

SPIRIT

FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

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Fall

First United Methodist Church of Green Bay

2011

There's a place for you!

For many years we have produced a Fall Program Guide, that included all children, youth and adult programming for the fall, to go with our September *Spirit Alive* newsletter. In an effort to **go green**, this Fall Program Guide is now primarily available online. A limited number of print copies are available at the church for pickup. **Save this Fall Program Guide** for future reference or refer to our web site at www.fumcgb.org for up-to-date information.

We hope this Fall Program Guide will help you **get connected** and stay connected. Our staff is here to help. To learn more about each area, contact **Lisa Malmberg for Youth Discipleship** at lmalmberg@fumcgb.org, or **Lina Green for Adult and Children Discipleship** at lgreen@fumcgb.org. They can also be reached by calling the church office at 920-437-9252. Contact the church office to register for classes. *There's a place for you!*



Our Fall Program Guide helps you get connected.

☺👤👤 **Special Event:**

The Fall Fiesta of Fellowship

¿Lo que está pasando? The Fall Fiesta of Fellowship is what is happening! This will be a time of food (walking tacos), games (piñata and soccer) for the children, and fellowship (being amigos). In addition, this will be a wonderful opportunity to check all of the amazing opportunities we have for you to participate in this fall. Our slate of offerings ranges from Bible study to jam sessions to crafts. And, there will be the return of the children's music program! ¿Qué podría ser mejor? What more could you want???? Nursery care available.

- Wednesday, September 7, 6 :00 - 7:30 p.m. -- starting in the Garden for food!

Wednesday
September 7
6:00 p.m.



Check inside for programs and classes listed by the day of the week for...

☺ Children's Discipleship, 👤 Youth Discipleship, 👤 Adult Discipleship

Sundays

☺ Sunday School: Through Grade 5

First Church Children's Ministries offers classes for children as young as two years old through eleven year olds. Give your child the opportunity to hear Biblical stories and experience learning opportunities so he/she may develop their faith and an understanding of what it means to be a Christian in today's world. Plan on having your child be part of Christian Education on Sunday morning at 9:15.

☺ Enrollment, Age and Attendance

Children of members of First Church are automatically enrolled in Sunday School and are on the appropriate class list. New students are always welcome and may register by phone or on the first day of class on September 11.

First Church uses the same criteria as the public schools to determine class placement. Children must be 5 years old by September 1 to be in the kindergarten class. Preschool classes also follow September 1 as the cutoff for 2, 3, and 4 year olds respectfully.

Classes begin on Sunday, September 11 and end May 20, 2012, meeting every Sunday except November 27, December 25, January 1, 2012, and April 8, 2012.

After each five-week Sunday school rotation, we will celebrate in worship as families. On these Sundays there will not be Sunday school for the children or youth, so that families may choose one of our three worship services to attend together. The nursery will still be available. These Family Worship Sundays are October 23, December 11, February 5, March 18, and May 6.

Our goal at First Church is to provide a meaningful experience and expose children to the stories and truth of the Bible and share the love of Jesus with all.

☺ Teachers and Curriculum

First Church has a volunteer staff of adults who teach Sunday morning classes. Many classes have team teachers who share the teaching on alternate Sundays. In addition, parent helpers are used each Sunday in the classrooms. Parents will receive a calendar alerting them when they will have an opportunity to help in their child's classroom.

☺ Classes for Two Year Olds - Kindergarten Age

Classes for our preschool and kindergarten age students are located in the lower level. Teachers team-teach using United Methodist curriculum in a traditional style.

☺ Workshop Rotational Model for Elementary Age Children

Elementary students will participate in the Workshop Rotational Model for Sunday School on the second floor, where our rooms have been transformed into workshops. Classes are grouped by grade and led by an adult Shepherd to five different workshops. Classes rotate to a different room/workshop each week led by an adult Workshop Leader. Students in grades 1 - 5 experience the same Bible story for five weeks in a variety of learning styles. Our workshops are:

Keyboard Kingdom - a computer lab workshop

Praise Playhouse - drama workshop with a stage and puppet theatre

Rainbow Studio - the art workshop

Starlight Cinema - video/audio-visual workshop

Temple Tales - storytelling, games and music workshop with a Biblical times look

Sunday School Rotation Themes 2011-2012

Rotation 1: Adam & Eve- September 18 - October 16

God breathed God's Spirit into men and women and gave human beings the freedom to choose between right and wrong. God intends for human beings to share and be thankful for His creations. Above all, God always loves and cares for us.

***Bible Verse:** Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)*

Family Worship Sunday: October 23

Rotation 2: David, the Boy- October 30 - December 4

God used the gifts of the boy David to accomplish God's purpose. God can use our gifts to accomplish His purposes. Everyone has God-given gifts, and God cares more about what is on the inside than how we appear on the outside.

***Bible Verse:** But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his*

stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7)

No Sunday School November 27

Family Worship Sunday: December 11

Rotation 3: Isaiah- December 18 – January 29

Long before Jesus was born, people hoped for the coming of the Messiah. Jesus, the fulfillment of that promise, was God's way of connecting hope and peace to God's people. We can share the hope, peace, and love of Jesus with others.

Bible Verse: *Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*

No Sunday School December 25 & January 1

Family Worship Sunday: February 5

Rotation 4: Paul- February 12 – March 11

God's call turned Paul from a persecutor of Christians to a follower of Jesus. God calls each of us to be followers of Jesus and promises to be with us. Now, rather than persecuting the followers of Jesus, Paul became one.

Bible Verse: *For you will be a witness for (Jesus) to tell everyone what you have seen and heard. (Acts 22:15)*

Family Worship Sunday: March 18

Rotation 5: Peter's Story of Easter- March 25 – April 29

The Easter story tells us that Jesus loved Peter, forgave Peter for denying Him, and asked Peter to care for God's children. The story also tells us that Jesus loves us, forgives us, and asks us to care for others.

Bible Verse: *Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." (John 21:15)*

No Sunday School April 8

Family Worship Sunday: May 6

☺ Children's Music Activities

Cherubs (preschool) meet on Sundays at 9:55 (at the end of the Sunday school hour).

Contact: Karie Green

Kristal Bells (preschool- 2nd grade) meet on Sundays at 10:30 as needed to prepare for participation in worship. Watch Sunday school newsletter for details.

Contact: Paula DeJardin

☺ Newsletter

Every five weeks, a rotation, a Sunday School newsletter, called *The Upper Room Times*, is distributed to all students two years through fifth grade. Information about the current rotation and Workshop leaders will be noted. Also, activities in the Childrens Ministry area, parenting tips, Christian books and videos, poems and ideas for families and children will be shared. The first issue will list all teachers, shepherds and Workshop leaders as well as classroom and Workshop locations. *The Upper Room Times* will be mailed to parents before Sunday, September 11, the first day of classes.

☺ Sunday Morning Childcare

Childcare is available each Sunday morning in Room B4 from 7:50 – 10:30 a.m. A paid childcare worker and volunteers will provide quality care in a pleasing and inviting atmosphere for the youngest members of our church family.

During the 8:00 a.m. worship service, childcare is offered for those 0 – 4 years old in B4, located next to the elevator.

For the 9:15 a.m. worship service, childcare is offered for those children 0 – 2 years in B4. Sunday School classes are offered for children 2 years old and up from September through May at 9:15 a.m.

Please sign your child in and have all belongings marked with the child's name. Parents are welcome to stay with their child(ren) or leave them after they have settled in. A pager system is available with eight pagers to be handed out. If you would like to have a pager, please ask a childcare worker to assist you. We aim to provide a safe and comfortable place for your little one and also to care for each child in a kind, loving, and spiritual way.

At 10:30 a.m. during the Fresh Bread worship service at the YWCA, childcare will be provided for 0-3 year olds. Older children will participate in the service and enjoy an activity in a separate room during the sermon.

📍 Youth Sunday School

Youth Sunday School starts a new year on Sunday, September 11 meeting from 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in the Ziemer Basement. We will meet first in the main gathering space for food and fellowship beginning at 9:00 a.m. Announcements and a short message begin at 9:15 a.m. From there we will break out into classes where our goal is to help youth connect and relate to their faith in day-to-day life. We also want to help our youth learn how to recognize and share God's love in new and meaningful ways.

If you are interested in serving as a Sunday School/ Youth Group leader or as a substitute or chaperone, please contact Lisa Malmberg at lmalmberg@fumcgb.org or (920) 437-9252, ext. 124.

We encourage families to discuss what your youth have learned in class each Sunday as well as what they learn in Youth Group. Having regular conversations about how they can apply their faith to their daily life strengthens what youth retain and use.

Claim the Life "Journey": 6th - 7th Grades, led by Lisa Malmberg

"Journey"- Semester 1

Nature of the Journey

Loving God

Making Faithful Decisions

Loving Others

Dealing with Life's Difficulties

Developing Christian Character

Claim the Life "Promise": 8th -12th Grades, led by Pat Heil, Ryan Jones and Heather Bloom

"Promise"- Semester 1

Nature of Promise

God's Promises

Jesus' Promises

Our Promises

📍 Adult Bible Study with Dave and Doug

This Bible study will create opportunities for adults to connect on Sunday mornings. All are welcome. Casual readers of the Scripture will feel right at home. The first study will be six weeks focusing on the book of James.

- 9:15 a.m.; beginning September 11, Room 108
- Facilitators: Dave Pietenpol and Doug Dickinson

📍 Blue/Green Earth

The "Blue/Green Earth" class/project will enable interested participants to study the Green Bible, socialize and learn new skills while co-existing with nature, and become action-oriented by participating in local/regional/national environmental projects.

- Beginning September 11, thereafter the first Sunday of each month; at 9:15 a.m.; YWCA cafeteria
- Contacts and facilitators – Libby Dorn, (715) 460-0004, ldorn@cesa6.k12.wi.us; Katharine Kulkoski - kdk@ameritech.net

Mondays

📍 UMW Bridge Marathon

Bridge players are welcome in the beginning of each year's marathon but must contact me so that we have tables of four. New players are welcome as regulars or as subs. We have a good time!!

- 4th Monday of the month September-May (except December); 9 a.m.; Wesley Hall
- Contact: Mary Berken, 433-0210, mberken3@new.rr.com

📍 WOW (Women of the Word)

This fall, beginning on Monday, September 12, we will be studying "Real Women, Real Faith". It's not easy being a woman in today's world. The demands and expectations we face can be overwhelming. And deep within, we long to meet with God and be changed. In this study, we'll meet 12 women from the Bible who encountered God and were forever changed. Be encouraged through their failures and successes. See how God drew them to Himself as they struggled to live with faith amongst trials. Though they lived long ago, they speak with fresh relevance to the issues in our lives today.

- Mondays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.; Room Z120
- Contacts and Facilitators: Bonnie Veitch, 337-6480, jmveitch@sbcglobal.net; Donna Wilkinson, 391-0734, dpwilkins@aol.com; Karen Wojahn, 662-0799, kwojahn@new.rr.com

📍 Intercessory Prayer/Study Group

All are welcome at any time to join this confidential prayer time. People mention new prayer requests and former requests are updated. Currently the group is studying Barclay's Commentary on the Book of Revelation. The previous studies have centered on books by authors such as Max Lucado, John Ortberg, Randy Alcorn and Philip Yancy.

- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.; Wesley Hall
- Contact: Gerry Christoph, (920) 432-0732

© That Thing That You Do! (Healthy Lifestyle)

What does a healthy lifestyle look like and how do we move in that direction? Whether your goal is to lose weight or move more, join us beginning September 12 at 5:00 on Monday evenings in FUMC's Zeimer building as we explore centering and balancing Food, Movement, our Head and our Heart around God. There will be an optional (confidential) weigh in starting at 5:00 p.m., a detailed food plan available, and special opportunities through the YWCA. Patti Bacher, Director of Ministries at New Hope UMC, will lead this class and invites you to find out why it's "That Thing That You Do!"

- Weekly beginning September 12 ; 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Youth House Z-124
- Contact and Facilitator – Patti Bacher (920) 964-0143 - patti@newhopepere.com

🕒 © JAM Band and Vocal Team

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) Contemporary Praise Band and Vocal Team rehearses on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and participates in the Fresh Bread contemporary worship service at 10:30 at the YWCA most Sundays throughout the year. In addition, JAM performs a concert annually and has taken their music on the road to Annual Conference and to other churches.

- Contact: Donna Wilkinson, Director, 391-0734, dpwilkins@aol.com

Tuesdays

© The Dorothy A. Rosenberg Good Will Place Pantry

We have opportunities in the clothing room, sorting room, and various other positions assisting our clients. We give preference to our church members and their families as volunteers. We provide food; commodities and garden produce/groceries as well as clothing, household goods, books, and personal hygiene products. We also offer a nurse for blood pressure checks and referral services. Diapers, baby food and formula are available when in stock. We are servicing anyone living in the 54301 & 54302 zip code areas. However, we will service anyone outside our area one time and then refer them to their local pantry.

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; Good Will Place Pantry
- Contact: Vicki Hoell, 437-9252, Bvhoell@gmail.com; or Elizabeth Wikum, 437-9252, 12107@SBCglobal.net

© Children's Book Giveaway (sponsored by the UMW)

Help Good Will Place Pantry clients select books for their children or grandchildren, offer healthy snacks, and share a fellowship time with them. Donations of children's books, especially for very young children, are appreciated. Place the books in the Good Will Place box in the church entry.

- Specific dates during pantry hours; the next date is Tuesday, September 20 from 8:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; Good Will Place Pantry
- Contact: Mary Dorchester, (920) 486-6155

© Rakow/Kotas Group (UMW Circle)

This group's programs are varied and usually relate to mission. Refreshments are served.

- Meets the first Tuesday of the month; 9:15 a.m.; Wesley Hall.
- Contact: Louise Hansen, (920) 432-4762

© Fall Salad Luncheon (sponsored by the UMW)

The program will be presented by KenyaHELP. (See page 11 for details on the KenyaHELP.

- October 11; 11:45 a.m.; Fellowship Hall

© Peterson/Woehler Group (UMW Circle)

- Meets the first Tuesday of the month; 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; Wesley Hall.
- Contact: Joan Harvey, (920) 339-5258

🕒 © NEW Community Shelter

Members of our congregation prepare and serve the evening meal every fourth Tuesday of the month at the homeless shelter. If you would like to help, please e-mail or call the church office.

- Fourth Tuesday each month
- Contact: Les Van Vonderen, pegles007@new.rr.com

📍 FUMC Confirmation App Ver 20.11

The new FUMC iConfirmApp v20.11 is now available! There are two versions of this APP. The FUMC iConfirmApp v20.11 Basic begins on Tuesday, September 20. Parents, freshmen and mentors are invited for the release of this APP for your iFaith Journey. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for some iFellowship and iEats. We will introduce the Full Version of the APP which will be available on Wednesday, September 28, details below! RSVP to Lina Green at lgreen@fumcgb.org or (920) 437-9252, ext. 126. We're updating our mentor list and Lina can help you find a mentor too! We are requesting that mentors not be related to the Confirmation students to give more opportunity for growth. (See Full Version Option for Bible Study on Wednesdays.)

📍 The Way of Grace (10 weeks)

This *Companions in Christ* small-group resource invites participants to travel with eight biblical characters (or groups of characters) who discover God's grace through their encounters with Jesus. More than a survey of biblical stories, it is a transforming interaction with the events and characters from the Gospel of John.

- 6:30 -8:30 p.m.; October 4 – December 6; Youth House Z-124
- Contact and facilitators: Bonnie Veitch, 337-6480, and Sue DeGroot, 737-7681

📍 The Wesleyan Group (UMW Circle)

This group is open to all women who work during the day or prefer evening meetings.

- Meets the second Tuesday of the month; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.; Wesley Hall
- Contact: Barb Franken, (920) 983-0213, or Leah Hutchins, (920) 337-0605

Wednesdays

📍 Women's Weekly Prayer Group

Women meet at McDonald's on Webster in Allouez over coffee to read a short devotional and pray for all the concerns of our hearts, families, churches and world. Join us if you can. Can't be there? Join our email prayer ministry.

- 6:30 a.m.- 7:30 a.m.; McDonald's, 1903 S Webster Ave Green Bay, WI 54301
- Contact: Geri Lewis-Nytes, gamageri@yahoo.com; (920)469-0495

📍 Companions in Christ (foundational class – 28 weeks)

This is the original *Companions* resource. Five major sections introduce participants to the Christian life as a spiritual journey, scriptural meditation, prayer, our call as followers of Christ, and spiritual guidance. It is recommended that this course be completed before participating in other *Companions* classes.

- 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; September 14 thru April 18; Wesley Hall
- Contact and facilitator: Donna Wilkinson, (920)391-0734, dpwilkins@aol.com

📍 Books Between Bites

This is a time for discussion of a Christian book (or sometimes video) for all who would like to meet during the lunch hour. Sandwich fixings supplied. \$2 donation appreciated to cover lunch. Newcomers welcome throughout the year. This fall we will be discussing the book *Lord, Give Me Patience!... and Give it to me Right Now!* written by James Moore. We want everything in a hurry these days. We are impatient people looking for instant gratification, so much so that sometimes we don't understand God's patient ways. But fortunately God is deliberate, steady, and refuses to be rushed. If we simply follow this example, we can become spiritually mature Christians who see that the things that matter most take time, effort, commitment, and lots of patience.

- Beginning September 14; 12 noon- 1:00 p.m.; Room 108
- Contact and facilitator: Deacon Dave Wilkinson, (920)437-9252, dwilkinson@fumcgb.org

📍 The Vi Nelson Fellowship Group (UMW Circle)

- Meets the third Wednesday of the month; at lunch time.
- Contact: Mary Harrison, (920)432-2776.

📍 Discerning God's Guidance (11 weeks)

Every believer has a simple desire to follow God's way; a deep longing; and satisfaction when we find a fulfilling path. This *Companions in Christ* study points toward elements and processes critical to faithful discernment. More of a journey in discernment than a how-to-guide, this group study gently leads to the prayerful path of a richer, wiser life for both individuals and the larger church.

- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.; September 14 – November 23; Wesley Hall
- Contacts and Facilitators: Diane Wilson, (920) 499-5520; Bruce Cantrell, (920) 438-3280

📍 **Bell Choir**

The Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:45-7:00 p.m. in the balcony and participates in the 8:00 & 9:15 a.m. Sunday worship services several times a month from September through May.

- Contact: Denise Myers, Bell Choir Director, (920) 434-8798

📍 **Youth Group**

Youth Group will be held this year for grade 6-7 and for grades 8-12. No worries if you're new to our church or programs, we will have signs and someone greeting you as you arrive the first few meeting nights. Enter door of the Ziemer Building marked with our Ignite youth logo. To get to 'The House' you take a right down the hall. Access the basement by taking a left when you come in and follow the stairs down, we will meet in the large main room.

Come check it out and help us plan events and trips for the year! This is your chance to have a say in what we do and how we make it happen!

- Wednesdays in the Ziemer building
- 6th - 7th grade: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in The House
- 8th -12th grade: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Ziemer Basement

📍 **Full Version Release of the iConfirmApp v20.11 APP!**

Join us for the release of the all new full version of the iConfirmApp v20.11 APP on Wednesday, September 28 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.! The full version is a Bible study led by Pastor David Kalas. All youth are welcome to explore this App the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month starting September 28 downstairs in the Ziemer Building. We'll get together as one large group for iFellowship and will get to know each other and our Bible better on our iFaith Journey in a no-judgment zone!

- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

📍 **Couples in Christ**

Couples in Christ, a mixed group of couples at First United Methodist Church, enjoys food, fellowship, and fun together throughout the year. During our study sessions from September through April, we often cover a variety of study topics related to strengthening our relationships as couples and our relationship with God and Jesus. Studies

have ranged from book studies with reading and reflecting before and after our discussions to DVD studies we work through as a group on Wednesday nights. In addition to studying and growing in faith together, couples involved are active in serving food at the NEW Community Shelter twice each year, ushering for worship, volunteering for various ministries through FUMC and gathering for social events. Couples are encouraged to join at any time as their schedule allows.

- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, September to April (only the 2nd week in November and December); 5:00 p.m. bring your dinner for fellowship; 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. group study; Fellowship Hall
- Chad and Sara Doverspike – (920) 405-9340 – fivespikes@att.net

📍 **Getting Crafty**

Join us to learn a new craft each week!

September 21 — Sally Enloe will show you the care of cut flowers, where they come from and how to arrange a simple bouquet. Please bring a knife or flower cutting shears. The cost for this session is \$5. Please make reservations to either Diane or Peggy by September 19.

October 5 — Nancy Albers will show you how to stamp holiday cards for no cost.

October 19 — Diane Wilson will show you how to make holiday boxes. Please bring scissors, pencil, and ruler.

November 2 — Diane Wilson and Peggy Schroeder will show you how to make a turkey candy pot and a recycle wreath from plastic bags. Please bring lots of white plastic grocery bags.

November 16 — Georgia Schroeder will help us decorate cupcakes with marzipan

- 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- Contact: Diane Wilson, (920) 499-5520, or Peggy Schroeder, (920) 435-4263

📍 **Forgiveness: Learning From The One Who Wrote The Book**

It is the remedy for sin and essential to every relationship. Everyone needs to give it, and everyone needs to receive it. It is both offered by God and commanded by God. It is exceedingly expensive and completely free. It comes in both genuine and imitation models. “*It*” is forgiveness, and we will explore it together. The Bible will be our text as we endeavor to learn together about real forgiveness from the One who knows all about it.

- September 21, October 5, 19, November 2, 16; 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.; Room 108
- Contact and facilitator: Pastor David Kalas, dkalas@fumcgb.org

☉ Jam Session

Look through your basement, your attic, or your closet and dig out that old guitar, violin, banjo, mandolin, bass or any other acoustic instrument and let's get together for an old style jam session. All levels are welcome and appreciated. If you love music you are the person we are looking for.

- September 21, October 5, 19, November 2, 16; 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.; Zeimer Basement
- Contact: Scott Huntley, shuntley@sbcglobal.net

☉ Men's Study Group

The book *What Kind of Man is JOSEPH, and What Kind of Man are You?* is the basis of this five-week study. (Cost \$10) We will explore the story of Joseph, the unknown member of Jesus' Family. The Gospel of Matthew lays out a foundation for delving deeper into the character of Joseph and his role as Jesus' earthly father and as Mary's husband. Through Joseph, we will be guided in developing Christian discipleship in the areas of Commitment, Awareness, Discipline, Righteousness, and Family.

- September 21, October 5, 19, November 2, 16; 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.; Room 202
- Contact and facilitator: Deacon Dave Wilkinson, dwilkinson@fumcgb.org

☉ M4M (Meet For Music)

Children ages kindergarten thru 5th grade are invited to Meet For Music. Music is an important part of a child's Christian formation and education. Children will have fun learning songs about Bible verses and words of faith and enjoy expressing themselves through singing, movement and activities. M4M will sing occasionally during worship and prepare two musical programs this year.

- Beginning September 14; 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.; Temple Tales
- Contact: Donna Wilkinson, dpwilkins@aol.com

☉ Children's Reading Buddies

Preschool children will have the opportunity to learn Bible stories from elementary-age children. Young readers are encouraged to participate.

- Beginning September 14, 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.; Room B7
- Contact: Beth Huntley, ehuntley@sbcglobal.net

☉ Children's Swim

Children ages 4 thru 5th grade will be escorted from First UMC to the YWCA for a weekly swim time. The children will be chaperoned by someone from First UMC and there will be a lifeguard on duty. Meet in the Gathering area.

- Beginning September 14. 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; YWCA
- Contact: Sue Hickey or Lina Green, lgreen@fumcgb.org

☉ Nursery Care

Childcare is available for ages 0 to 2 while parents and older siblings participate in church activities.

- Beginning September 14; 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.; Nursery
- Contact - Heather Blank

☉ Network

Everyone has at least something they are good at doing. Did you know that your talents, abilities, and skills are derived from the spiritual gifts given by our Creator? Discover your spiritual gifts, personal style, and God-given passion for serving in the body of Christ. The church needs YOU. Not because it needs people to fill positions within the organization, but because YOU are an important and integral part of the body of Christ. YOU have a significant contribution to make in the church and a mission in the world. God's thumbprint is on each of us from the time we are born. He has uniquely designed YOU to fulfill a specific purpose, and we believe that you will not be completely fulfilled in Christ until you understand YOUR role and serve in your areas of giftedness. Find out exactly which spiritual gifts God has placed in you. Learn about your own personal style. Discern your areas of ministry passion. Then you will be able to determine where you can make your best contribution in Christian ministry.

- September 21, October 5, 19, November 2, 16; 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.; Wesley Hall
- Contacts and facilitators: Jen Heil, jennifer_heil@sbcglobal.net; Pat Heil, plheil@tailwindflightcenter.com; Jane Jones, jjones29@new.rr.com

☉ DISCIPLE 2: Into the Word Into the World

DISCIPLE 2 is a 32-week study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. It is recommended that you have completed DISCIPLE 1.

- 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., beginning September 7, St. Paul's UMC
- Contact – Susan May, susanmay@wildblue.net

© DivorceCare

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. It takes a long time and a lot of work to heal the pain that comes with the breakup of a marriage. DivorceCare is a place where you can be around people who understand what you are feeling. It's a place where you can hear valuable information about ways to heal from the hurt of divorce. The 13-week program is designed so that you can begin attending on any week as each session topic stands on its own. You can continue attending until you have covered all the topics or until you feel ready to move on.

- 6:45 p.m.; New Hope UMC
- Contact: Patti Bacher, (920) 964-0143

© Single & Parenting

If you're a single parent, you're probably tired, overwhelmed and feeling a bit under-appreciated. New Hope UMC in DePere is sponsoring a Single & Parenting group - to share tips and parenting wisdom that will help you find rest, hope and encouragement. You'll discover how to deal with your deep-down worries and your day-to-day struggles. At a weekly Single & Parenting group, you'll meet with other single parents to learn and discuss some amazing parenting strategies and hope-filled insights. From the makers of the effective DivorceCare program, this 13-week series is ongoing and the sessions are all stand alone so participants can join at any time in the series. Anyone who can benefit is welcome to attend - please encourage friends, relatives and neighbors to come.

- 6:45 p.m.; New Hope UMC
- Contact: Patti Bacher, (920) 964-0143

Thursdays

© First Quilters Morning Group

First Quilters organized in the spring of 2011 to bring together people who share a common love of quilting and to share and learn more about quilting and the quilting world. We offer an opportunity for people new to quilting to learn from our experienced members. We are looking to the future and an opportunity to participate in community

service projects which benefit those in need. (Note the new evening group listed below.)

- 1st and 2nd Thursdays; 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon; Room Z120
- Contact: Betsy Erickson, (920) 465-8786; Elizabeth Keppers, (920) 606-2812; Tina Uffelman, (920) 499-9844

© Heavenly Hatters of Hope

This group is part of the Red Hat Society that enjoys monthly fellowship.

- Last Thursday of each month for breakfast or lunch.
- Contact: Elizabeth Keppers, (920) 606-2812

© Thursday Morning Bible Study

This group of women gathers together to share and grow in our faith. Together, we choose studies that apply to our current interests and struggles. We will begin our year with Network, a study that helps the participants define and learn how to use the spiritual gifts God has given to them. We are excited to help each other find where and how God wants us to be serving and hope that YOU will join us in this process. All women are welcome.

- Beginning on September 8, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Wesley Hall
- Contact: Jane Jones, jjones29@new.rr.com

© Active Seniors

All seniors (55+) who are interested in fellowship are invited to a prepared lunch followed by a program about areas of interest to include activities in the Green Bay area and age-appropriate education. Cost is \$5 to cover lunch.

- September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10; 12 noon; Fellowship Hall
- Contact: Ernie and Joan Harvey, (920) 544-9118

© First Quilters Evening Group

We offer an opportunity for people new to quilting to learn from our experienced members. We are looking to the future and an opportunity to participate in community service projects which benefit those in need. (Note the morning group listed previously.)

- 1st Thursdays; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.; Room Z120
- Contact Tina Uffelman, (920) 499-9844

© Alpha Class

Join us on the greatest journey of life, as together we strive to become a community of deeply committed Christians! The journey starts with the Alpha Course. It is open to anyone who wants to explore the Christian faith, the meaning of life, and life's ultimate questions.

- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.; Christ Alone Church, Allouez
- Contact Rev. Linda Pliska, 217-8591

© Financial Peace University

“Stop worrying about money, and start your journey to Financial Peace today!” Are you tired of being financial unorganized? Would you like some direction to a stress free life with your finances? In the fast paced life of debit and credit cards, it is easy to find yourself financially challenged. The big questions are; how do you get back on track? ; What tools do you need to effectively manage your money? ; How can you avoid getting into the same situation in the future? The answers to these questions are within your reach. Financial Peace University will provide you with the tools and processes in your life for changing your financial future. Based on the knowledge we get from God, it creates steps for taking real action in your life. This is a step-by-step process taught by best-selling author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey.

- Preview sessions September 11 and 15; Suamico UMC; 13 weeks of sessions to begin on September 22; cost \$100 to cover workbook and materials
- Contact: Kevin Suddick, (920) 434-1168

© The Green Bay Chapter of The Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends is a non-profit, self-help support organization for families who are grieving the death of a child of any age, from any cause. There are no dues or fees and all bereaved family members are welcome. TCF exists to support and assist bereaved parents, siblings and other family members in their grief, and to foster their physical and emotional health. Monthly chapter meetings offer friendship, caring and a safe place to talk. Monthly newsletters also offer support. In addition, on the 2nd Sunday of December, bereaved parents gather at First Church at 7:00 p.m. to participate in a world-wide candle lighting event.

- 3rd Thursday of each month; 7:00 p.m.; Wesley Hall
- Contact: Donna Wilkinson, dpwilkins@aol.com or 391-0734

© The Way of Scripture (8 weeks)

Do you search the Scriptures to validate your own beliefs and decisions, or do you allow the Word-in-text to search you? If you're looking for a deeper experience in God's Word, this *Companions in Christ* study will support you in going beyond simple Bible study. You'll find ideas to help you lay aside preconceived notions and daily worries, creating a place for a transforming encounter with God.

- 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.; September 29 – November 17; Youth House Z-124
- Contacts and Facilitators: Geri Lewis-Nytes, gageri@yahoo.com; Lina Green, lgreen@fumcgb.org

© Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and participates in the 9:15 a.m. worship service every week from September through early June. The choir also sings for special Christmas and Holy Week services.

- Contact: John Plier, Sanctuary Choir Director, (920) 217-7693

© The First Book Club

We would love to have anyone join us at anytime. We generally read inspiring books relating to different cultures and ethnicities so that we can gain understanding of their societal practices, experiences and problems. Ultimately we hope to gain compassion for all fellow men and women. Examples of books that we have read are *Tortilla Curtain*, *The Lemon Tree*, *Freedom Writers*, *Quiet Strength* and *Left to Tell*.

- Meets in November, January, March and May; Thursdays; 7:00 p.m.; usually at the church.
- Contact: Barb Mohr, mohr.barb@gmail.com, (920) 494-1088

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© Breakfast with BOB

Our Friday morning men's group, aka Breakfast with BOB, centers on a book or video study. Rolls and coffee are provided. This fall we will be discussing Rabbi Harold Kushner's book *The Lord Is My Shepherd* (cost \$11). Kushner believes that the Twenty-Third Psalm, perhaps the most memorable and cherished chapter in the Bible, offers spiritual riches that can change a person's life. This sustaining work can help us cope with every aspect of life, from mundane jealousies to the death of a loved one to unimaginable tragedies of global proportions.

- Beginning September 9; 6:30 -7:30 a.m.; Room 108
- Contact and facilitator: Deacon Dave Wilkinson, (920) 437-9252

© The Bellevue Community Group

The group has refreshments, fellowship and listens to the sermons of former pastors of First United Methodist Church from the book and CD Out of the Archives into our Lives. It is not necessary to be a resident at the Bellevue Community to attend.

- Meets on select Friday afternoons at the Bellevue Retirement Community
- Contact: Bev Smith, (920) 336-3597

© Evelyn's Book Club (sponsored by the UMW)

We read books from the UMW Reading List and meet for lunch at the Clarion to discuss them. It is not necessary to have read the book to participate. Watch the *Spirit Alive* for the book the group has selected.

- Every 6 weeks or so at 12:30 p.m.; the next discussion will be held on Friday, September 30 at 12:30 p.m.; Clarion Hotel for lunch; the chosen book is *Stones into Schools* by Greg Mortenson.
- Contact: Bev Smith (920) 336-3597

© Deliver Mobile Meals (sponsored by the UMW)

- Contact: Louise Hansen, (920) 432-4762, to volunteer occasionally.

Saturdays

☺🕒© Set Up for Fresh Bread Worship

Each week we set up for Fresh Bread worship at the YWCA. We transform a gym into a worship space for our contemporary worship service. All are invited to help. All we ask is an hour of your time.

- Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. . (summer time is 10:30 a.m.; YWCA across from the church)
- Contact: Don Heaster, (920) 217-1586

Ongoing

© Caring Ministry

The caring ministry team works to provide church members who are unable to access church activities with such services as communion, visitation, and transportation to church activities. We celebrate birthdays of our Treasured Members, (ages 80 and beyond) by publishing birthdays in *Spirit Alive*, and hosting coffee fellowship three Sundays each year.

- Contact: Les Van Vonderen, (920) 983-2933

© First UMC Couples Bridge Marathon

It's open to anyone who wants to play bridge and enjoy the company of friends. We play in our homes, time and place to be determined by the couples. We play each couple once. We start out at the church with pot luck and our 1st game in September and close in May with pot luck at church and our last game. Beginners welcome!!

- Beginning September 9; 5:30 p.m.; Fellowship Hall
- Contact: Carl and Judy Groomwald, (920) 336-3718

© KenyaHELP Inc. and the Annual Kenyan Mission Team

We meet as necessary to support the KenyaHELP Scholarship. Meeting times and locations are published in the bulletin and "This Week @ First". This year's Kenyan Mission Trip will likely be in July-August 2012. KenyaHELP was created in 2003 in response to the Green Bay First United Methodist Church Kenyan Missions Team's desire to make a difference in the lives of impoverished young Kenyans. KenyaHELP is a non-profit program based in Green Bay, Wisconsin and Meru, Kenya providing high school scholarships to academically deserving Kenyan high school students. These students do not otherwise have the financial means to continue their education. The Kenyan government provides free education only through the eighth grade. To attend high school, students must pay their own tuition and other costs. Because of the HIV/AIDS crisis and pervasive poverty, many exceptionally talented students simply cannot afford to continue their education. A donation of \$500-\$750 can typically provide a year of high school tuition, books, uniforms, and room and board for an academically talented student who could not otherwise afford an education. KenyaHELP is currently educating 40 students at seven local Kenyan High Schools. We have enabled 69 students to complete their high school education. In addition, we are currently supporting 17 students in college and universities - studying education, chemical engineering, computer science,

physics and mathematics, statistics, accounting, communications, social work, business, economics, and industrial chemistry. With grants ranging from \$275 to \$550, we have been able to keep these students in school and working toward a very bright future.

- Contact: Carol Dost, carold0204@sbcglobal.net; Jill Thiede, jillmariet@yahoo.com; Chris Hemstreet, mhemstreet@sbcglobal.net; Jeanne Jung, jjps8@yahoo.com; Stu Smith, adsmith@itol.com

☉ Meal Ministry

Our goal is to provide care for church members by providing a meal or baked goods. We serve church members or families of church members that have been hospitalized, are ill, having a difficult time, birth of a child or need/want personal contact from a Meal Ministry team member. The team might provide a meal to non-church members in crisis. Although we do not have regular meeting times, we are always welcome to new volunteers who would like to help.

- Contact: Lynda Hansen, (920) 434-8587, or Ellen Hanchek, (920) 469-0034

☉ United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is a community of more than one million women who have been organized for over 100 years for the following purposes:

- 1) to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ,
 - 2) to develop a creative supportive fellowship and
 - 3) to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.
- Do these purposes interest you? If so, it's a perfect time to consider all the opportunities offered by our local unit of United Methodist Women.

- Contact: Tina Uffelman, tuff@new.rr.com

You may choose to join one of our Circles (listed by day of the week above) or join any of the following activities:

Campbell's Product Labels/Lids Collection

This project supports the Northcott neighborhood House in Milwaukee's inner city.

- Contact Janet Paine (920)432-5005.

Cookie Walk

This is a fundraiser, held in December with proceeds go to missions. Watch for details. All are encouraged to bake and buy Christmas cookies!

- Contact Carol Shield (920) 438 – 7548; Mary Harrison (920) 432-2776.

Fair Trade Coffee Sales

The items are for sale in Wesley Hall.

- Contact: Mary Dorchester, (920)468-6155.

Funeral Reception Helpers

- Contact: Barb Franken, (920) 983-0213, or the First UMC Office, (920) 437 -9252, to have your name placed on list to help if you are available.

Member-at-Large

Becoming a Member-at-Large allows you to have your name included in the membership book, published each year and distributed to all members.

- Contact: Tina Uffelman, (920)499-9844; Mary Dorchester, (920) 468-6155.

Prayer Chain (phone and e-mail)

- Contact Ruth Wiersma (920) 468-5562 or Carol Shield (920) 438-7348

Take It or Leave It

An online group that meets for special events

- Contact Beth Huntley (ehuntley@sbcglobal.net).

Volunteer to help at Blood Bank

- Contact Carol Shield (438-7548) to volunteer.



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