

# SUMMER!

at McFarland United Church of Christ

AUGUST 2019  
monthly newsletter



## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### AUGUST 4

**Worship (10 am)** we celebrate August birthdays, a baptism and share in Communion

**Bible Discussion (11am)**

### AUGUST 11

**Worship (10 am)** Pastor Bryan will be in Haiti August 11, so Tom Ludwig will be leading worship. Thank you so much Tom for being our "go to worship leader" when Bryan is out of town.

**Bible Discussion (11am)**

### AUGUST 18

**Worship (10 am)**

**Bible Discussion (11am)**

### AUGUST 25

**Worship (10 am)**

**Bible Discussion (11am)**

## Sundaes on Thursdays!

*June 20 - August 8*

Only a couple more Thursdays left this summer! For almost 30 years MUCC has been serving sundaes and root beer floats donating all proceeds directly to the McFarland Community Food Pantry and other local nonprofits. For all things Sundaes on Thursdays and an up to do schedule including weather information, visit: [mcfarlanducc.org/sundaes-on-thursdays](http://mcfarlanducc.org/sundaes-on-thursdays)

You can also check out the Sundaes on Thursdays Facebook page for current info, pictures, and videos! Feel free to share your own photos, videos, and comments. The Facebook page is also shareable and a great way to stay connected and invite neighbors, friends, and family: [facebook.com/sundaesonthursdays](https://facebook.com/sundaesonthursdays)

“MY KIDS AND I  
LOOK FORWARD  
TO THIS ALL YEAR!

*-posted by a McFarland neighbor  
on the Sundaes Facebook page*

## STUFF THE BUS 2019

Did you know that over 100 children in the McFarland School District have trouble affording school supplies? You can help! McFarland UCC is a drop-off site for school supply donations: sturdy backpacks, notebooks, pencils, crayons, etc.



This year's donation time frame runs **July 23 to August 11**. Drop off your donations to McFarland UCC anytime during office hours (9am - 1pm M/T/W/Th or swing by on a Sunday morning) This is one of the many ways we love to support our neighbors served by the McFarland Community Food Pantry.

*Just to remember God is a blessing  
- now and tomorrow and always.  
From east to west, from dawn to  
dusk, keep lifting all your praises  
to God!*

*Psalm 113:2-3 (MSG)*

## Messy Church: Brainstorm!

August 20 at 7:00 pm

Messy Church will kick back off in the fall before we know it! Pastor Bryan is looking for anyone interested in helping plan activities and brainstorm ideas. You are welcome to join in the conversation **TUESDAY, Aug 20 at 7 pm.**

Messy Church is our monthly cross+generational event for learning our most important faith stories. Held once a month, it begins with Biblical storytelling, continues with hands-on learning for all ages through arts & crafts (seriously, ALL ages!), and includes a simple dinner. We wrap up with a brief informal worship recapping the story of the day, group prayer, and song.



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## McFarland Family Festival

Save the Dates! September 20 - 22

For thirty-four years the McFarland Family Festival has been a wonderful time of fun and memories for our community. As Dane County's premier fun-for-the-whole-family festival, the weekend offers entertainment that is geared toward all ages and is alcohol-free. We will once again set up an activity booth with something for everyone. This is such a fun way to meet new neighbors, connect with community friends, and let folks "see" the church. Stay tuned for more information on ways to volunteer!



## SaLT (Servant and Leadership Team)

Monthly Meeting, Sept 4 at 7:00pm

The Servant and Leadership Team will host their monthly meeting, Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm. You are more than welcome to come and join in the conversations. We discuss all things MUCC: events, missions, finances, etc. If you have questions, feel free to connect with any SaLT Member: Helene Benink ([moderator@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:moderator@mcfarlanducc.org)), Joan Jacobsen ([treasurer@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:treasurer@mcfarlanducc.org)), Anne Gerke ([clerk@mcfarlanducc.org](mailto:clerk@mcfarlanducc.org)), Bruce Fischer, Ann Ross, or Lavon Geasland.

# CONNECT HERE

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Barb Baumgartner, Office Volunteer

Samantha Johnson, Custodian

Diane Smeaton, Worship Keyboards

Gail Freedman, Kitchen\*

\*Requests for supplies can be made on  
the white board by the freezer.

## SaLT (SERVANT & LEADERSHIP TEAM)

Moderator: Hélène Benink; Vice Moderator: TBD

Treasurer: Joan Jacobsen; Clerk: Anne Gerke

Jason Chapman; Ann Ross; Bruce Fischer

## FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Tracy Donohue & Ann Ross

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Jason Chapman, Tech Support;

Martha Olsen, Kitchen

Joan Jacobsen, Ushers

## MESSY CHURCH TEAM

Nikole & Jason Chapman

Rita Treece; Lisa Ludwig

Diane & Lydia Mikelbank;

Mel Thompson

## YOUTH LEADERS

Mel Thompson & Kati Atkins

## THE SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

### Ask, Seek, Knock Box

Located in the Fellowship Space just outside the Sanctuary, the "Ask, Seek, Knock Box" is available so that you'll have an easy, quick, and anonymous (if you prefer) way to offer positive responses, questions, or suggestions regarding your faith and the Sunday morning worship experience here at McFarland UCC

### Questions?

Is there a question about God, the Bible, a specific Scripture verse or your faith journey, etc. that you would like Bryan to consider addressing or responding to in a Sunday morning message?

### Topics?

Is there a topic or issue or concern you would love for us to somehow bring into the context of worship?

### Music, Art, Liturgy?

Do you have a favorite hymn or song or poem or something that could be a part of worship that you'd like to suggest?

If you would like to meet with pastor Bryan personally to discuss anything about your worship experience, please approach him and let him know. He would love to meet with you!

## ON THE WEB at

[mcfarlanducc.org](http://mcfarlanducc.org)

[facebook.com/mcfarlanducc](https://facebook.com/mcfarlanducc)

Raise prayer requests and find support at

[Facebook.com/groups/achurchwithheart](https://facebook.com/groups/achurchwithheart)

## IT'S ALL ON THE WEBSITE!

We have been updating the church website to make it a "one stop shop" for all things MUCC:

### CALENDAR with QUICK UP TO DATE EVENT INFO

[Mcfarlanducc.org/calendar](http://Mcfarlanducc.org/calendar)

### EVENT DETAILS (easy to share with friends!)

[Mcfarlanducc.org/events](http://Mcfarlanducc.org/events)

**ONLINE DIRECTORY** (password protected to respect privacy of those who offered their personal information. Call or email Melissa in the office for the login password)

[Mcfarlanducc.org/directory](http://Mcfarlanducc.org/directory)

### FORMS (Church Building Use, Ministry Idea, etc)

[Mcfarlanducc.org/forms](http://Mcfarlanducc.org/forms)

### ALL CURRENT SIGNUPS

[Mcfarlanducc.org/signups](http://Mcfarlanducc.org/signups)



Month	Average Weekly Revenue	Monthly Revenue	Monthly Expenses	Variance (between rev/exps)
Jul 2018	\$ 2,726	\$ 13,630	\$ 8,035	\$ 5,595
Aug 2018	\$ 3,320	\$ 13,281	\$ 7,444	\$ 5,837
Sept 2018	\$ 2,991	\$ 14,957	\$ 13,654	\$ 1,303
Oct 2018	\$ 3,619	\$ 14,475	\$ 18,144	\$ (3,669)
Nov 2018	\$ 3,137	\$ 12,550	\$ 9,958	\$ 2,592
Dec 2018	\$ 3,821	\$ 19,103	\$ 18,455	\$ 648
Jan 2019	\$ 2,704	\$ 10,816	\$ 13,185	\$ (2,369)
Feb 2019	\$ 3,247	\$ 12,988	\$ 9,861	\$ 3,127
Mar 2019	\$ 3,170	\$ 15,852	\$ 15,089	\$ 763
Apr 2019	\$ 2,961	\$ 11,843	\$ 10,707	\$ 1,136
May 2019	\$ 4,491	\$ 17,994	\$ 12,866	\$ 3,713
Jun 2019	\$ 3,328	\$ 16,638	\$ 11,820	\$ 4,818
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$ 174,127</b>	<b>\$ 150,633</b>	<b>\$ 23,494</b>

July 2018 – June 2019

<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>\$162,726</b>
Weekly Average Revenue Needed to Meet Budget	\$3,130
Actual Average Weekly Revenue Jul 2018-Jun 2019	\$3,300

