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Moments from

Youth Sunday Celebration

Sunday, June 2, 2019

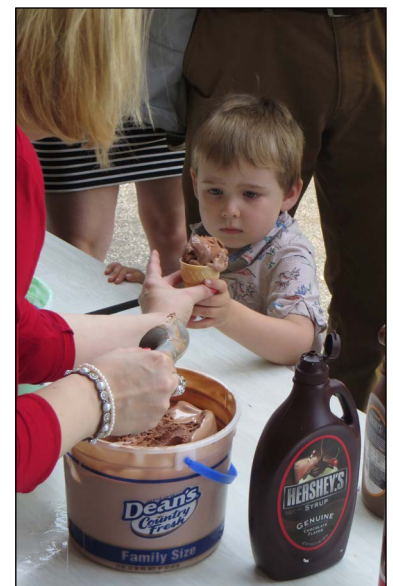


THE COLUMNS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN WAUWATOSA



On Sunday, June 2nd, Sunday School Teachers were honored at the Youth Sunday Service. The Junior and Cherub Choirs performed. The Sunday School classes did presentations and our PF Youth served as ushers, greeters and liturgists. An Ice Cream Social followed on Ridge Court.



FCC Softball League

Root, Root, Root for the Home Team!

Show your support for our beloved First Church Men's Softball Team.
Plan to attend one or all Tuesday night games this season.

July 2 - 6:30^{pm}
at Hart Park

July 9 - 6:30^{pm}
at Whitman North

July 23 - 8:30^{pm}
at Whitman North

July 30 - 8:30 & 9:30^{pm}
at Hart Park

August 6 - 6:30^{pm}
at Whitman North

Discovery Hour

Women's Ministry

July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 7:00^{am} in the Parlor

Please bring your Bibles, and if weather permits we will sit outside, so bring a lawn chair.

Men's Bible Study

July 3 and 17 at 6:30^{am}, in Rm. 107

Led by Bruce Milne, we meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. We do not meet on the 5th Wednesday of the month.

Men's Ministry

July 10 and 24 at 6:30^{am}, in Rm. 107

We typically meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Operating Statement Summary

Year to Date as of May 2019

	Current Year	Prior Year
Pledge base received	39.0%	38.5%
Pledge Income	\$187,695	\$214,499
Total Income	\$286,397	\$297,701
Total Expense	\$248,732	\$252,273
Net Income	\$37,665	\$45,428

Detailed financials available at office.

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Like us on Facebook!

Casual Worship Saturdays at 4^{pm} in the Chapel

We are happy to announce the start of a Casual Worship Service. This new service will be comfortable, "come as you are;" whether it's right from the soccerfield, running errands or before your evening plans. If you or someone you know might be looking for a new worship opportunity like this, please feel free to check it out and share with friends.

Off the Top of My Head

By Rev. William S. Trump, *Senior Minister*

Each year as the thermometer begins to rise, our thoughts turn from the hustle and bustle of our daily existence to a time of rest and relaxation. Vacation time is upon us, and we all have different approaches. For some it includes traveling long distances and visiting places far from home. For others, vacation is a time to get away and do very little. For others it may simply be a break in the fast paced activities of their daily lives. Even our church programs slow down to accommodate the changes of this season of rest and relaxation.

You will notice that we do not stop our Sunday worship experiences for the summer or any portion of it. The experience of worshipping God and sharing in the fellowship of the church can be an integral part of our summer relaxation. As our vacations recharge us physically and psychologically, the church provides a means to recharging the spirit. I hope that when you are in town this summer, you will take time to be with us for our regular worship services. When you are away from home visit other churches or have a small worship time with your family and friends. Remember Jesus' invitation to each of us, "Come unto me, all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

See you on Sundays,

- Bill



NACCC Thanks First Church

The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) recently recognized First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa as a Fair Share Plus church.



The citation is in appreciation of our annual financial contribution, which exceeds the amount considered to be a "fair share" for member churches.

We value our long-standing relationship with NACCC for several reasons. Prominent among them are the opportunities NACCC provides for fellowship among Congregational churches from around the country.

This past June, several of us traveled to Cleveland for the NACCC's Annual Meeting & Conference. During the conference we enjoyed fellowship with representatives from other churches similar to, and different from, our own. We shared our concerns, our plans, and our joys. We also found the event's many workshops and presentations to be spiritually enriching as well as informative. Several of the sessions offered solutions to the many challenges faced by today's churches. A bonus was catching up with representatives from domestic and international missions supported by the NACCC and learning about all they do to help people in need.

As we approach the 400th Anniversary of the Pilgrim landing at Plymouth, it's especially important to know that NACCC works to preserve and promote the Congregational Way, which includes educating clergy to our history and polity in an effort to maintain the vitality of Congregationalism.

That's why we're Fair Share Plus.

- Submitted by Marianne King

Capital Campaign Clarification

In the June issue of the Columns, we discussed the Board of Trustees plans for the capital campaign to raise funds for a new elevator. An anonymous donor has offered to match every contribution of \$10,000 with another \$1,000. In the following example, the 13 top, qualifying donations could net an additional \$19,000:

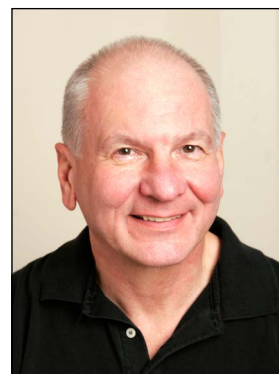
- One \$25,000 donation receives an additional \$2,000

- Five \$20,000 donations (\$100,000 total) generate an additional \$10,000
- Seven \$10,000 donations (\$70,000) result in an additional \$7,000

A total of \$195,000 in donations generates \$19,000 from the anonymous donor for a total of \$214,000 or 50.6% of our campaign goal! It adds up!

A Note From Pastor Barry

By Rev. Barry W. Szymanski, Minister of Pastoral Care



It is summer time –
A time to relax during our very short Wisconsin warm season.
Therefore we shouldn't tax our minds too much – so,

DO KNOW YOUR HYMNS?

If you don't then here are answers:

Dentist's Hymn	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	And, for those who speed on the highway . . .	
Weatherman's Hymn	<i>There Shall be Showers of Blessings</i>	55 mph	<i>God Will Take Care of You</i>
Contractor's Hymn	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	75 mph	<i>Nearer My God to Thee</i>
Tailor's Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	85 mph	<i>This World is Not My Home</i>
Golfer's Hymn	<i>There's a Green Hill Far Away</i>	95 mph	<i>Lord, I'm Coming Home</i>
Politician's Hymn	<i>Standing on the Promises!</i>	100 mph	<i>Precious Memories</i>
Optometrist's Hymn	<i>Open My Eyes That I Might See</i>		
IRS Agent's Hymn	<i>I Surrender All</i>		
Gossip's Hymn	<i>Pass It On</i>		
Electrician's Hymn	<i>Send the Light</i>		
Shopper's Hymn	<i>Sweet By and By</i>		
Realtor's Hymn	<i>I've got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop</i>		
Massage Therapist's Hymn	<i>He Touched Me</i>		

We should close with prayer:

*Lord, Give me a sense of humor. Give me the
grace to appreciate a joke, to get some humor out
of life, and pass it on to other folks.*

*- Copied years ago by Pastor Barry
and now shared for fun.*

Summer Hours are Now In Effect First Church Office summer hours are:

**Monday - Thursday
9am - 4:30pm**

Office is closed on Friday

Orbs on the Green

On Monday nights in June, July & August,
enjoy golf and fellowship with FCC men & women
at Silver Spring Golf Club.

Contact Bill Edens: wre.specter@gmail.com

Cheer on the

Brewers™

August 11th

**Start off the fun with tailgating
at Miller Park before the 1:10 game**

Tickets are \$20

Sign up at the Gathering Table

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL						
JULY 2019						
1 1 ^{pm} Staff Meeting 7 ^{pm} AI-Anon Meeting 8 ^{pm} AA-Charlie Stone Group	2 7 ^{am} Women's Ministry 9 ^{am} YOGA	3 6:30 ^{am} Men's Bible Study 6 ^{pm} Debtors Anon 7 ^{pm} Personnel	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 8 ^{am} St. Vincent Prep 5 ^{pm} St. Vincent Serve	6	
7 9 ^{am} Worship/SS/Nursery 10 ^{am} Coffee Fellowship	8 1 ^{pm} Staff Meeting 7 ^{pm} Trustees 7 ^{pm} AI-Anon Meeting 8 ^{pm} AA-Charlie Stone Group	9 7 ^{am} Women's Ministry 9 ^{am} YOGA	10 6:30 ^{am} Men's Ministry 9 ^{am} Cream City Rug Club 6 ^{pm} Debtors Anon	11 9 ^{am} Big Band 10 ^{am} Sidetracks	12	13 4 ^{pm} Casual Worship
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14 9 ^{am} Worship/SS/Nursery 10 ^{am} Coffee Fellowship 10 ^{am} LRP 10:15 ^{am} Bd/Fellowship	15 1 ^{pm} Staff Meeting 7 ^{pm} Board of Christian Ed 7 ^{pm} AI-Anon Meeting 8 ^{pm} AA-Charlie Stone Group	16 7 ^{am} Women's Ministry 9 ^{am} YOGA 5:30 ^{pm} Tosa Quilters	17 6:30 ^{am} Men's Bible Study 10 ^{am} Harwood Comm. & Chat 6 ^{pm} Debtors Anon	18 9 ^{am} Big Band 10 ^{am} Sidetracks	19	20 4 ^{pm} Casual Worship
21 9 ^{am} Worship/SS/Nursery 10 ^{am} Coffee Fellowship 10 ^{am} Communications 10 ^{am} Elevator Campaign Committee	22 1 ^{pm} Staff Meeting 7 ^{pm} AI-Anon Meeting 8 ^{pm} AA-Charlie Stone Group	23 7 ^{am} Women's Ministry 9 ^{am} YOGA 7 ^{pm} Council	24 6:30 ^{am} Men's Ministry 6 ^{pm} Debtors Anon	25 9 ^{am} Big Band 10 ^{am} Sidetracks	26	27 4 ^{pm} Casual Worship
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Children, Youth & Education Sunday on June 2nd



The 3, 4, and 5-year-olds and 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School classes entertained the congregation. (left)

The Junior and Cherub Choirs joined Maddie Sgarlata and Aubrey Moore on vocals and Gunner Sgarlata on drums to sing the song called "Joy." (above)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

August 12th-16th 9^{am} - Noon

We are excited to be hosting ROAR VBS - this summer's mane event! This epic African adventure will engage the whole herd in a positive and loving church environment. At ROAR, kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Our mission for the week will be to allow everyone involved to discover a wildly refreshing understanding of how God is good - touching lives, changing hearts, and drawing kids and adults closer to our God who loves them.

"Life is wild - God is good"

VBS is for kids entering 4K through 6th grade. Each day, they will move through field-tested activity stations with their Crews. Every station is designed to reinforce the daily Bible message in a hands-on, interactive way that keeps everyone engaged.

Don't miss out on this wonderful summer opportunity here at First Church! Look for the registration form included in this edition of The Columns, or pick up a form at the Gathering Table in the Atrium. The cost is \$10 for the first child, \$5 for each additional child, with a maximum cost of \$20 per family.



Look for more info on VBS on our website and you can also download the registration form our website:

https://www.firstchurchtosa.org/uploads/files/2019_VBS_Registration_Form.pdf

Interested in volunteering? Contact me at: tonia@firstchurchtosa.org or at 414-258-7375 ext. 230.

We have a variety of ways that adults could lend a hand during this fun week!

- Tonia Wallner, Director of Christian Education



Name of child(ren) _____ Grade _____

Grade _____

Grade _____

Entering in Fall

Entering in Fall

Entering in Fall

Address

City

State

Zip

Email _____

Allergies/Health _____

Parent Name (s) _____ Home Phone(s) (_____) _____

Cell Phone(s) _____ Work Phone(s) (_____) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Phone (_____) _____

Cost: \$10.00/first child; \$5.00/each additional child; \$20/maximum per family

☐ Yes, I am interested in helping out during VBS. *Please check all areas of interest.*
☐ teaching ☐ science/imagination ☐ games ☐ where needed

☐ While volunteering, I will need childcare for my children not yet old enough to participate in VBS.

How did you hear about our Vacation Bible School Program?

☐ I belong to the church ☐ I am a guest of _____

☐ Other _____

Photographic Release

I, (print) _____
give consent for any photograph(s) of my child(ren) to be used for promotional purposes.

Signed: _____

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Church Family News

Donald Barr passed away on June 1. Services were held.

Carolyn Koch passed away on June 5. Services were held June 29, in the Chapel at the Three Pillars Senior Living Community in Dousman.

Dr. Robert Kebbekus passed away June 6. Services were held.