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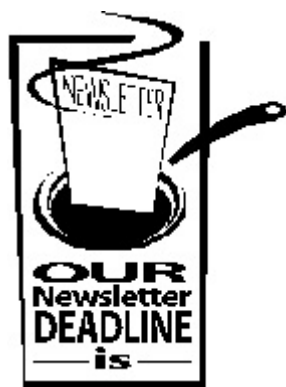
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The LOGOS program is based on Acts 2:42. “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Like Jesus’ apostles, we study, play, eat, and worship together. There is room in the program for everyone who wants to have fun learning and serving God. The program runs for most of the school year on Wednesday nights. Grades 1-5 meet 4:30-6:30 p.m. This group of students starts with fun games to get them active and interacting. During Bible Study they will learn about faith and Jesus. They also learn ways to participate in and lead worship, and will do so through the year. During Dinner/Worship time, the kids have a chance to interact with family and older kids in order to have a sense of “belonging” in the church. Through this, they see where their journey down the path to Jesus can lead them.

Grades 6-12 meet 6:00-8:00 p.m. and focus more on learning about their faith and how it plays a part in every day life. They start with Family Dinner/Worship with the younger kids and will learn what it means to be a Disciple of Christ and a role model. There is also some worship time at the end of dinner geared specifically for the older kids. Students then attend “youth group” style classes where they learn how to take ownership of their faith and interact with it in everyday life. Eighth and ninth grade LOGOS participation is part of the Confirmation requirement. This year, LOGOS starts on October 5th, but it’s not too late! You can still register!

To enroll, volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact Lacey Reinhard by email at reinhard@appfumc.org or by phone at 809-8909 or leave a voice mail at church, 734-2677, on extension 324.



Thursday
October 20
for the November newsletter



REFLECTIONS

Make a Plan to Be With Family

As I look out the window I am surprised to find that a few leaves have already begun to change. The weather is unseasonably cold and I have already brought out my sweaters. Then I look at my calendar and behold, it is the end of September already! Where has the summer and September gone? Did you take time to enjoy it?

September greeted us with much busyness. Our pews here at church were again vibrant with cheer and praise. All our committees met, some for the first time since May. Classes have begun again: men's classes, women's classes, Disciple, Beth Moore, sexuality, parenting, relationships, and others. It is a joy to have our choirs back; haven't the kids grown over the summer! Have you enjoyed the beginning of our fall season here at First UMC?

In your life, maybe you sent your children or grandchildren off to school this month; some of you for the first time. Others of you sent your young adults to college and now are adjusting to life without them in the home. Or maybe this is the first year you didn't send your children back to school and you are now seeing them as adults in society. Did you take time to enjoy them this summer?

Just like the seasons and months of the year, time with friends, family, and children flies faster than we think. Take this month to truly sit down and enjoy them. When was the last time you played barbies with your daughter

or played with cars with your son? Have you sat down with your child or grandchild just to talk with them lately?

Before we know it Christmas will be here, and then the New Year. We will be given yet another socially expected opportunity to set personal, family, and community goals. But why wait until January to set your goals. Why not set a goal as you enter into this new season of school and church? Get together with your family or friends and set a goal and a realistic plan to spend more time together. Now is the time to be a family, because if not now when? If you don't make the plan now, then you will miss another season to intentionally be present in the lives of the ones you love. So make a plan. Be with your family. Live your life. Love the Lord.

Peace,
Pastor Krystal Goodger



Baptism Book

The Church is giving a baptism book to every family that has a baby/young child baptized. It's a beautiful children's Bible called *Spark Story Bible* which brings God's Word to life through colorful art and rich retelling of 150 of the most popular Bible stories

If you would like to donate to purchase a Story Bible for a family, it can be given in honor of or in memory of someone who is special to you. Or, you can just give a Bible from your family. The cost of the Bible is \$20.

Just write your check payable

to "FUMC" and attach a note that it is for the *Spark Story Bible* and if it is in honor of or in memory of someone and their names, or if it is given just from your family.

Church Records

Baptisms

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|---------|-----------------|
| 9-18-11 | Bryce McCormick |
| 9-18-11 | Kaden Reinhard |
| 9-25-11 | Millie Gardner |
| 9-25-11 | Sophia Tegge |
| 9-25-11 | Avery Thornton |

Mark Your Calendar for SERRV Sale

The Social and Ecumenical Concerns Committee will be hosting a SERRV Sale on **Sunday, November 6**, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Asbury Lounge. For those of you who are not familiar with SERRV, it is a non-profit organization that sells fair-trade items – meaning the artisan or farmer gets an equitable price for their products.

We will be selling a wide-range of beautiful and reasonably priced items, such as: organic coffees, teas, and chocolate, baskets, things for your home and kitchen, jewelry, Advent calendars plus a lot more! There will also be a catalog if you wish to order higher priced items or something we don't have. We will consolidate all the orders and have them processed through the church office, so you will not have to pay sales tax. However, after the items come in, you will be responsible for a portion of the cost of shipping.

Stop by the Asbury Lounge November 6. We'll see you there!

Mothers of Growing Disciples

All mothers of young children are invited to join other moms for food, fun and much-needed fellowship. We are a group of moms who are striving to be the best we can be. There is also free childcare in the toddler room during our meetings.

Our next meeting is Monday evening, October 17, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in room 214. If you missed our September meeting, we'd still love to have you join us!

Love Gift in honor of Shelby Knezel

At the 9:00 a.m. worship service on September 25, the congregation of First Church expressed their thanks and appreciation to Shelby Knezel for her 18 years of dedicated ministry with the Genesis Choir.

Shelby was presented with a plaque expressing our appreciation to her for the many anthems and introits presented in worship by her well-trained singers over the years. What a great way for the children of this church to learn to use their voices to give praise to God.

As an additional part of our thanks to Shelby, a love gift will be presented to the Emergency Shelter in her name. It was felt that there might be members and friends of the church who would want to contribute to this gift. If so, please make your checks payable to First United Methodist Church and indicate that it is for the Emergency Shelter on the memo line. This opportunity will be held open for the month of October. At the end of the month the check will be presented to the

Emergency Shelter in Shelby's honor. Shelby is a willing volunteer in many different ministries in both the church and the community. It was felt that this would be the most fitting gift we could give. Thank you to all of you as you participate in this gift.

Interactive Web Calendar

We now have a new interactive church calendar on our web site. Just go to the home page www.appfumc.org. Click on "Church Calendar" and the interactive calendar will open.

Thanks from COTS!

A belated thanks to all who contributed items or cash and gift certificates to COTS, which was the Mission of the Month for August. Contributions totaled and estimated \$150, which was greatly appreciated.

COTS provides transitional shelter (up to two years) for single men, women and mothers with young children. COTS is in the process of starting a fourth shelter for young men in the 18-21 age bracket who need special guidance not provided by any other organization. So, the donations were especially appreciated.

VILLA PHOENIX AND VILLA HOPE: OCTOBER'S MISSION OF THE MONTH

Villa Phoenix serves adult male and female residents who have chronic mental illness, developmental disabilities, and

AODA and legal issues.

Established in 1971, Villa Phoenix has provided its residents with a supportive, secure, stable, home-like residential setting while offering encouragement and services to help each person reach his or her greatest potential.

Villa Hope is also a community based residential facility serving adult males with mental, developmental, and/or physical disabilities. With more than 30 years of care service to the community, Villa Hope gives attention to the overall needs of the residents focusing on strengthening coping mechanisms and giving each resident a sense of being valued by the community. While receiving care, the residents are encouraged and challenged to gain the necessary skills for independent living needed to function either within their immediate family or in an independent community setting.

As our Mission of the Month, Villa Phoenix and Villa Hope are in need of the following: Hygiene Supplies (shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, refills size for hand soap and body wash dispensers), Gift Cards (Cost Cutters, coffee shops, restaurants, etc.), as well as canned goods, bus passes, used bikes, men's clothing (all sizes), towels, washcloths and twin size sheets and pillow cases (extra-long length appreciated).

Please consider making a donation to these worthy organizations. Donated items may be placed in the bin located next to the Wesley Room beginning October 1st. Any questions should be directed to Donna Frick (730-8584), Ellen Darcourt (810-4359) or Chris Hartman (739-5368) of the Mission Team. Thank you for your generous efforts!

Volunteer Opportunity at the Warming Shelter

October 30 - November 5 First Church will provide the evening meals and evening/overnight hospitality services at the Fox Valley Warming Shelter for one week beginning Sunday, October 30 through Saturday, November 5.

Many volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the evening meal and help throughout the night. Each night will conclude by helping with breakfast the following morning. This is a wonderful way to assist our community and help the many homeless.

Help will be needed with preparing and delivering a fruit/vege type salad, or prepare part of the main dish. You can check the "You Can Count on Me" bulletin insert for details or call Cynthia Whitely, 731-8035 or email her at crocus@athenet.net.

If you cannot help prepare the food but would still like to help in some way, you can contribute money to help with food and other related expenses that may be needed. Make your check payable to "FUMC" and write *Warming Shelter* in the memo line.

Christian Education Update



Gift Bible Sunday - October 16th

Where did September go? It has certainly been a busy month. It's wonderful to have so many of our families back at church this fall! I just love seeing all of my Sunday school friends each weekend! Sunday school classes have resumed for the fall, and are

running along smoothly. Age-appropriate classes are available for children age 2 – grade 5 each Sunday morning during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Nursery care, as always, is available at both the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. There is something for everyone, and we hope to see you here soon! October will be an important month for our 3rd graders! This month, they will receive their very own Bible, and have the opportunity to participate in the "Getting Acquainted with Your Bible" classes. Their parents are invited to join the fun, too! **Gift Bible Sunday will be held October 16th**, and classes will take place the last four Sundays in October, during the 9am Sunday school time. Children should join their family in the worship service until they are dismissed to class, just like usual.

Our 4th and 5th grade Acolytes have a new coordinator! Acolytes serve the church in an important way - carrying light into our sanctuary at the beginning of worship each Sunday morning, to signify that God's presence is with us. Sue Streit will now be working with this wonderful group of children

Phoebe Circle

The turning of leaves and frosty mornings are a reminder that winter is on its way. That said, at the Tuesday, October 11 meeting, 9:15 a.m. Phoebe Circle will again be collecting warm winter clothing for K Town Kids project by the Friendly Ghosts of the Special Ed Department at Kaukauna High School. Items donated are distributed to those in need through the Loaves and Fishes program.

This year the Civics class of Kaukauna High School has asked us to expand our donations to include clothing to be given to homeless students who attend Kaukauna High School. One or two students from the Civics Class will attend our meeting to give a presentation and pick up the donated clothing. Thanks in advance for your generosity and happy shopping/thrifting. See you at the meeting. *Doris Peters*

as they perform their duties. If your 4th or 5th grader would like to join our team, contact Sue or Jill.

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner (only a dozen shopping weekends remain)! The future of this year's **Christmas Play** may very well be in your hands. We are in need of a director to choose and lead our children's Christmas program. Do you have drama experience? Do you enjoy leading children? Do you work well with a team of assistants? If so, you might just be the director we've been praying to find! Please contact Jill for more information, ASAP!

There are still ways to get involved in Sunday school classes this fall. If you're interested in those opportunities, please contact me at your earliest convenience. As always, if you have any questions or feedback about anything you've read here, I would love to hear from you! I am available at church Tuesday through Friday each week.

Many blessings,
Jill Geurts, Director of Christian Education Ministries
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Youth Ministry Update

Once again, we will be offering opportunities to meet in Christian Fellowship, Study, and Service as we strive to fulfill our Youth Ministry Mission Statement, "To Equip Youth to Authentically Follow Jesus Christ."

October 2, will see the start of the Junior High Youth Group which will meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 4:30-6:00 p.m. This year our meetings will be filled with a time to connect, play crazy games, and have a discussion on the Fruits of the Spirit, found in Galatians 5:22-23. What are the Fruits? What do they mean to Junior High Youth? How can we make the Fruits visible in our lives?

October will see our Senior High Youth Group, which meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 4:30-6:00 p.m., continue their search through the Parables of Jesus. What is a Parable? What are the universal truths found in the Parables? How can we apply these truths to our lives as High School Youth?

Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, October 5. Confirmation is a two year process. All Youth in 8th and 9th grades are encouraged to be part of the process. Confirmation is held during LOGOS on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The Annual Junior High Fall Retreat is October 14-16. Once again we will be staying at Lake Lucerne. The theme, "What Does God Require?" is found in Micah 6:8, "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk

humbly with your God." What does the verse mean to a group of Junior High Youth? Come find out! The weekend costs \$60 for Youth and \$30 for Adult Leaders. Sign up by October 5.

Each month the Junior High/Senior High Youth Groups will be participating in a Mission Blast, an opportunity to do some hands on mission work locally. October's event is Raking Acts of Kindness on Saturday, October 29 from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Congregation members that would like to have Youth come to their homes are asked to contact Brian Stahl at 920-840-5075 by October 16.

Mission Trip Update: We have been blessed with a great response. The Senior High trip to Boston is June 16-23. We have filled 26 of 30 Youth and all 6 Adult Leaders spaces. The cost is \$450. The Junior High trip to Cincinnati is July 8-13. We have filled 13 of 18 Youth spaces and 5 of 6 Adult Leader spaces. The cost is \$350. A deposit of \$100 will guarantee your space to serve God on one of the trips. We strive to give as many people opportunities to serve. 23 of 50 are first time mission trip participants. Are you ready to serve next summer?

As always, we are looking for dedicated and passionate Adult Leaders who will walk alongside our Youth. Remember, this is everyone's Youth Ministry, so if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments do not hesitate to let me know.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Opportunities:

- Junior High Youth Group Starts: October 2 @ 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Confirmation/LOGOS Starts: October 5 @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.

- Junior High Fall Retreat @ Lake Lucerne: October 14-16
- Junior High/Senior High Mission Blast: Raking Acts of Kindness: October 29 @ 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
- Junior High Convo @ Chula Vista: November 11-13

Serving Him!

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Rides to Church Ministry

We are currently in need of more volunteers to pick up some of our homebound members and bring them to and from church. The goal is to have enough volunteers so that you would only need to do this once per month on a rotating schedule.

If you are interested in this very important ministry of First United Methodist Church, please contact Denise Anderson, at sebastianjcat@sbcglobal.net or 739-0706. Thank you for making this your ministry!

Wanted: Your Empty/used Inkjet Cartridges

Your empty/used inkjet computer printer cartridges will help our Volunteer in Mission work team's next mission trip. We receive 50¢-\$4 per cartridge, so bring 'em in instead of throwing them away! **Do not use tape to cover the print head.**

There is a box in the hallway by the church office to put them in.



Come worship with us!

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & (10:30 a.m. September - May), or Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.,

Church School Program 9:15 a.m.



Or watch our taped worship service on Time Warner Cable channel 2 or 4, Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered on the First Weekend of the Month.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is offered on the Fourth Weekend of the Month.

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**Join the 2011 Mission Celebration
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You are invited to a statewide celebration of the unparalleled services provided by our many mission ministries and outreach activities within the Wisconsin Conference UMC and beyond.

Can you name the 14 Ministries that are members of our Wisconsin Conference Health and Welfare Committee? What about our Disaster Response Team? Who are they? How can they help? Do you have training to help in a disaster? What are the Community Ministries in Wisconsin?

Who is our District Mission Secretary? What does she/he do? All of these ministries are a part of The Wisconsin Conference Board of Global Ministries (BGM). To help you be better informed about these and many more outreach activities, Wisconsin BGM is sponsoring a *Mission Celebration* in late October.

We are honored to have Thomas Kemper, General Secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries, as the keynote speaker. In our part of the state, Thomas Kemper will be speaking Monday, October 24 at St. James United Methodist Church in Appleton at 5:00 p.m.

See firsthand how your apportionment giving is working to support

many worthy causes. All are welcome to attend this free event.

There will be displays or presentations on: Disaster Response Team, East Angola Partnership, Health and Welfare Ministries, HIV/AIDS Task Force, Imagine no Malaria, Immigration Task Force, International Volunteers in Mission, National Volunteers in Mission, and Native American Partnership