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*, *Presbyterian Hunger Program*, and *Self-Development of People* - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work provides people with safety, substance, and hope. During March, you'll hear more about the good work One Great Hour of Sharing does. We'll be collecting for this special offering on **Palm Sunday, April 5**. It's the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

## NEW Community Shelter Update...

On **February 18** our team of volunteers served 156 meals prepared by Bruce Kilmer, Dennis Hibray, Lois Pelishek, and Lee Richardson. Cakes were provided by Mike Kettner, Debbie Cordova, Rita Kilmer, Sandy Steffen, Cassie Griffin, Barb LeMense, Sue Renier, and Jane Grocholski.

Dinner was served by  
B a r b  
L e M e n s e,  
A n n e  
M o t q u i n,  
B r u c e  
K i l m e r,



Dennis Hibray, Jean & Dan Hamersky, Mike Kettner, and Anneliese Waggoner. In addition, Lee Richardson, Wally Heil, and Lois Pelishek delivered meals to Freedom House.

Our next date at the shelter will be **March 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 [mdbetz@att.net](mailto:mdbetz@att.net). If you would like to help prepare a meal or serve at the shelter, contact **Cindi Barnett** at [cindi.barnett@snc.edu](mailto:cindi.barnett@snc.edu) or at 737-5376.

Our next **Agape Dinner** is coming **Wednesday, March 4 at 5:45pm** featuring rubeen casserole. Be sure to bring your family and invite your friends to come and share the love. Following dinner, you're encouraged to stay for our next 2020 Mission Action Plan event featuring a discussion by school social workers from De Pere, West De Pere, and Green Bay. They'll be sharing their observations and experiences with poverty, hunger, and homelessness in our own backyard. Join this important conversation.



## Church Photo Directory



Free portrait sessions for our **Church Family Photo Directory** are coming on **Wednesday (3/4)**, **Thursday (3/5)**, and **Friday (3/6)** from **2-9pm** plus **Saturday (3/7)** from **9am - 4pm**. If you've reserved your time, you

can come and register in the Sanctuary on the Koinonia Lounge side. There are a few openings left, so book your session on our website ([www.firstunitedpc.org](http://www.firstunitedpc.org)) or by calling the office before it's too late. Participants will get a free 8"x10" photo, a directory, and a chance to purchase lots of other great options. Help us make this our most complete directory ever!

*No, it's not a mistake!* Our annual **Family Valentine Party** got postponed last month due to illness, but it's finally going to happen on **Wednesday, March 11 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 special devotion about the one love that will never fail. The cost will be \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Please contact **Pastor Meggan** ([meggan@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:meggan@firstunitedpc.org)) very soon if your family would like to come so she can plan for the right amount of food.



Our church is joining hundreds of churches and businesses around Wisconsin to support the Family Radio Network's **Help for the Homeless Drive**. Hygiene and cleaning items are being collected **through March 8** to help local shelters and crisis programs. All donations stay in the area

where they're collected. Our church's donation box is located in the Gathering Area. For more details, go to [www.thefamily.net](http://www.thefamily.net).

Daylight Saving Time begins on 3/8 and Spring begins on 3/19!



**Spring forward**

### *Our History Corner...*

One important figure in our church history is **Rev. Dr. Howard Talbot**. He was educated at Yale College (before it was a university) and at Union Theological Seminary. Rev. Talbot and his wife first came to De Pere in **1889**, serving our church for 21 years. His next seven years were spent writing and occasionally preaching around the Green Bay and Fond du Lac areas. Dr. Talbot returned to First United as our pastor in **1918** and continued until he retired **1929** at age 81. He served our church for a total of 32 years! One of his unique contributions was the introduction of "illustrated services" on Sunday nights when he offered "stereopticon slides" as a part of the evening worship. It's safe to say that our Rev. Dr. Talbot was a bit of a pioneer in today's wide use of projection to enhance the worship experience for everyone!



*\*Do you have any church memories, stories, or photos to share?*

Please contact Mark Young at [mark@firstunitedpc.org](mailto:mark@firstunitedpc.org) or contact the church office. Thank you!

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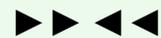
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**Sunday School**  
Sunday 8:30am

**Worship Service**  
Sunday 9:45am

**Coffee Fellowship**  
Sunday 10:45am



### Office Hours

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

**Friday - closed**

Can you offer some help? If you'd like to host our **Coffee Fellowship Time**



after church one Sunday, team up with a friend, or even just donate some tasty treats

for one week, please sign up in our Family Life Center. Instructions are available. It's a great way to support our church family!