

SPIRIT

FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

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Fall

First United Methodist Church of Green Bay

2009

Our Fall Program Guide goes green

For many years we have added a Fall Program Guide to our September *Spirit Alive* newsletter that included all children, youth and adult programming for the Fall. 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.



Sunday School: Where seeds of faith are planted

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 a.m.

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, September 13.

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 13 and end May 23, meeting every Sunday except November 29, 2009, December 27, 2009 and January 3, 2010, and April 4, 2010.

Our goal at First Church is to provide a meaningful experience and expose children to the stories 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. You will receive a calendar alerting each parent when he/she will have an opportunity to help in your child's classroom.

CLASSES FOR TWO YEAR OLDS THROUGH KINDERGARTEN AGE

Classes for our preschool and kindergarten age students are located in the lower level, also known as the basement. Children are placed in classes based on their age as of September 1. 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 5 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/audiovisual workshop
- Temple Tales** – storytelling, games and music workshop with a Biblical times look



ROTATION THEMES FOR 2009 – 2010

Rotation 1: CREATION

September 20 – October 18

The Bible story of Creation helps us develop a sense of wonder and awe over what God has made and help us discover our Christian responsibility to take care of our world.

Rotation 2: Daniel in the Lions Den

October 25 – November 22

In Daniel, we hear stories of people God called to be faithful and to stand up for God. Their stories inspire us and help us learn more about what God calls us to do and be.

No Sunday School November 29

Rotation 3: Christmas Around the World

December 6 – January 17

God sent Jesus into the world to bring peace to all people and all nations. Today Christians from around the world prepare for and celebrate the birth of God's Son, Jesus.

No Sunday School December 27 and January 3

Rotation 4: People Who Made a Difference

January 24 – February 21

People of faith made a difference. Through the stories of people of faith, such as Deborah, Jeremiah, the Centurion's servant, and the woman at the well, we learn more about God. As people of faith, we can respond to God and make a difference.

Rotation 5: Jesus at the Synagogue

February 28 – March 28

Jesus was the promised Messiah, the one sent by God to bring good news to all people. As Jesus' followers, we, too, can tell the good news of God's love for everyone.

No Sunday School April 4 – Easter

Rotation 6: John Wesley and Company

April 11 – May 16

Meet the man who began the United Methodist Church, understand who John Wesley was, and learn about the life he lived so long ago.

May 23 - Celebration Sunday



CHILDREN'S MUSIC ACTIVITIES

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

Contact: Karie Green

Sonbeams (elementary) meet on Sundays at 9:15 (at the beginning of the Sunday school hour). Contact: Ms. Kris Searle

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.

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 Children's 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 13, the first day of classes.



FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORSHIP

Our Fresh Bread Contemporary Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. at the YWCA is family-friendly. After Sunday School your family can worship together. A children's sermon is often part of the service, along with upbeat music and activities for the kids (see below). Food and beverages are provided.



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 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 and loving way.



Claimin' it, Kickin' it, Linkin' it ... Student Ministries are ready for a new year

FALL SCHEDULE

Sep. 2	First Confirmation class
Sep. 13	First day of Sunday school
Sep. 16	First Jr. High Youth Group (The House)
Sep. 20	"Kickin' It" at the Manwiller's (Sr. High gathering at Manwiller's home)
Sep. 30	Confirmation class
Oct. 29 – Nov. 1	Confirmation Mission Trip to Minneapolis

The 2009-2010 School year has begun! Congratulations and best wishes to all students now in 6th thru 12th grades!

FUMC YOUTH "CLAIM THE LIFE"

This Sunday school year, our 6-12th grade youth will be studying from the Claim the Life Methodist curriculum series. It coincides with the "Claim the Name" confirmation curriculum currently in use by Pastor Sarah.

The Youth Advisory Board chose this curriculum because it will be a good tool to instruct the youth in their Methodist faith and to help them grow their spiritual lives by putting their faith in action. Our goal is to help the youth gain knowledge that will prepare them for their confirmation and will carry them on an even deeper spiritual journey following confirmation.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Fall Kick-off: Sunday, September 13 - 9 a.m.

Youth Sunday school is scheduled to begin September 13— *we look forward to seeing you there!* We will meet in the Youth Gathering Area in the basement of the Ziemer building at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings for fellowship and group worship. From there we will break into classes – where you will learn how the Word of God is relevant in everyday life.

Classes:

- Claim the Life "Journey"* 6th and 7th grades
Led by Lee Lewis and Lisa Malmberg
- Claim the Life "Word"* 8th and 9th grades
Led by Lisa Magnin and Ruth Hunter
- Claim the Life "Promise"* 10th thru 12th grades
Led by Doug Dickinson, Rich and Alison Manwiller and Timm Bacher.

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays in "The House"* 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Led by Youth Interns Alison Kottke and Wesley Kottke

Fall Kick-off: Wednesday, September 16 - Pizza and Soda provided!

*The House is located across the parking lot from the main church building.

**SR. HIGH "KICKIN' IT" AT THE MANWILLERS
one Sunday night a month**

Led by Rich and Alison Manwiller. Enjoy food, fun and fellowship!

Fall Kick-off: Sunday, September 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Pizza and soda provided!

GET LINKED IN!

Connect with other FUMC youth, learn about church youth events, get calendar updates, Sunday school lesson information and more via email and Facebook. If you haven't already, please get permission from your parents...and then send your email, your parent's email and your cell phone number to: youth@fumcgb.org



Finding your place in a small group, class or program

Active Seniors

All seniors (55+) who are interested in fellowship are invited to a prepared lunch followed by a program. This group meets the second Thursday of each month (September through May) from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Chris Roth, Sports Director for WBAY-TV, will be the speaker on September 10. Penny Croghan, Director of Recruitment at Bellin College, will speak October 8.

After 8

Have you sometimes left worship with the feeling that you would like to talk more about something you heard or experienced in worship? Are you looking for a group of adults to meet with while the children are in Sunday School? If so, "After 8" is for you. Join facilitator Judy Crain at 9:15 in room 108 beginning September 13 for a time to reflect on the morning sermon and biblical text, and share your thoughts and impressions.

Al-Anon Family Group

The Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope, in order to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Al-Anon's primary purpose is to help family and friends of alcoholics, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. The community-based group meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Room Z120 of the Ziemer Building.

Books Between Bites

Rev. Dave Wilkinson leads a discussion of a Christian book (or sometimes video) for all who would like to meet during the lunch hour. Sandwich fixings supplied. The group meets every Wednesday from noon - 1:00 p.m. beginning September 16. Newcomers welcome throughout the year. This fall the group will be discussing Max Lucado's new book, Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear. Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear — layoffs, flare-ups, downturns. Imagine your life, wholly untouched by angst. What is faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? Envision a day when you can trust more and fear less.

Breakfast with BOB

Our Friday morning men's group, aka **Breakfast with BOB**, is beginning as new book study on September 18: Wild Goose Chase by Mark Batterson. "Celtic Christians had a name for the Holy Spirit—An Geadh-Glas, or 'the Wild Goose.' The name hints at mystery. Much like a wild goose, the Spirit of God cannot be tracked or tamed. An element of danger, an air of unpredictability surround Him. And while the name may sound a little sacrilegious, I cannot think of a better description of what it's like to follow the Spirit through life. I think the Celtic Christians were on to something.... Most of us will have no idea where we are going most of the time. And I know that is unsettling. But circumstantial uncertainty also goes by another name: Adventure." (Mark Batterson, from the introduction) Breakfast with BOB meets every Friday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. for rolls, coffee and discussion in Room 108.

Cancer Support Network

This group utilizes resources from cancer survivors, their family members, and other members who want to be involved in the network. The CSN also utilizes resources of the Stephens Ministry and the Meal Ministry. Call the church for details.

Compassionate Friends

The Compassionate Friends (TCF) of Green Bay is for families who have experienced the death of a child. This self-help, community-based group offers friendship, support and understanding; it meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Call Rev. Dave Wilkinson at 437-9252 for further information.

Couples Bridge

FUMC Couples Bridge Marathon will start up in September. Any couples interested in playing cards this year, please contact Elaine Utecht at 632-4348. Your quick response will be appreciated so Elaine can set up the schedule for the year.

Couples in Christ

For couples of all ages wanting to build their relationships with their spouse, with other couples, and with God, this active group meets from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays beginning September 9. Some families gather at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall to share dinner together picnic style or prepared as a group. Video and/or book studies, along with great fellowship, are part of each evening throughout this year. This Fall the group will be looking at the DVD series "Espresso Yourself." Childcare is provided and children's activities are planned during our meeting time. Call Chad & Sara Doverspike at 405-9340 for further information.

Empty Nesters

Are you a parent experiencing the empty nest syndrome? Are you looking for some support from others in this stage of life? Join other empty nesters as we deal with this new phase of our lives. We meet occasionally for a social activity. Contact Barb Hayes at 437-9252.

First Book Club

Join in the discussions based on a previously selected book (reading four books in a year). Current issues of faith and life are discussed to encourage our own awareness and deepen our compassion for others through literature. Call Barb Mohr at 494-1088 to learn more about the schedule of books and discussions. All are welcome.

Freed-Up Financial Living

Grace. Joy. Freedom. Are these the first words that come to mind when you think of finances? They could be! Grace, joy and freedom are the words people most often use to describe their experience with Freed-Up Financial Living — a proven, biblical resource for transforming hearts and lives in the area of finances. In six sessions you'll discover tools and develop skills to help you control your finances so your finances don't end up controlling you. You'll get training in biblical financial principles as well as help and guidance to: prioritize your financial goals, develop a personalized spending plan, identify action steps to reduce your expenses, pay down your debt, and much more. The class will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 23. Carol VanScyoc will facilitate. Preregistration is required. Call the church office by September 20 to register. The cost of the workbook for each participant/couple is \$20

Heavenly Hatters of Hope

This group is part of the Red Hat Society; they meet monthly for breakfast or lunch and fellowship. Contact Elizabeth Keppers at 606-2812.

Intercessory Prayer Group

This prayer group is for all those who wish to participate in a study and then uphold one another, the church, the community, and the world in prayer; it meets every Monday afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall.

Inside Out—Eating Disorder Support Group

If you feel you or someone you care about is turning to an eating disorder to cope with life stressors, please join Inside Out each Sunday in Room Z120 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Inside Out is an Eating Disorder Support Group for women of all ages willing to work through painful life issues in a positive, loving, supportive, and non-judgmental group setting. Prepare to express your emotions while working on your mind, body, and spirit. All women of any faith are welcome. If you would like to join us or for more information: contact Kathryn at 491-0302, Molly at 465-8057, or Mary at 469-9121.

Newcomer Orientation

Are you a visitor to the church wanting to learn more about First United Methodist Church? Meet with our clergy to learn about First Church and the many ministry and outreach opportunities for all ages, and to answer any questions you might have. Sessions are offered once a month. Call the church office at 437-9252 to learn when the next class will be held.

Thursday Morning Women's Group

This faith-based discussion group for women meets Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Beginning October 1 the group will be discussing Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent by Beth Moore. This is an in-depth look at 15 Psalms. Just as a song or poem can express feelings of fear, doubt, hope, and joy, these 15 psalms model how study participants can voice their own petitions and praises to our God, who is always available and ready to hear us. Cost for the study is \$20. Childcare is provided. Call Jane Jones at 338-8352 for further details.

United Methodism 101

How well do you know the United Methodist Church? According to the all church survey about 55% of our congregation is made up of members who were not raised in the United Methodist Church. If that includes you, join Rev. Sarah Johnsen for a five week journey through the ins and outs of our denomination. The class will meet on Thursdays, September 24 - October 22 at 7 pm. Here are the topics: September 24: Who are we? The history of the people called Methodists. October 1: What we believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. October 8: That Amazing Grace — what is it? October 15: The Sacraments: the who, what, when, where of baptism and communion. October 22: Faith and good works — how they go together.

Women's Weekly Prayer Group

Women meet Wednesday mornings from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. at McDonald's on Webster 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. Contact Geri Lewis-Nytes at 469-0495 for more information or to share a prayer request.

WOW - Women of the Word

The Women of the Word (WOW) group will begin again on Monday, September 14, meeting from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Room Z120. WOW will be using the book The Remarkable Women of the Bible: And Their Message for Your Life Today by Elizabeth George for its first study. In this inspiring look at the lives of women in the Bible, bestselling author Elizabeth George reveals refreshing models of faith for today. Call Bonnie Veitch at 337-6480 or Karen Wojahn at 662-0799 for further information. All women are invited.



United Methodist Women invite you to join them for fellowship, study, and service

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 excite you? If so, it's a perfect time to consider all the opportunities offered by our local unit of United Methodist Women. If a monthly get-together fits your schedule, the following groups meet once a month during the school year at church:

The Vi Nelson Fellowship Group meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Potluck lunch. Wednesday, September 2, 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Room 106. For more information call Mary Harrison at 432-2776.

Peterson/Woehler Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the afternoon in Wesley Hall. Contact Co-Chairs Joan Harvey at 339-5258 or Jeanne Davies at 437-5187 for more information.

Rakow/Kotas Group meets the first Tuesday of the month in the morning at 9:15 a.m. in Wesley Hall. Call Louise Hansen at 432-4762 for more information.

Seekers Study Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the morning in Z120. Call Glenda Burdick at 494-1516 for more information.

The Wesleyan Group meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the evening in Wesley Hall and is open to all women who work during the day or prefer evening meetings. Call Barb Franken at 983-0213 or Leah Hutchins at 337-0605 for more information.

The following group meets in members homes:

The Fellowship Group called MOMS (Take It or Leave It), meets once a month in homes on the third Wednesday evening of the month. For more information, call Beth Huntley at 406-9098.

Another option is to join UMW as a member-at-large to have your name included in the membership book, published each year and distributed to all members. To have your name added as a member-at-large, call Arlene Heaster at 430-8910 or Mary Dorchester at 468-6155.

In addition to Fellowship Groups four general meetings are held each year, including a Lenten Breakfast, a Mother/Daughter/ Friend Salad Supper, A Christmas Tea, and a **Salad Luncheon**, to be held on **Tuesday, October 13 at 11:45 a.m.** Watch for more details. There will be a sign-up sheet in Room 106. All women are welcome.



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Do you sing or play an instrument? There is a place for you in our Music Ministries.

Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in room B5 and participates in the Sunday morning 9:15 a.m. worship service September through May, as well as special services at Christmas and Easter. Contact: Courtney Sherman at 465-2463

Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:45-7:00 p.m. in the balcony and participates in the Sunday morning traditional worship services at 8:00 and 9:15 a.m. several times a month, September through May. Contact: Denise Myers at 437-8798

JAM (Jesus and Me) Contemporary Praise Band and Vocal Team rehearses on Mondays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and participates in the Fresh Bread contemporary worship service throughout the year on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the YWCA. They provide a concert each year as well. Contact: Rev. Dave Wilkinson at 437-9252