

January 2012

First United Methodist Church — Hartford, WI

AT THE CROSS

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Mission Statement We are God’s people striving to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ. By nurturing our diverse gifts we desire to learn, care, support, pray and serve so that we may become a dynamic force of love in the world.



HELP FEED THE HOMELESS IN MILWAUKEE

Join us in a mission outreach to feed homeless individuals and families at Summerfield UMC on Saturday, January 14th. We will provide and distribute food to those in need. We are looking for individuals 16 and over to help in this important obligation. We leave here at 3pm and return around 7pm. Contact Doreen if you are able to join us.

but also for the love you showed our guests.

****Please watch for our January 22nd Soup Lunch fundraiser. Victoria Triick will be making her famous soups! You can carry out or dine in.**

Yours in Christ,
Linda Fahey

REMINDER

Contributions need to be in the office by Dec. 29th or postmarked by Dec. 31st to be counted for 2011. Thanks for your help



NEW MEMBER CLASSES



Are you interested in joining our congregation or are you just interested in learning more about us and our ministry? If so, please join us on the second and third Sunday mornings in the Chapel at 9:45 AM. So grab a cup of coffee and a treat and come on in! Child care is provided in our nursery continuously from 8:00am—12:00 am.

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

In November we completed our first year serving the homeless in Washington County. This, of course, could not have been accomplished without your continued willingness to volunteer. Kim Morris and I want to thank you, not only for the work you did,

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who have so generously donated their time this past year serving on committees, teaching Sunday School, working in the AV corner, taking care of Poinsettias, singing in and directing the many choirs, checking and replenishing coffee hour supplies, fixing things that need repair and all the other things that go on in a church that volunteers do that are too numerous to mention!! Your ministry to this church is very much appreciated!

FUMC News and Notes



UMW News



Our group is on "hiatus" in January and February, but I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new officers/executive committee:

President	Cheryl Malko
Vice President	Sharon Linstrom
Secretary	Joyce Scadden
Treasurer	Judy Sterman
Mission Coordinators	
Spiritual Growth	Joan Hove
Social Action	Carla Kramoris
Education & Interpretation	Karla Moran
Members/Nurture & Outreach	Fay Paine
Secretary of Program Resources	Tina Collett

Committee of Local Church Responsibilities

Twyla Gartzke (Chair)
Judy Bartlow
Ruth Redeker
Marge Perkins

Committee on Nominations

Donna Carroll (Chair)
Lisa DuPont
Caryla Tuxhorn
Veronica Tetrick

Historian	Jane Hoffmann
Communications	Beulah Carlson
Circle Chairs:	
Hope Circle	Tina Collett
Hannah Circle Co-Chairs:	Barbara Klockow and Jane Hoffmann
Mary Circle Co-Chairs:	Joyce Kautz and Ruth Redeker

Happy New Year from Little Lambs Preschool!



We'd like to welcome 3 new families to our flock: Podrovitz family, Paff family and Linehan family.

Coming up this month...

Jan. 3-6 Jesus Loves Us SNOW Much!
Jan. 9-13 Mittens & More
Jan. 16-20 Top Chef for Tots
Jan. 23-27 Preschoolers, Start your Engines!

We'd like to thank all the families that were able to attend our Christmas Program. A huge Thank You goes out to the families who donated wish list items from our class tree! Be sure to check our website www.fumchartford.com for pictures from our gingerbread house building activity and the Christmas program.

Many Blessings in 2012!

Deb Justman: Teacher/Director



"If you make my word your home, you will indeed be my disciples."

~John 8:31 The New Jerusalem Bible

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Many in our congregation have experienced Disciple Bible Study. If you would be interested in this experience, please talk to Pastor Paul.

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR PAUL

"New Year's Resolutions"

This is the time when many of us put together a list of New Year's resolutions. We make a commitment to ourselves to take better care of ourselves, to be a better person or to make certain that we enjoy every moment.

We may try to lose a few pounds, eat healthier, quit smoking, volunteer more, read more, write more and notice all the good around us.

Last year I had a contest with my son Ben to see who could lose the most weight by Easter. The winner claimed the Wisconsin-Nebraska football tickets. (Notice I called this a contest and not a bet). By one pound, Ben won. That challenge changed his life. He exercises more than he had. He watches what he eats. He even has a long-term goal of competing in an Iron Man Competition. All it took was a lot of determination and two seats to the Nebraska game.

New Year's resolution inspire. They can make a difference in how we live. Unfortunately, they can also be quickly forgotten and ignored.

John Wesley, the one who started the Methodist movement, believed that as followers of Jesus, we need to trust God. He wrote a covenant prayer that challenges us to trust God completely—to trust God more than ever.

Along with our New Year's resolutions, I invite us to pray this prayer at the beginning of 2012. Together we will trust God to lead us.

God, I am no longer my own, but

yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by you or laid aside by you,
enabled for you or brought low by you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you are mine, and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

Happy New Year!

Paul

Worship Notes for January

January 1st Sermon:

"The Wiseman Who Couldn't Sing" Paul Johnsen

Text: Matthew 2:1-12

"In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage..."

January 8 Sermon :

"Attending a Baptism" Paul Johnsen
Text: Mark 1:4-11

"...In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by

John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And the voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

January 15 Sermon:

"When God Calls" Paul Johnsen

Test: I Samuel 3:1-20

"...Now the Lord came there calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

January 22 Sermon:

"A New Calling" Paul Johnsen

Text: Mark 1: 14-20

"...As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fisherman. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people..."

January 29 Sermon

"The Holy One of God" Paul Johnsen

Text: Mark 1:21-28

"..Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!..."



Christian Ed News

Doreen VanMinsel

HAPPY 2012 and "Thank you" to everyone that has made First United Methodist Church Hartford part of their life. We are truly Blessed by our MANY volunteers; parents that encourage their children and youth to be a part of Christian Fellowship and fun; and congregation that really cares about one another. If you haven't been around much lately, make it your New Year's resolution to come a bit more often; I guarantee you will not regret it. We are here to help, comfort, share joy and fellowship with you. Come join in with your FUMC family this 2012.

Watch for Cancellations: It's winter in Wisconsin! Please watch Facebook, the TV and/or our website for possible Church or Church activity cancellations due to weather.

Lower Parking Lot CANNOT be salted only sand for this year. This year it will not be plowed regularly like our other parking lot ; however for special events it will be plowed. We continue to NEED FUNDS to get our parking lot asphalted in the spring. Thank you to all who have helped to make this Mission a success.

JR. & SR. High Youth Group Roller-skating Sunday Jan. 15th. We will be going to Skateland in Cedarburg for Christian Roller-skating. Cost is \$5.00 which includes the bus ride, skates, skating, pizza, soda & ice cream. Bring your own Christian CD to share and roller-skate to. Be at Church by 3pm and we should return by 6:45pm. Guests are welcome, however they NEED to have the permission slip filled out and signed by a guardian.

YOUTH Groups - Pizza and a Movie Sunday Jan. 29th 5:30pm-8:00pm. We will be using our LOWER Parking Lot/doors for Drop off/Pick up and parking. Upstairs front doors will be locked. Movie is **"A Walk to Remember"**.

Want to save money on food? Don't forget about SHARE. Go to www.sharewi.org or talk with Doreen.

Family Social/Games/Popcorn & beverage: Sunday Jan. 29th 3pm-5pm. In our Youth Room downstairs. Play ping-pong, your favorite board game, Pictionary or foos-ball. Just 2 hours of good Christian Family Fun. We will be using our lower entrance and parking lot.

SUPER BOWL on the "BIG" screen February 5th! Bring a dish to pass + your own non-alcoholic beverages and join the Super Bowl Party. Children are welcome, however we ask that you be prepared to keep them well supervised and under control. Please use Lower Parking Lot entrance. Thank you.

January Birthdays					
1/1	Verlin Wandrey		1/11	William Dow	Alex Frommgen
1/2	Mitchell Sutter			Judy Nickels	1/22 Richard Rohde
1/4	Debra Morgenstern		1/12	Nick Martin	1/23 Laura Borst
	Jacob Serman			Terri Kolinski	1/24 Steven Marx
1/5	Laura Wesner			Lori VanderPas	Zachary Lynch
1/6	Gladys Rolston		1/13	Ginger Serman	1/25 Camille Secola
	Jonathan Lang			Jackie Lepien	Jessica Hodson
	Catherine Schuetze		1/15	Angela Lindgren	Bethany Bryzek
	Caylie Peters		1/17	Richard Rouse	Amber Rose
1/7	Douglas Kissel		1/17	Dennis Carroll	1/26 Christopher Wald
	Brian Sutheimer			Jonathan Lepien	1/28 Caryla Tuxhorn
	Shelly Wieting		1/18	Cathi Wilson	Joleen Sabel
1/8	Ronny Becker		1/19	Roger Endres	Andrew Alsum
	Rhiannon Pillsbury			Carol Martin	1/30 Libby Hodson
1/9	Leigh Ann Hass		1/20	Abigail Schmidt	
	Emily Kamholz			Bob Cleland	January
	Sean Klessig			Dina Lane	Anniversaries
1/10	Pam Brown			Travis Rose	
	Abigail Bumgarner		1/21	Abigail Spredemann	1/21 Jim & Doreen VanMinsel
			1/21	Gary Koch	1/27 Lynn & Tom Stephenson
				Greg Bidwell	




Ministry Schedule for JANUARY 2012

DATE	TIME	GREETERS	LITURGISTS	USHERS	ACOLYTES	NURSERY
January 1	10:00 One service only		Caitlin Purman	Joyce Lackas, Bob & Becky Cleland	Amanda Raynor	Anna Hirsch
January 8	8:30 am	Tim & Carla Kramoris	Carla Kramoris	Mike, Dina and Matt Lane	Skylar Garza	Laura Borst
	10:45 am		Dawn Schauer	Dale Tietz, Betty Tietz,	Luke Kaminski	Laura Borst
January 15	8:30 am	Swenson Family	Brian Swenson	Clayton Oosterhuis, Stefani & Adam Crawford	Carlynn Tuxhorn	Gloria Dantuma
	10:45 am		Arde Nicholas	RoGene McKeithen, Helen Robbe, Jane Riedel		Gloria Dantuma
January 22	8:30 am	Bob, Becky, Natalie Cleland	Bob Cleland	Lee & Kim Morris, Stacy Lang	Natalie Cleland	Anna Hirsch
	10:45 am	Mike & Jessica Sutter Family	Jessica Sutter	Joyce Kautz, Ruth & Larry Redeker		Anna Hirsch
January 29	8:30 am	Joe & Jamie Navarre Family	Mike Ilse	Tony Collett, Cathy & Steve Alsum	Carlynn Tuxhorn	Laura Borst
	10:45 am	Betty Tietz Dale Tietz	Dale Tietz	Mitzi & Bob McLean, Jane Hoffmann		Laura Borst



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day 10:00 Worship One service only	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 9 TOPS	4 6:30 Bells 7:30 Sr. Choir	5	6	7
8 8:30 Worship, 9:30 Fellowship, 9:40 Sunday School, 9:45 New member class, 10 Men's Choir, 10:45 Worship & Teen Choir, 3 CHAOS < 5:30 Riptide	9 6 Little Lambs Board Meeting 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 Confirmation	10 9 TOPS 6:30 Scouts 7 SPRC	11 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Sr. Choir	12 7 Hospitality Comm. 7:30 Worship Committee	13	14 3 Summerfield UMC Soup kitchen
15 8:30 Worship, 9:30 Fellowship, 9:40 Sunday School, 9:45 New Member Class, 10 Men's Choir, 10:45 Worship & Teen Choir, 3 all youth groups Roller skating	16 Newsletter items Due today! 6:30 Confirmation	17 9 TOPS	18 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Sr. Choir	19	20	21
22 8:30 Worship, 9:30 Fellowship, 9:40 Sunday School, 10 Men's Choir, 10:45 Worship and Teen Choir, 12 Soup Fund-raiser, 3 CHAOS, 5:30	23 6:15 Scouts 6:30 Confirmation	24 9 TOPS 6:30 Scouts 7 Ad Council**Note: This is a new night of the month!!	25 6:30 Bells 7:30 Sr. Choir	26	27	28
29 8:30 Worship, 9:30 Fellowship, 9:40 Sunday School, 10 Men's Choir, 10:45 Worship and Teen Choir, 3 Family Social, 5:30 Youth Pizza and a Movie	30 6:30 Confirmation	31 9 TOPS 6:30 Scouts				

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JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

A Story of Two Seas

There are two seas in the Land of Israel. One is fresh and fish are in it. Splashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing waters. Children play along its shores. The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And people build their homes near to it, birds their nests; and every kind of life is happier because it is here. The River Jordan flows on south into another sea. Here there is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, and no children's laughter. The air hangs heavy above its waters and neither people nor animals will drink here. What makes this mighty difference in these seas? Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country "round about." This is the difference: The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea cannot sustain life. It is named the Dead Sea. There are two seas in the Land of Israel.

There are two kinds of people in the world. From "The New Mahzor" for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Compiled and edited by Rabbi Sidney Greenberg and Rabbi Jonathan D. Levine
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