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The Mission of the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church
is to invite and welcome people to be committed and compassionate
followers of Jesus Christ, through worship, through spiritual growth,
through fellowship, through service to others.



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The Caller

Coming in Worship in January

Dec. 31/Jan. 1
A Time to Re-Up
2 Kings 23:1-3

(A service to rededicate our lives to God)

*We will begin a new sermon series called
Learning to Face Our Fears With Hope*

Jan. 7/8

Why Are We Afraid?
Matthew 8:23-26

Jan. 14/15

The Fear of Being Overwhelmed
Genesis 17:15-19

Jan. 21/22

The Fear of What Next
Mark 14:32-36

Jan. 28/29

Fear of Being Alone
John 14:26-27

**On Sunday, January 1st, we will
have ONE Worship service at 10
AM. Please mark your schedule
and plan for that change in our
worship schedule. Thank You.**

**The Church office will be closed
on Monday, January 2nd (for the
New Year's Day holiday) and on
Monday, January 16th (for the
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday).**

Beginning . . . Again

I love the turning of the calendar to a New Year. Like many of you, I have intentionally taken time to pause during this time of year and review what I have been doing. I also ask, intentionally, what do I need to do differently as I look to the New Year.

In addition to goals for health and fitness, I reflect upon such things as how am I doing at having balance in my life? Do I have a good balance between work and time with family? How am I doing at taking care of those I love and staying connected with them? It is also a time for me to ask, what do I need to work on in terms of my faith development and faith growth as well? What do I need to work on for my professional development to help me do a better job as a pastoral leader at Sun Prairie UMC?

I typically come up with several items in each area that I want to work on and do a better job of developing. What about you? What do you typically do to help re-evaluate your life and how you are living? When do you pause and reflect upon what might need to change in your life? How do you take time to think through such things as what you need to work on in faith?

John Wesley, the founder of United Methodism, wanted to see Christians connect with God and be active in their growth of faith. Wesley identified that there are several things we can intentionally build into our life so that we can be about the business of living our faith well. He had two major categories that he called Works of Mercy and Works of Piety.

Works of Mercy are such things as:

Doing Good to others (such as visiting in the hospitals, nursing homes, jails, people in need, etc.).

Engaging in Christian Conferencing (being involved with others for the good of ministry in the world - to meet the real needs that are around us).

Works of Piety are such things as:

Read the Bible everyday to see how God acted in the past and to help understand how God is acting in the present.



*Reflections
From Scott*

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Be involved in some type of Bible Study, Sunday School or small group to help you grow in your faith and understand how God is at work in your life.

Make a practice of praying each day. Set aside time, in which you can ask God to guide you and so that you can learn what it means to be God's friend.

Attend worship at every opportunity you can. Then you can remember how much God loves you. This helps you remember you belong to God and to the others who worship with you.

I find it helpful to remember these Spiritual Disciplines that John Wesley offers. It helps me to think through and offer reflections on areas that I need to work on. I hope they can do the same for you.

What do you want to work on as you are intentional about growing in your faith for 2012?

In the Hope Jesus offers us,

Rev. Scott Carlson

What does God want for us in our marriage? He wants us to know that there is a greater purpose to our marriage. We are a visible sign of God's love in the world. We have certain gifts that are made available to us. On the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends, you will come to know these gifts and how to use them to bring more happiness and joy into your marriage.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter- United Methodist Weekends in Wisconsin

February 17-19, 2012
October 5-7, 2012

Comfort Suites, Oshkosh, WI
Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader
Retreat Center, Westfield, WI

For more information: www.encounter.org
Toll free# 866.633.3862

Winter Farmers Market

St. Albert's, along with the Churches' Center for Land & People (*this is a ministry sponsored, in part, by the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church*), will be holding a Winter Farmers Market on Saturday, January 14th, 9 – 12:30. Local vendors will provide items for sale such as grass-fed meat, cheese, soap, sorghum, honey, popcorn, pies, cheesecake, apples, cider, flour, milk & yogurt. Brunch using locally grown ingredients will be served from 11 – 12. The scrumptious meal prepared by Chef Steffi Culberson of Goose Chaser Farm in Blanchardville consists of veggie egg strata, hot honey breakfast sausage, apple & walnut salad with honey yogurt dressing, creamy Wisconsin potatoes & a jumbo muffin. Cost is \$10 adults/\$5 children/maximum \$25 per family. Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Linda Sheridan, lin-das@saintalberts.org. A portion of the proceeds of this event benefits the Harvest for Hope fund, supporting area farmers in times of crisis. A great opportunity to buy some sustainably grown local products and enjoy a great meal!



Are You Interested In Learning More About Sun Prairie United Methodist Church?

We will be having a New Member Orientation for those who are interested in learning more about our congregation on Tuesday, January 17th, 2012, at 6:30pm. Our meeting will last approximately an hour and a half. This will be a time for you to get to know other people who are interested in learning about our church as well. We will also learn about how our church can help you grow in faith. If you're interested in attending, speak with Rev. Scott, Rev. Amanda or Rev. Frank, or call 837-5554.

We want to thank the many, many people who have remembered us with cards and gifts this past Christmas season. Thank you for your generosity and for your friendship. It really is wonderful being in ministry with you here at Sun Prairie United Methodist Church.

Rev. Scott & Debbie Carlson

Dear Sun Prairie UMC friends & members, Thank you so much for a wonderful year filled with your gracious hospitality. My family and I have been so warmly received and blessed to join your wonderful faith community. Thanks for remembering us at this time of year, as well. Your gifts, cards, thoughts and prayers mean so much to us.

In Christ's love, Pastor Amanda

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Outreach News

You Can Count on Me

Yes, I can!

Outreach Committee is looking for a volunteer to coordinate our church's quarterly food service night with Sunshine Supper. Expectations of this volunteer position are: promote and encourage our members to participate in volunteering at the Sunshine Supper; coordinate positions for the volunteers and oversee food prep volunteers and food delivery. The coordinator position asks several hours of concentrated time for the weeks prior to the night of our church's dinner night, but requires little between the four serving nights a year. Good coordinating and follow-up skills are needed; a heart for mission and a love for people a must! Our church's next turn to serve is Monday, January, 16, so it would be a good time to 'learn the ropes' from current coordinator, Jane Kahl. Bless you for your consideration! Please contact Pastor Amanda for more information.

"Love Your Neighbor" Workshop

Saturday, January 14, 2012

**Sun Prairie United Methodist Church, Sun Prairie
9:30am- 2:30pm**

The purpose of this workshop will be to gather, learn and fellowship with fellow United Methodists from around the state to talk about what it means to build an inclusive church that welcomes all people. We'll also be learning about how we can make an impact on the decisions made at General Conference in 2012. All are invited! Please speak with Pastor Amanda or Kellye Walker-Pontius for more information or about how to register: amandastein@sunprairieumc.org & kwalkerpontius@msn.com

COOKIE WALK THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all who participated in the annual Cookie Walk - those who baked goods, those who bought items and those who ate! It was a very successful mission project, raising over \$1,768 for the Sun Prairie Emergency Food Pantry and The Road Home. Thank you for your talents and your generosity!



Angel Tree Thanks

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas 2011 Angel Tree giving project by purchasing or delivering gifts. The congregation was so responsive to choosing a tag when the tree went up the first weekend that the tags were gone before all three services were over. We appreciate the way everyone managed the limited amount of shopping time and got the gifts back to the tree by the Dec.7 deadline! We were able to provide over 60 gifts to children who have a parent in prison over the holidays.

An update on Wesley House:

On Sunday, December 11th, a group SPUMC members gathered at the former parsonage to claim its new name, "The Wesley House," and bless the building for its new purposes of ministry. The service included a time of giving thanks for all of the clergy families that have lived there, as well as blessing the spaces within the house for the ministry that will happen there. We look forward to it continuing to grow in the breadth and depth of its mission to be a space for learning, fellowship, and hospitality. (Pictures from the dedication will be in next month's Caller.)

Thanks to all who have volunteered, cleaned, painted and donated items for Wesley House. We are happy to report that the house is already being used by various church ministries—Knit One Pray One, LOGOS, and youth, Disciple Bible Studies, the Men's Group, Coffee Connection, and the Wesley House Committee.

Donations are still needed--chairs, small tables and lamps (please, no sofas). Monetary donations are needed for large items such as folding chairs, meeting room tables and improved lighting. For a complete list of needs, please e-mail Claudia Ayers at dayers55@aol.com.

LOOSE COINS

January-February-March

**UMC General Board of Global Ministries
Advance #333615, Anti-Human Trafficking**



Trafficking in humans is a modern form of slavery. According to the United Nations, this crime ensnares an estimated 1 to 4 million people each year. No country is immune. Interpol, the global police agency, puts human trafficking on a par with drugs and arms smuggling in its profitability for organized crime.

Human trafficking has complex root causes - war, natural disaster, chronic unemployment, and limited public awareness and assistance. The long-term consequences are grave for the individuals bearing the abuse and for developing countries where trafficking promotes crime and weakens social norms. The face of a victim of human trafficking is usually that of a young woman or child. Some are forced to work in factories, but most are forced into prostitution. The promises of a free life in a prosperous land are lies that rob the victims of their health, hope, and spirit.

In response to efforts by The United Methodist Church and other denominations, governments around the world have taken action to end the practice of human trafficking. Government action isn't enough, though. Through The Advance, mission projects are taking place that restore shattered lives, and raise awareness to prevent whole lives from being broken in the first place.

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. In this season of the Epiphany, your support of anti-human trafficking projects through The Advance can make the difference in

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CREATIVE MINISTRIES

Music Group Schedule for Jan.

Schedule subject to change

Date	Saturday	8:30	10:45
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1	RiversEdge	One service at 10am	
Jan 7 & 8	Radiance	Heaven's Handbells	Chancel Choir
Jan. 14 & 15	RiversEdge	Chancel Choir	MAD Camp Reunion
Jan 21 & 22	Radiance	Singing Churchmen	Treble Tones
Jan 28 & 29	Radiance	Chancel Choir	Heaven's Handbells
Feb. 4 & 5	RiversEdge		Chancel Choir
Feb. 11 & 12	RiversEdge	Chancel Choir	Chad Castle
Feb. 18 & 19	Radiance	LOGOS Sr. HIGH	LOGOS Sr. HIGH
Ash Wednesday	7pm Worship: Chancel Choir		
Feb. 25 & 26	Radiance	Treble Tones	Singing Churchmen



SPECIAL THANKS!

I want to thank Sandi Gordon, Lisa Heinle, Jeanne Mauby and the several volunteers who put together an amazing reception following our Messiah Sing-a-long. I also would like to thank the many wonderful people who came to support and be gracious hosts and hostesses. What an impact you had on people's lives. Comments flooded in about how warm and gracious the people of SPUMC were. Thank you for showing Christ's love!

Messiah Sing-a-long chose Sun Prairie Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" as the local charity to support. Our church mission statement invites us to help people connect and grow in faith. The mission of "Shop with a Cop" is to develop relationships with children who need a little encouragement. We were able to give "Shop with a Cop" \$400 this year. Thank you for your special generosity.



Day Ringers

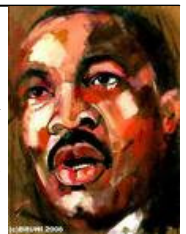
Our Day Ringers are currently meeting on Tuesdays from 12:30 until 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. They are a hard working group but manage to have a lot of laughs in the process.

They recently added to the celebration of the XYZ group and are always glad to share their music. We have several snow birds in the group, so we would really love to find a couple of more folks who would like to try ringing hand bells. No music experience is really needed, just the ability to count. This is a perfect time to join the group as our songs really sound like they are supposed to!! Please contact Mary Hartkopf at mary.hartkopf@gmail.com or 608-837-8752 if you are interested in joining us, or would like to have us ring for you!

SINGING CHURCHMEN resume practices on January 8, 9:45 in the Sanctuary. This is a perfect time to join the group -- we're starting out fresh with new music; no catching up. This is a terrific group of men, one that any singer should consider joining. We have fun, yet work hard on our music, and we sing once a month in either the 8:30 or 10:45 service. Do you want more information or encouragement or nagging to join? Talk with Pam Girard, 846-4008, or psgirard@wisc.edu.

Celebrating King's Birthday

Monday, January 16 is a federal holiday celebrating the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. That weekend during our worship services, we too, will be celebrating his life-- remembering him as a clergyman, activist, and prominent leader in the Civil Rights Movement. We give thanks for his courage, steeped in Christian faith, that for a decade made him the mouthpiece of dignity and equality for all, and which by the time of his death in 1968 allowed him to focus on ending poverty and stopping the Vietnam War. We look forward to seeing you in worship!



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someone's life. Please give generously!

Loose coins means LOOSE COINS! Loose bills are not considered loose coins. We only count coins as our LOOSE COIN OFFERING! Many in our congregation save their change throughout the week and drop all loose coins in the offering plate during worship. If you would like to make a special gift to Advance #333615 (checks or bills), please clearly mark your envelope or your check. Thank you for your support!

Adult Ministries

80+ Birthdays

"Dreams are renewable. No matter what our age or condition, there are still untapped possibilities within us and new beauty waiting to be born." --Dale E. Turner



Happy birthday and congratulations to **Betty Rosinsky** whose birthday is January 3 and **Ed Swanson** whose birthday is January 11.

Journey Through Grief

When someone important to us dies, we grieve. It can be a very tough time. We each need to find our own way to get through – but we don't have to grieve alone. Beginning Tuesday, January 10, 2012, and running for seven (7) consecutive Tuesday nights, 6:30 – 8:30pm, Agrace Hospice-Care (formerly Hospice Care, Inc.) will present *Journey through Grief* at St. Albert's here in Sun Prairie. For more information or to register, please contact Jim at Agrace HospiceCare at 276-4660. Registration is required, and it is recommended that participants attend all the sessions.

Adult & Caring Ministries Committee

Adult and Caring Ministries is grateful for the active participation of Connie Hansen and Cynda Wayland who rotate off the committee. Their contributions have been invaluable. We are happy to welcome new members: George Kaminski, Brenda Carlson-Hahn and Pete Frey. The committee meets at 6pm on the first Monday of each month. Exception: January! The first Monday in January is the second day of the year – and Rose Bowl Monday! In January, we will meet on the second Monday, which is the 9th!

Home Communion



On the first weekend in December, seven home communion servers offered communion to members who are unable to come to congregational worship to receive the sacrament. We served eight of our members.

Since then, two more members have requested they be on the list to receive communion in January. If you or someone you know who is unable to come to church would like to have communion brought to their home, please contact Frank Gaylord at 837-5554 ext. 106.

Blood Pressure Screening

On the second Sunday of every month, we offer free blood pressure screening in Fellowship Hall. Come and let qualified health professionals from our congregation check your blood pressure. They will gladly keep a record for you to help you compare readings from prior months.

Knit/Crochet/Pray

We have had so much wonderful activity in our group! On November 20th, when we dedicated prayer shawls, we gave away 14 shawls. We depleted our inventory! Such happiness there was because we create prayer shawls to give away and to provide a sense of God's comforting love to whomever uses them. They are prayerfully created and for a first time, we had given away every one that had been knit or crocheted! We have a waiting list of 8 more people who want them! Imagine the creative hands and fingers at work creating more!

At the beginning of November, we presented 250 caps, 90 scarves and 30 pairs of mittens to the Sun Prairie School system to distribute to needy students. They were received with great thanks. The note we received from Jennifer Apodaca, Dir. of Student Services for the school system, said in part:

"Thank you sincerely for your kindness in giving our students the beautiful, handmade hats, scarves & mittens. I am confident that the kids will feel all of the love you put into each creation when they wear them in the upcoming winter months. Your generosity is appreciated."

In a separate letter, the Deputy District Administrator for Business and Operations sent us a donation statement valuing our gift at \$1000. With a value like that, we know for certain that we are about important work, both for the physical comfort and for the spiritual comfort our knitting needles, crochet hooks, hours of labor, and intentional prayer provide.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, join one of our groups at 10am on either the second or fourth Monday of any month. Or, pick up a knitting kit which will give you everything you need to knit a cap. They are on the counter in Fellowship Hall just outside the sanctuary. Or you could provide a monetary gift to enable us to purchase more yarn.

Stephen Ministries

As 2012 begins, the Stephen Ministry trainees in our congregation will have only 5 sessions remaining to complete their 50 hours of preparation. During the weekend of February 4 & 5, we will commission ten Stephen Ministers to begin offering skilled listening and supportive ministry to our members. We are grateful beyond words for the ministry they will provide to persons dealing with grief, loss, crisis of any sort or whatever other needs our pastors and leaders will determine could benefit with extended, regular care by a Stephen Minister. If you think you would benefit from our ministry, speak to either Pastor Scott or Pastor Amanda. Or you may have conversation with any of our Stephen Leaders: Pat Harper, Bonnie Kott or Frank Gaylord.

CONFIRMAND CONFIDENTIAL

BRIANNA LEWIS & EVELYN URBAN

Meet My Confirmand, Brianna Lewis

I would like to introduce you to my confirmand, Brianna Lewis "Bri". She was born in Madison and lives with her mother, younger sister, grandfather and grandmother. Brianna loves animals, as she has 3 rabbits, 2 new born bunnies, 1 fish and especially enjoys the family dog Snickers. After high school she would like to further her education in Vet Tec school. She also has a love for children and enjoys working in the nursery at church. She enjoys activities such as, volleyball, archery, dancing, singing, 4 H and family vacations. One of her most memorable moments was when she was able to fly with The Young Eagles Club in a two person plane over Madison and Sun Prairie. Brianna is a very loving, caring and helpful person. I am excited to grow in faith with her this year.

By Evelyn Urban

Meet My Mentor, Evelyn Urban

My mentors name is Evelyn Urban. She is a kind, loving, and caring person. She loves helping people and children. She is married to Bob and has 2 daughters, 1 step son, 5 grandchildren and soon a great grandchild. She looks forward to taking a family trip every year. This year she is excited to travel to Estes Park, Colorado. She enjoys working with 4 H and is on the potato stand committee for the Dane County Fair. Looking forward to learning more about God with her this year.

By Brianna Lewis

For the last couple of weeks we've had in-class competitions on the History of the United Methodist Church and the life of John Wesley. This last week Ben Zacher and his mentor, Dave Heinle, won the Discount Double Check Belt of the Week for their thorough and well-designed flow chart of the history of the United Methodist Church. This grudge-match win comes just one week after Gabby Mason led her team to victory, just edging out Ben during a John Wesley-themed Jeopardy game. All of the history charts will be on display in the church Fellowship Hall on an up-coming weekend in January- don't miss them!" All in the name of good effort, good spirits, and some learning- Pastor Amanda

BEN ZACHER & DAVE HEINLE

Meet My Confirmand, Ben Zacher

I am pleased to introduce you to Ben Zacher. Ben lives in Sun Prairie with his parents, his younger brother and sister, and a very playful Black Lab named Maya. Ben attends Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School. Ben is very active in soccer programs, as a player, a coach and as a referee. I am impressed with Ben's mature attitude towards God. He appreciates the many blessings he has already received. He is enjoying learning more about religion and wants to make his faith part of his everyday life. I am blessed to be sharing part of his faith journey as his mentor in his confirmation class.

By Dave Heinle

Meet My Mentor, Dave Heinle

I am very pleased to introduce you to my mentor, Dave Heinle. Dave lives down the street from me with his wife, Lisa, and 2 stepdaughters, Jillian and Hannah. He is retired right now but was a police officer for 35 years as head of the Capital police force. Now, he is the daytime custodian for our church. Dave is a big Brewers and Packers fan, just like me. His other hobbies include "shooting" pool and playing cards. Dave is very funny and really helpful with everything that I need to learn through confirmation. He and I get along really well. I am really blessed to have him as my mentor and will enjoy spending every Wednesday with him for the next semester.

By Ben Zacher

LAURA GRAY & PETE TWEDELL

Meet My Confirmand, Laura Gray

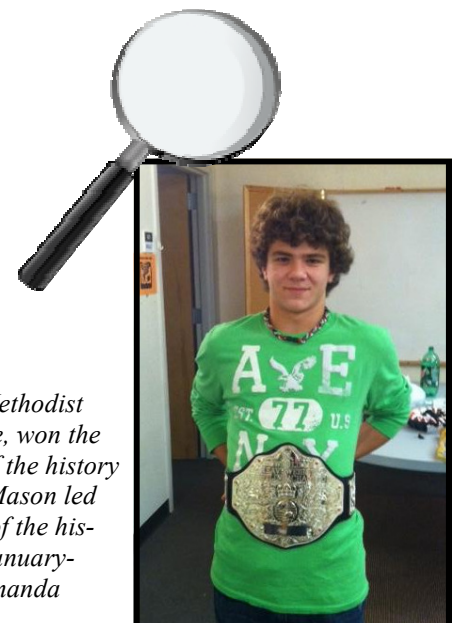
Hello, my name is Pete Twedell and my confirmand is Miss Laura Gray. Laura attends Deforest High School and really enjoys FFA plus showing her dairy Holsteins at several Fairs. She is a cheerleader and enjoys improving at Karate. Miss Gray has always given her time helping at Church and has mastered the Art of Ushering. I am very happy to be able to work with Laura through Confirmation this year.

By Pete Twedell

Meet My Mentor, Pete Twedell

Hi, my name is Laura Gray and my mentor is Pete Twedell. Pete is retired after 35 years of teaching math and coaching football and baseball at Sun Prairie High School. Pete has a wife, Terry, and two married sons, Michael and Jamie. Mr. Twedell enjoys high school sports, golf and most of all working with our Confirmation students at Sun Prairie United Methodist Church.

By Laura Gray

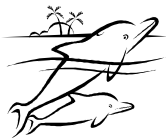




LOGOS

January LOGOS Schedule

Jan. 4th
No LOGOS



Jan. 11th
2nd Semester Starts!
"Under the Sea"

– Dress for summer! No swimsuits

Jan. 18th
"Sports Night"



– Dress to support your favorite team



Jan. 25th
Chinese New Year

– Wear your LOGOS shirt

The Children's Christmas Celebration was a HUGE success this year with over 200 people in attendance! A HUGE Thank You to Patricia Putnam for organizing and implementing the Christmas Musical! Thanks, too, to Sandy Kintner and all of the LOGOS Worship Skills Leaders for helping the children learn their parts. We are blessed to have so many creative and musical people in our church!

THANK You to the LOGOS Families and Volunteers who donated mugs, hot chocolate and treats for the "Comfort Mugs"! The LOGOS Sr. High and Jr High classes put together about 100 mugs and delivered them to shut ins, gave them to the XYZ attendees and also took some to the Food Pantry!

LOGOS Snow Policy:

If Sun Prairie Schools are cancelled, LOGOS (including confirmation) is cancelled. On days where the weather is predicted to get worse in the late afternoon or evening (and school has not been cancelled), we will make a decision whether or not to have LOGOS on Wednesdays by 1:00, based on the forecast. We take into consideration people driving from more than 5 different communities, as well as High Schoolers driving that night and the predicted weather forecast. We will notify everyone involved via email; however, if you are unable to check your email during the day or do not have email, you are welcome to call the church office. If no one answers, there will be an announcement on the church office answering machine if LOGOS is cancelled. If LOGOS is not cancelled, but you do not feel comfortable driving, please stay home and just let us know. Everyone's safety is our main concern!



LOGOS e-mails – All LOGOS families, including all volunteers should be getting regular e-mail updates about LOGOS. If you are not, we might not have your e-mail address. Please e-mail rdmullern@charter.net and let me know if you are not receiving regular LOGOS updates.

LOGOS really needs YOUR help!
Please pray about and consider:

Dining Room Cleanup Person – to work on a team with 2 others – 6:45-7:30 once a month

Comforter – to check in on classes and be available to help a child who may need some extra attention – 6:45-8:00 or 4:30-5:45

Cherub Choir Assistant – 5:15-5:45

Worship Skills Middle School Assistant – 5:00-5:45

Table Parent – 5:30-6:45

Contact Deb at 837-5554 ext. 107 or rdmullern@charter.net for more information!

Worlds can be found by a child and an adult bending down and looking together under the grass stems or at the skittering crabs in a tidal pool.



Youth Ministries

Tackle Hunger with Souper Bowl of Caring!

More than 20 years ago, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for the local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world, as they collect money for the charities that provide food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be a part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Sunday, February 5, 2012, after both services. Every dollar goes to Sun Prairie Emergency Food Pantry, our 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Blizzard Blast 2012

Calling all 6, 7 & 8th Graders:
It is time for our annual lock out.

Cost: \$40.00

Date: January 15th into the 16th

Start time: 7pm at Our Savior's Lutheran

Pick Up time: 7am at SPUMC Fellowship Hall

*Activities include (but not limited to):
Swimming, Laser Tag and Pizza*

Contact Crystal Yelk for registration
or any questions.
608-837-5554 ext.110 —or— 608-575-0414
Limited space available

Youth Little Caesar's Super Bowl Pizza Sale

Our Youth will be selling Little Caesar's Pizza kits to be delivered the Friday before the Super Bowl. There will be inserts in the bulletins for you to place your order. All of our proceeds will go to help pay for youth summer trips. Thank you.

ATTENTION: All Youth...
It's that time of year again...
Time for our annual



CHOCOLATE LOVER'S Bake Sale!
...and we need your help!

Saturday February 11, 2012 — Shift Time: 4:45 – 6:30
Sunday February 12, 2012 — Shift Times: 8:15 – 10:00
or 10:20 – 12:15 (Ending times depend upon when sales are done.)

We need volunteers to work the bake sale:

- **TWO (2) youth volunteers for each shift**
- **TWO (2) adult volunteers for each shift**

You can earn credit for helping. Each shift consists of coming DURING the service to sort, package and price baked goods AND working the sale AFTER the service, selling goods.

You can also earn ONE (1) credit for every 2 dozen cookies, bars, cupcakes, etc. that you donate! Drop off your donation at the church kitchen before the service.



Please contact Laurie Davis at bear-fan50@frontier.com to volunteer. This is an EASY way to earn credit! Volunteers will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis.
BE THE FIRST TO SIGN UP!

The 'BE' Attitudes (more on Page 10)

Be understanding to your enemies.
Be loyal to your friends.
Be strong enough to face the world each day.
Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.
Be generous to those who need your help.
Be frugal with that you need yourself.
Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.
Be foolish enough to believe in miracles.
Be willing to share the sorrows of others.
Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.

Children's Ministries



Kids and Communion

Are you interested in your child learning more about the sacrament of communion? Would you like to learn more about communion in our church along with your child(ren) in a relaxed, educational and enjoyable environment? On two consecutive Sundays in January, Rev. Amanda Stein and Sarah Weddle will lead our "Kids and Communion" class. This class is aimed for children in second grade and above and will be held in the Chapel on Sunday, January 8th and Sunday, January 15th from 9:45 - 10:30. There will be two back to back classes, each class covering half of the material. Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling Sarah at the church 837-5554 ext. 108 or emailing her at sweddle@sunprairieumc.org to let her know who is attending.

God's Love Breakfast

Our young ones are invited for a morning wrapped in God's Love. Our three to six year old children are invited to bring a loved one (mom, dad, grandpa, grandma, friend, aunt, uncle, etc.) for an enjoyable breakfast at our church. On Saturday, January 28th from 9:30 - 11am, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a delicious breakfast, singing, crafts, stories and pictures as we are reminded of how much God loves each and every one of us! Cost is \$5.00 per pair. Please sign up by calling the church office or emailing Sarah at sweddle@sunprairieumc.org.



New 2012 Calendar? Put these dates in it!

August 6th – 9th

2012 Vacation Bible School will be held at our church from 9am to 11:30am daily.

Thursday, July 19th from 3 – 7pm

Youth helper day—The required training for children in 6th grade and above who have grown out of Vacation Bible School, but would like to help us with skits or service

There was never a night or a problem that could defeat sunrise or hope. —Ben Williams

Please remember these Members and Friends by praying for them and sending a card, a note of remembrance or just a friendly hello.

Evelyn Krause, Grace Marty, Sharon Peters, Elaine Wiersema: Hyland Park of Sun Prairie, 881 Liberty Blvd, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Frank Brown, Darlene Oliver: Haack's Tendercare, 1249 School Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Mildred Thompson: Kindred Hearts, 605 Chase Blvd, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Oscar Sell: Faith Living Center, 131 Clarmar Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

June Dartt, Jeanette Livie: Oakwood Seasons, 5565 Tancho Drive, Madison, WI 53718

Burt Zipperer, Bonnie Lavior, Ken & Fay Turner, Mary Jane Leahan: Prairie Gardens, 900 O'Keeffe Avenue, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Joe and Nancy Glassner: Sterling House, 650 Broadway Drive, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Hoyt & Alice Heath: Sun Prairie Health Care Center, 228 W. Main Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Elsie Czehno: Sun Prairie Retirement Center, 228 W. Main Street, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Mabel Harris: Waunakee Manor, 801 S. Klein Drive, Waunakee WI 53597

Argy Schreiber, Al Snowdon: Willows Nursing & Rehab Center, 41 Rickel Road, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Health Concerns: Glen Callin, Deb Huonker, Stan Strosahl, Kathy Thornton, Linda Tkach, Joel Wollum, Ursula Kauppenin

Homebound: Sue Setterlund, Joe Syty

The 7 modern sins: politics without principles, pleasures without conscience, wealth without work, knowledge without character, industry without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice.-- Canon Frederic Donaldson

Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent attitude. -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE				
Nov 5 & 6	169	148	193	510
Nov 12 & 13	115	146	216	477
Nov 19 & 20	188	144	194	526
Nov 26 & 27	139	143	193	475
Average attendance Nov: 497				

NOVEMBER GIVING TABLE	
General Fund	44,743.58
1st Mile Giving	3,861.00
Missions	1,898.51

CHURCH RECORDS



NOTES FROM THE HEART

Births:

Nov 29

Nolan Mark Longseth
son of David & Stephanie Longseth

Dec 2

Lily Evelyn Crook
daughter of Luke & Melissa Crook
granddaughter of Greg & Tricia Crook

Dec 5

Aiden Rahul Muktesh
son of Moreen Preethy Simonraj

Dec. 18

Benjamin Jackson Visnieski
step-grandson of Kellye Walker-Pontius

Deaths:

Nov 24

Mary Greenberg
Monty Greenberg's mother

Dec 6

Barry Paulson
Brett Paulson's father

More 'BE' Attitudes from Page 8

Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.

Be first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.

Be last to criticize a colleague who fails.

Be sure where your next step will fall, so that you will not stumble.

Be sure of your final destination, in case you are going the wrong way.

Be loving to those who love you.

Be loving to those who do not love you; they may change.

Above all, be yourself.

Thank you so much for your care and love during the time of my mother's illness and her death. Thank you to Rev. Scott and Rev. Amanda for making trips to several hospitals, as well as to the HospiceCare Center. Thank you for all the prayers, support, food, cards, emails, flowers, plants, and visits. Thank you for your representation at both the visitation and funeral. My mom loved SPUMC and enjoyed the many friendships she formed. My family sure felt the love of Christ in all the wonderful care we received. Thank you again for being such faithful disciples and for being the Church of Jesus Christ. God has been good; even in this time of love.

– Rev. Susan Bresser and family

A very special "thank you" – with sincere appreciation to all of those who helped in so many ways with the move to our new home.

– Jodi Hauge and family

My sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to our pastors for their many prayers, visits and phone calls and to pastor Frank and member of our congregation for bringing communion to me on several occasions during my lengthy hospital stay, after my surgery and while I am here at Oakwood Village East Rehab. Center. I have been blessed with mountains of cards, notes, phone calls, plants, cookies, gifts – especially on the occasion of my recent birthday. All of them have come from you, my dear church family. I thank you for so much love and caring. I love all of you, too. Please continue your prayers for healing in regard to my ongoing battle with this disease. May God's blessings be with you always.

– Ursula Kauppinen

Never does the human soul appear so strong as when it foregoes revenge, and dares forgive an injury. - E. H. Chapin

Sunday, January 1 – Happy New Year!
10:00am Worship (one service today)
No Church School

Monday, January 2
Office Closed
4:00pm Sunshine Supper prep

Tuesday, January 3
6:30pm Outreach Committee

Wednesday, January 4
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 5
10:00am Bible Story Hour
6:30pm Stephen Ministries

Friday, January 6
6:00am Men's Group

Saturday, January 7
5:00pm Worship
5:15pm Church School

Sunday, January 8
8:30am Worship
9:30am Blood Pressure Screening
9:45am Church School
9:45am Singing Churchmen & Treble Tones rehearsals
10:45m Worship

Monday, January 9
10:00am Coffee Connection
4:00pm Sunshine Supper prep
6:00pm Adult Ministries
6:30pm Disciple Bible Studies 1 & 4

Tuesday, January 10
12:30pm Day Ringers rehearsal
2:00pm Worship @ Sterling House
6:00pm Heaven's Handbells rehearse
7:00pm Trustees

Wednesday, January 11
10:00am Worship @ Prairie Garden
3:00pm Worship @ Faith Living Ctr
4:30pm LOGOS
6:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 12
10:00am Worship @ Colonial View
10:00am Bible Story Hour
6:30pm Stephen Ministries

Friday, January 13
6:00am Men's Group

Saturday, January 14
MAD Camp Reunion
Love Your Neighbor Event
5:00pm Worship
5:15pm Church School

Sunday, January 15
8:30am Worship
9:45am Church School
9:45am Singing Churchmen & Treble Tones rehearsals
10:45am Worship
7:00pm Blizzard Blast begins!

Monday, January 16
Office Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
4:00pm Sunshine Supper Prep
6:30pm Disciple Bible Study 4 (no DBS 1)

Tuesday, January 17
11:00am XYZ (Xtra Years of Zest)
12:30pm Day Ringers rehearsal
6:00pm Heaven's Handbells rehearse
6:30pm Finance Committee

Wednesday, January 18
Newsletter deadline: ben-jan29@verizon.com
4:30pm LOGOS
6:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 19
10:00am Bible Story Hour
6:30pm Grace Café
6:30pm Stephen Ministries

Friday, January 20
6:00am Men's Group
9:30pm Grace Café

Saturday, January 21
5:00pm Worship
5:15pm Church School

Sunday, January 22
8:30am Worship
9:45am Church School
9:45am Singing Churchmen & Treble Tones rehearsal
10:45am Worship

Monday, January 23
10:00am Knit/Pray/Crochet
4:00pm Sunshine Supper prep
6:30pm Disciple Bible Studies 1 & 4

Tuesday, January 24
12:30am Day Ringers rehearsal
6:00pm Heaven's Handbells rehearsal

Wednesday, January 25
4:30pm LOGOS
6:00pm Confirmation
7:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 26
10:00am Bible Story Hour
6:30pm Grace Café
6:30pm Stephen Ministries
6:30pm Church Council

Friday, January 27
6:00am Men's Group
9:30am Grace Café
6:00pm High Schooler's Laser Tag

Saturday, January 28
9:30am God's Love Breakfast
5:00pm Worship
5:15pm Church School

Sunday, January 29
8:30am Worship
9:45am Church School
9:45am Singing Churchmen & Treble Tones rehearsals
10:45am Worship

Monday, January 30
4:00pm Sunshine Supper prep
6:30pm Disciple Bible Studies 1 & 4

Tuesday, January 31
12:30pm Day Ringers rehearsal
6:00pm Heaven's Handbells rehearsal



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