

Offering Prayer.....Kate Vance
Loving Shepherd, we thank you for your tender care. Everything we have comes the goodness of your love. Receive the gifts we return to you now, that sheep in other flocks may come to know you and discover that you are the one who lays down your life for the flock. Amen.

Closing Hymn.....Come to the Table.....

Benediction.....Will Vance
The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.
We lie down in green pastures And drink from still waters.
Our shepherd restores our souls.
Even though we walk through the darkest valleys, we fear no evil, for our shepherd travels with us.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.
And we will dwell in with our shepherd forever.

Postlude

10:00 am Worship Today

- + Preaching: Pastor Maribel Celiz
- + Organist: Brenda Nitardy
- + Liturgist: Sunday School Students
- + Coffee Hour Host: Cathy Daly

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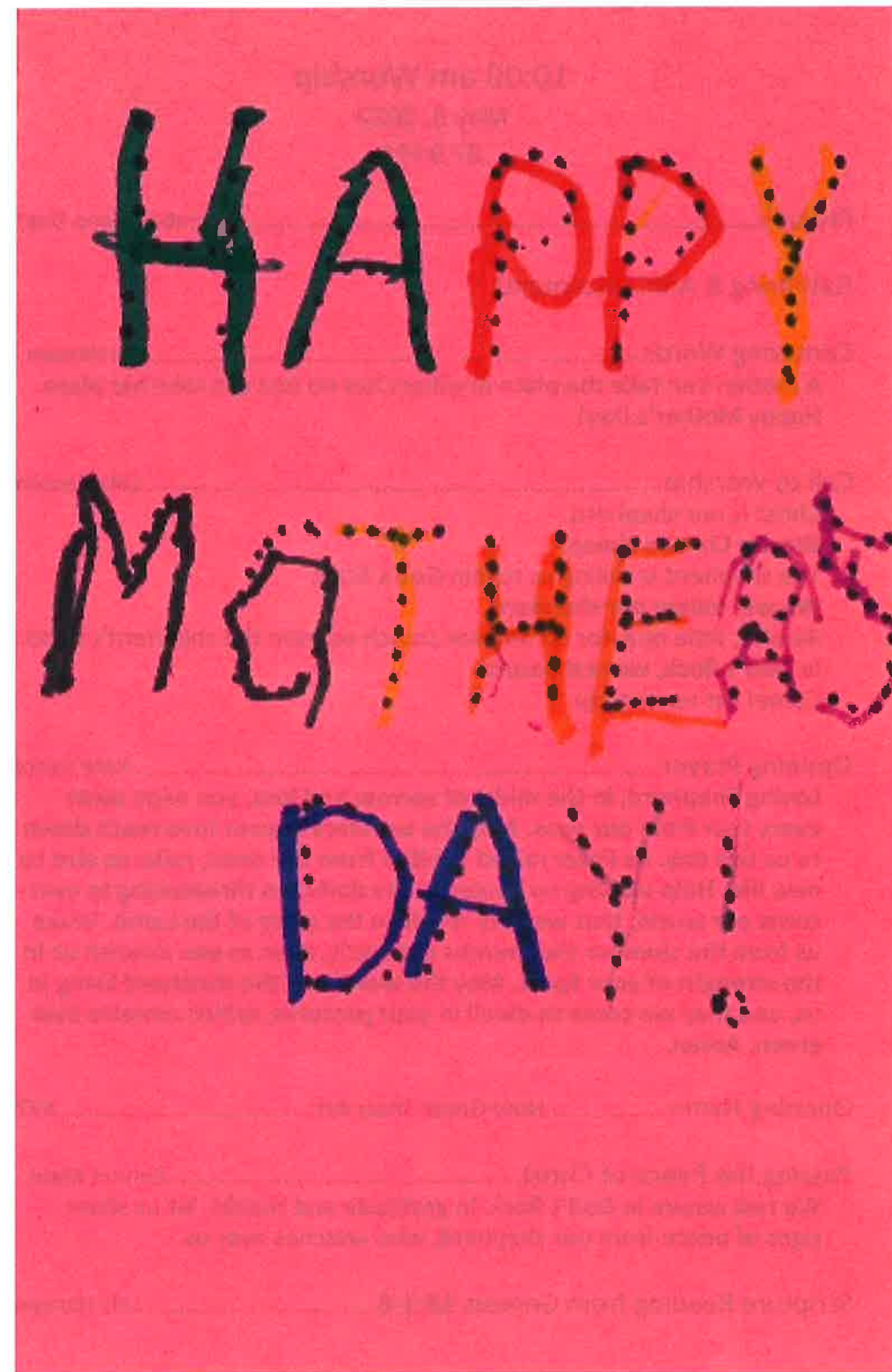


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Hispanic Ministry: Modesto Soto
Children & Youth Ministry: Kate Vance
Organist/Choir Director: Brenda Nitardy
Bell Choir Director: Karen Tordera
Office Manager: Eileen Slak
Custodian: Scott Albrecht

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10:00 am Worship

May 8, 2022

87.9 FM

Prelude.....Pulkrabek Piano Duet

Gathering & Announcements

Centering Words.....Elle Hansen

A mother can take the place of others but no one can take her place.
Happy Mother's Day!

Call to Worship.....Lilly Hansen

Christ is our shepherd.
We are Christ's sheep.
The shepherd is calling us to join God's flock.
We will follow our shepherd.
Rejoice, little one, for no one can snatch us from the shepherd's hand.
In God's flock, we rest secure.
Come! Let us worship.

Opening Prayer.....Kate Vance

Loving Shepherd, in the midst of sorrow and loss, you wipe away every tear from our eyes. May the wonders of your love reach down to us this day. As Peter raised Tabitha from the dead, raise us also to new life. Help us cling no longer to the darkness threatening to overcome our world, that we may reside in the glory of the Lamb. Wake us from the slumber that numbs our spirit, even as you nourish us in the strength of your Spirit. May the world see the shepherd living in us, and may we come to dwell in your pastures, which remains ever green. Amen.

Opening Hymn.....How Great Thou Art.....#77

Passing the Peace of Christ.....Bennet Kraus

We rest secure in God's flock. In gratitude and thanks, let us share signs of peace from our shepherd, who watches over us.

Scripture Reading from Genesis 18:1-8.....Lilly Hansen

Joys & Concerns

Prayer/Lord's Prayer.....Kate & Will Vance

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Moment with Children.....Celebration of Moms

Hymn.....They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love.....#2223

Scripture Reading from Matthew 25:31-46.....Elle Hansen

Sermon.....Progress over Perfection & Radical Hospitality.....Kate Vance

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed).....Lilly & Elle Hansen

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholicchurch, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Invitation to the Offering/Passing the Offering Plate

The Spirit of Christ is here with us today. The Spirit of God continues to touch many lives around the world. Let us respond by helping spread God's love with our offerings.

Doxology.....

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+Food Pantry Update: In spite of unusual cold, rain and high wind, 170 individuals braved the conditions to visit the Food Pantry in April. They were served by 17 members of First United Methodist Church. The number of persons fed was 487, of which 13 were first time users and one third were children. New this month, the Food Pantry is providing food to stock Food Pantries now in place at the middle and high schools and Madison College. This is an expansion of the program already in the elementary schools. One need is for individuals who know the Spanish language. More individuals whose first language is Spanish are coming to the Pantry. Even with menus in Spanish, interpreters who could assist in registration and identifying non-menu items would be a great asset to both those coming to the Pantry and those working to serve them. We say thank you to Eileen for getting volunteers registered and thank you to the Congregation for your time, your financial contributions, food, and grocery bags. Jim Geyer and Tim Haak

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.
- + 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 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.
- + There is coffee available in the Chapel from 11:00 - 11:30. Please join us. We would love to meet you.

First United Methodist Church Announcements in Brief

May 8, 2022

Announcements:

+Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed: Have you got a couple of hours to help out your neighbors? May 2-June 3 are the dates our church delivers food to folks who need delicious healthy meals. The time commitment is less than two hours during the week from 11 o'clock pick up at door 35 of the hospital. It takes about two hours to deliver 15 to 20 meals per day. A team of two works well but a route can be done by one person. Contact Diane Abendroth with questions 920.563.5901. You can sign up by calling the church office or clicking on this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B48AEA72CA5FE3-meals1>

FUMC Social Activity for May



Join your FUMC Family for fun, fellowship, fresh air, fitness, feathers, and Geocache finding (Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use navigational techniques to find containers, called "geocaches" or "caches" that contain a "treasure".

Bring your binoculars for bird watching.

If you don't feel like walking or hiking, they have a very nice pavilion for visiting and having a picnic. Outdoor/Pit restrooms on site as well.

Where: Dorothy Carnes County Park Pavilion, N3220 Radloff Ln, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 (Off of Hwy 12 going towards Cambridge)

When: Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10:00-12:00

40 Days of Prayer Walks

Join us for



Neighborhood Prayer Walks

Daily walking my street and covering my neighborhood with prayer.

April 2—May 18

Closing with a trail walk at Haumerson's Pond on May 21, starting at 8:30 a.m. We will finish with a celebration picnic lunch at noon on Sunday, May 22 at the church.

Prayer walks are powerful; as believers, we need to step out and pray for our church, ministry, and community. If you are not able to walk, you can do 40 hours of prayer in your own home. Print out your route map, select a time and pray for your community and church.

+Summer Music Wanted May 29-September 4: We would love to have a Summer filled with music. If you would like to participate, have some musical family members or know of some local talent, please contact me to schedule a date. We are happy to have vocal and/or instrumental solos or groups. This would be a perfect time to have your child/grandchild show off their voice, piano or instrument skills. Let's fill our summer services with beautiful music! Brenda Nitardy 920-728-3143 or bnitardy3143@gmail.com

Thursday Spiritual Renewal & Prayer

Every Thursday
6:30 p.m. In the Sanctuary

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.



Bonnie Babcock
Vickie Sherman

Bonnie Geyer
Gary Werth

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations...

Concerns & celebrations that have been shared with us:

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations:

- Bernice Neff—In Hospice Care
- William Sleaver—In Hospice Care
- Eduardo – Cancer/Recovering from Surgery
- Paul Babcock – Health Concerns
- Amy & Daughters – Death in Family
- Farmers—Safe During Spring Planting
- Kassy Bates – Successful & Speedy Recovery from 2nd Brain Tumor Procedure/Bates Family

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.

Sheltered Reality



Sheltered Reality uses drums, music and fun choreography to help audiences realize that each person we meet is unique, has special talents, and is deserving of kindness and support.

While we demonstrate the Steps of Success, audience members have a chance to succeed through participating in a drum lesson and performing with the group.

This process is meant to inspire all to become better individuals, but to also take action to help others succeed in life and be the best versions of themselves.

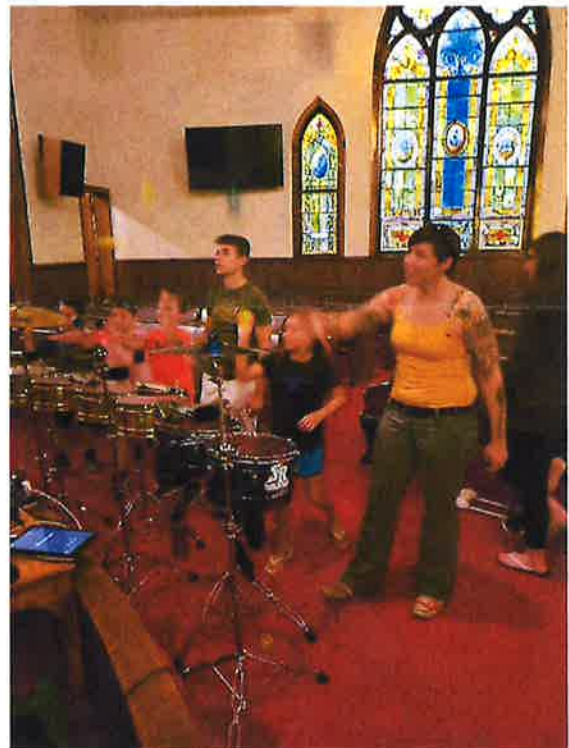
Sheltered Reality believes in the power of "US."
When we do things together, believe in and support one another, we can do great things.
#USSIE



When: May 22nd 10:00 a.m.

Combined Worship Service with Hispanic Ministry & Pot Luck Lunch Following Service

Where: FUMC Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall. Please bring the following menu items to share: A-G Desserts, H-N Hot Dish, O-Z Salads



Sponsored By:

FUMC Worship Team

Sunday School Volunteers will be recognized during the service.

For more information, visit:
www.sheltered-reality.org
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We will be taking a free will offering for Sheltered Reality on May 22nd to support their ministry.