

Welcome To Our Service

- + We welcome you to our service today. For more information on the programs offered here at First United Methodist Church please visit our website at www.fortmethodist.org. Our information desk can be located in the main entrance.
- + For more information on any of our activities please visit the "Events" tab on the church website.
- + If you have trouble hearing the worship service or reading the bulletin we have hearing devices and large print bulletins available. Please ask an usher.
- + If you would like us to contact you please make sure to fill in your contact information on the Communication Card which is in the worship folder.
- + Childcare is provided from 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in the nursery located in the north hallway. Please ask an usher for assistance if you need directions.
- + There is coffee available in the room behind the Sanctuary from 10:00 - 10:30. Please join us. We would love to meet you.

Worship Today

- + Preaching: Paul Johnsen
- + Liturgist: Nancy Church
- + Head usher: Gary Fritz
- + Greeters: MaryIn Christian, Joanne Belstner, Joan McGinnis
- + Ushers: Dave & Pat Hachtel, Orrie & Wava Austin
- + Coffee Host: Diane Abendroth
- + Nursery attendant: Linda Kent, Youth Assistant

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Pastor: Paul Johnsen
Pastor Hispanic Ministry: Modesto Soto
Youth Ministry: Kellen Roggenbuck & Jillian Wielgat
Children's Ministry: Kate Vance
Organist/Choir Director: Brenda Nitardy
Bell Choir Director: Karen Tordera
Children's Guitar Director: Jeanne Raub
Office Manager: Elieen Slak
Custodian: Kris Orcutt



LIVE *and* LOVE

like JESUS

EVERYDAY. EVERYWHERE. EVERYONE.

9:00 am Worship
September 2, 2018
*please stand if you are able

Prelude

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.

We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.

Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives.

Amen.

*Opening Hymn.....Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise.....#103

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you know us so well. We like to think that we can hide from You, but we are just kidding ourselves. You have offered to us new life, characterized by honesty, compassion, joy, and peace. You have invited us into ministries of peace and justice; but we have far too often turned our back on opportunities for service and witness. Forgive us for our stubbornness. Help us to turn around and listen to your words of hope. Remind us again that you require compassion and mercy in all who serve you; that you will guide our steps and our lives. Give us courage to truly be your witnesses in this world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Opening Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Proclamation & Response

Scripture Reading from Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Special Music.....The Glory Song.....
Gary Fritz

Scripture Reading from James 1:17-27

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon.....The Labor of Faith.....

*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*Hymn.....Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring.....#644

Offering of the Tithes

*Doxology.....#94

Communion

Gluten free wafers are available from Pastor Paul

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn.....America the Beautiful.....#696

*Blessing

Postlude

Do You Know.....

The Master Plan Is Alive, and Looking Good!

We are headed into the home stretch for the very first completion of a Master Plan Design. The Ground Level PCP Hallway, bathrooms, Cranston Room, Directors Office, is near completion. While the project might seem to be taking a long time, it has been relatively quick. Just think school got finished on June 12th, and we are now on August 20. Look at what we have accomplished through the memorials, donations, and In-Kind donations given by those who want to see our church grow.

- All Asbestos flooring removed
 - All new bathroom tile replaced
 - All new full frame mirrors installed
 - All new LED bathroom lighting
 - All new bathroom warm air hand dryers to save on costs of paper towels and garbage
 - All old in-efficient lighting removed and replaced with high efficiency LED lighting
 - All old toilets and bad plumbing removed and replaced with new
 - All old carpeting removed and replaced with new wayward path finding new carpet
 - Old cork bulleting boards removed and replaced with glass enclosed communication cabinets
 - All new paint with new colors
 - All old fiberglass ceilings in Cranston room removed and replaced with acoustical drop ceiling
 - Wooden acoustical wall panels in certain alcoves and entrances
 - All beams wrapped in new oak panels
- Music hallway family bathroom new tile, plumbing, and floors leveled

So What's left? As we roll to the finish some items are on back order and will be completed as soon as materials arrive.

- New Digital TV's with building directional maps and daily events
- New stair treads on the stairs leading to the second floor

Final painting and finishing of all classroom and Cranston room doors.

Let's not stop. Look at a Master Plan on display and think about what part of our church you would like to help update and beautify. I know mine! What will be yours?

First United Methodist Church

Announcements in Brief

August 30, 2018

Announcements:



+New Choir Members Wanted: Choir will return to the 9am service on September 16th. Rehearsals are held after the service, beginning about 10:15 in the choir room downstairs. If you are interested in seeing what the choir is like or becoming a member, please stop down before or after any service. You are welcome to join us in singing, even if you can't make a full time commitment! Call if you have any questions. Brenda Nitardy 920-728-3143.

+Church Picnic Pot-Luck: On September 9th at 10:00 a.m. we will be having our church worship service and picnic at Jones Park. Meat will be provided. Please bring the following for the pot-luck:

Names beginning: A-J bring a hot dish

Names beginning: K-P bring a salad/ cold side dish

Names beginning: Q-Z bring a dessert

+Feed Your Soul Help Needed: We are in need of volunteers to help with Feed Your Soul on Thursday, September 6th. If you are able to help contact Jen Lowry 920-650-8288 or the church office.

+Circle 5: Will be meeting on Tuesday, September 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the Wesley room. Hostesses are Sandi Werth and Wava Austin.

+ Food Pantry Volunteers Needed: October is FUMC's turn to staff the Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed every Monday and Thursday from 2:45—5:30 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the Chapel if you are able to help.

It's Happening Here!
The Week of September 2, 2018

Sunday

Hispanic Worship Service: 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

Monday

Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study - What's God's Responsibility: 6:30-7:30 a.m. in Wesley Room

Staff Meeting: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Church Office

Hispanic Women's Bible Study: 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Church Office

Wednesday

Group Study - The Theology of the Trinity: 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Wesley Room

Group Study - Discerning the Voice of God: 1:00-2:30 p.m. in Wesley Room

Thursday

Loving Hands Crafters: 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Gathering Room

Feed Your Soul: 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Worship Service: 6:30-7:15 p.m. in Sanctuary

Friday

Hispanic Ministry Band: 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Saturday

Hispanic Ministry Children's Band Rehearsal: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in Choir Room & Gathering Room

Guitar Festival Concert: 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

Staff Anniversary

The Accountable Leadership Team is pleased to recognize Karen Tordera who celebrates 16 years as our Bell Choir Director. Be sure to thank Karen for all she does to contribute to our church family.

Lord, We Lift Our PRAYERS To You!

For our members & friends...

God has called us to support each other in prayer and so each week we list members and friends from our fellowship so we can all pray for them.



Dawn Blazek
Juanitz Heinz
Vaida Moritz
Noah Vance

Raymel Encarnacion
Jesse Kohl
Bob Schwab

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations...

Concerns & celebrations that have been shared with us:

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations:

South Milwaukee UMC

Sister-in-law – Eye Surgery & Recovery After

COCINA – Leadership

Leslie – Nerve Relief For Back Pain

Delbert - Myasthenia Gravis

Pat – Health Problems

Bonnie & Family – Her Brother Passed Away

Eddie – Cancer

Alvin – Lead on Weekend Shift

Larry – Blood Clots in Leg

Lenny – In Fort Hospital

Please write your prayer concerns on the back of the Communication Card that you will find in the bulletin. Place the Card in the offering plate. We will begin praying for your concern on Monday.

If you would like to be part of our e-prayer chain please make the request on the Communication Card or email office@fortmethodist.org and you will be added to the list of emails receiving the prayer concerns.

First United Methodist Church
Picnic in the Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
JONES PARK

10 am combined Anglo-Hispanic
worship service

11 am Coffee hour &
Sunday School



12 pm Lunch potluck

For more info:

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EVERYONE WELCOME!

New Worship Service Times

Beginning Sunday, September 16

Every Sunday

- Traditional worship and music – 9:00 am
- Contemporary worship and music – 10:30 am
- Hispanic (Spanish-language) worship – 3:00 pm

Every Thursday

- Communion worship with traditional music – 6:30 pm



Classical Guitar Festival

Saturday, September 8

7:30 PM

in the Sanctuary

Just four more weeks before our sanctuary rafters ring with the sound of classical guitars! Our Saturday afternoon and evening "Celebration of Sacred Music for the Classical Guitar" will feature guitar based duets, trios, quartets and our guest guitar soloist followed by mass ensemble directed by Tom Cook, former

FAHS band director. Dr. Christopher Allen will also be sharing technical and musical advice for guitarists in attendance.

Guitar Festival Guest Clinician and Soloist

We are indeed fortunate to have Dr. Christopher Allen, classical guitarist instructor and performer from Madison, WI as our Saturday afternoon, September 8, 2018 Guitar Ensemble Clinician and evening program Classical Guitar Soloist. Dr. Allen studied classical guitar formally with UW Professor, founder and head of the UW School of Music Guitar Program, Javier Calderon at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and performer and composer Joseph Breznikar. He earned both his Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Music in Classical Guitar Performance from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL and recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Classical Guitar Performance and a Minor in Jazz Guitar Studies.

A member and founding officer of The Madison Classical Guitar Society, Dr. Allen teaches Classical Guitar at Madison College, The Madison Academy of Music and The Monroe Street Fine Arts Center in Madison while maintaining his own private guitar studio. He also performs solo concerts and chamber recitals with viola/violinist Shannon Farley as "Duo Canzonetta".

Program Schedule

1:00 PM - Dr. Allen conducts Solo, Duet, Trio and Quartet Ensemble technical and musical clinics.

4:00 PM - Mass Ensemble rehearsal

7:30 PM - Evening concerts introduced by Festival Director Tom Cook

Outstanding Performers

Fort Atkinson "Quadrigal" Classical Guitar Quartet

Guest Ensembles from Milwaukee and Madison Classical Guitar Societies

8:30 PM - Classical Guitar Solo performance by guest clinician/soloist Dr. Christopher Allen

9:00 Pm - Massed Ensemble Performance followed by Closing Remarks by Director Cook

Daytime admission is free and open to the public.

Evening Concert - Freewill donations welcome - (\$5.00 or \$10.00 donations suggested)

Please note: Guitar instructors who would like to present Saturday morning classical guitar student - or student/teacher - duet (or other) recitals are invited to contact Director Cook at tomcook@charter.net Recitals are welcome from 10:00 AM until noon.

This Guitar Festival is sponsored jointly by the First United Methodist Church of Fort Atkinson and the Fort Atkinson Community Guitar Ensemble, aka: "Guitarcheology".

Guitarcheology meets in the Community Room of the Dwight Foster Public Library in Fort Atkinson from 5:15 PM to 8:00 PM on the 2nd and LAST Tuesdays of the month. Please visit a rehearsal and discover "The Joy of Guitar".