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MCFARLAND UCC - MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING SUNDAYS

FEBRUARY 3 **Worship (10 am)** This morning's scripture will be Isaiah 58:6-9

FEBRUARY 10 **Choir Rehearsal (9 am)** No experience required!

Worship (10 am) **Bible Discussion (11 am)** **Care Chat for Dana (11 am)** **Messy Church (4:30 pm)** There's something for everyone! Biblical storytelling, hands on activities, and dinner. More info on page 3.

FEBRUARY 17 **Choir Rehearsal (9 am)** See you at the piano.

Worship (10 am) **Bible Discussion (11 am)**

FEBRUARY 24 **Choir Rehearsal (9 am)** "Happiness is singing in the choir" –Charlie Brown

Worship (10 am) **Bible Discussion (11 am)**



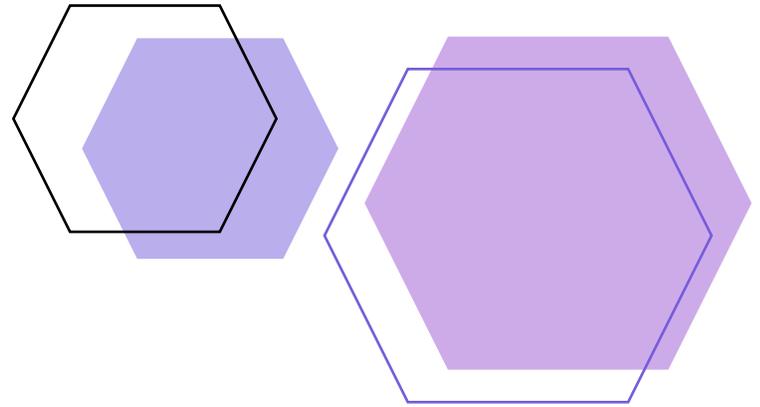
FAITH FORMATION

LEARN – STUDY – GROW – TOGETHER

MESSY CHURCH (4:30 – 6:00 pm)

Sunday, February 10

Messy Church is a monthly cross+generational event for learning our most important faith stories. Held on the second Sunday of each month, it begins with Biblical storytelling, continues with hands-on learning through arts and crafts (for teens and adults too!), and includes a simple dinner. We wrap up with a brief informal worship recapping the story of the day, group prayer, and song. This month's focus is on the story from Luke 5:1-11 in which Jesus tells his disciples how and where to put out their fishing nets. After listening to him and hauling in a HUGE catch, Jesus then tells them that they are going to start "fishing for people." A perfect story for this weekend during which our sanctuary looks like an ice fishing shanty! (Because of the play "Guys On Ice" this week!!).



CONFIRMATION GROUP

Upcoming Dates & Times

FEB 10 (during Messy Church) Confirmands should come at **4:30** to participate with the rest of the group in the Bible Story time, and then we will meet from **5-6 p.m.** with dinner immediately following. We're going to focus on the following questions:

*"Who Is God? How Do We Know?
What Difference Does It Make?"*

FEB 24 (6:30 – 7:30 pm) The Confirmation Group is going to meet during each Messy Church Sunday (the second Sunday of the month), and then the fourth Sunday as well (2 weeks after each Messy Church Sunday). On the non-Messy Church Sundays we will meet from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Adults from the congregation are welcome to join us and participate in these discussions. Please contact Melissa in the church office or Pastor Bryan if you would like more information about the themes for each scheduled session.

MARCH 10 (4:30 pm/during Messy Church)

MARCH 24 (6:30 – 7:30 pm)

ALSO, During March we are hoping also to visit a sacred art exhibit at First Congregational UCC in Madison. More information about this will be made available as soon as we firm up the details.

APRIL 14 (4:30 pm/during Messy Church)

APRIL 28 (6:30 – 7:30 pm)

We will meet twice monthly through April, giving us 6 sessions. The class will conclude with a celebration during worship in early May, depending upon which Sunday works best for the students with their exam schedule at school.



BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

Sunday Mornings (11 am/after worship)

Please join us after worship each week for a simple but meaningful time of engaging God's Word through the Bible. We've been using the ancient technique of sacred reading known as "Lectio Divina." It is very simple. We read through a brief portion of Scripture together, and then go around the table and share a thought or verse or few words that struck us as significant. We just listen to each other and minimize discussion as we go around. Then we read the text out loud together again. We go around again and this time share just 2 or 3 words or a very brief thought that felt significant. Then we read it a third time out loud and even slower. This time we each share one word that seemed most meaningful. Then we have discussion about it all. It's been great! We wind up sharing insights from our lives and from our spiritual journeys, and where helpful pastor Bryan (or anyone!) offers some insights regarding the text and context in which it was written. We close with a quick prayer. We'd love to have you join us, and it does not matter at all if you have NEVER opened a Bible before.

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!

If you have questions, connect with Melissa in the office at office@mcfarlanducc.org (608) 838 - 9322



CARE CHAT *For Dana*

FEB 10 (11 am)

Immediately following worship, Sunday February 10, we will have a care chat to hear about Dana's journey and learn more about how we can help support him and his family.

Questions? Please connect with Jean Duchrow or Melissa in the office.

office@mcfarlanducc.org 608-838-9322



MUCC CALENDAR

FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Want to know what is happening in the MUCC building? Need to plan an event or meeting? There is an up to date and always current calendar on the church website. Visit:

mcfarlanducc.org/calendar

If you would like to use the building, please contact Melissa in the office for details: 608-838-9322 or office@mcfarlanducc.org



NEWS & EVENTS!



SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY TEAM MEETING

February 24 (11 am - after worship)

This will be a short orientation meeting for all those interested in taking part in one or more of the Sunday morning “behind the scenes” roles.

Want to be a part of the Sunday morning experience? Here’s what is needed:

KITCHEN/GOOD COFFEE (9 - 11:30 am)

- spread the welcoming smell of coffee around the church before worship; Serve coffee before and after service; A great way for folks to feel at home and relaxed.

WELCOMING & ENGAGING (aka Ushers) (9:30 - 11:30 am)

- Greet and welcome visitors, walk around handing out bulletins, assist with offering, and reconnect with newcomers after worship.

KIDS TABLE (during 10 am worship)

- sit at the kids activity table in the sanctuary and engage with the kiddos who come over to read, draw, & play.

POWERPOINT GURU & TECH SUPPORT (9:30 & during 10 am worship)

- turn on the sanctuary computer, open the morning's worship and announcement slides; use the computer to flip through slides during worship.
Adjust lights and sound volume if needed.



6TH ANNUAL

McFarland Valentine Date Night Play!

“GUYS ON ICE”

Book & Lyrics by Fred Alley – Music by James Kaplan

Enjoy an evening of hilarity and help support a great cause! This year’s play, “GUYS ON ICE” is the Wisconsin favorite first done in Door County and seen on PBS, the best (maybe only?) musical about ice fishing, fish fries, snowmobile suits, love and so much more!

Starring Dave Conour, Patrick Fernan and Tim McNurlen (as the Moocher), and directed by Brooke Hauser, the show will once again be presented at McFarland United Church of Christ, February 7 – 9 & February 14 – 16. All proceeds go to the McFarland Community Food Pantry. If you want to reserve tickets as a gift - or to just save your spot ‘on da ice’ – visit:

<https://guysonicemcfarland.bpt.me/>

Tickets are \$20 and include the scrumptious “finger food” buffet during intermission. This will be the 6th annual show and your support has helped raise nearly \$50,000 for the pantry! Tickets are also available at the door of each performance. Please come and join us for this beloved, hilarious and touching tale of real Wisconsin guys...and the women they drive crazy, er, love!

Want to join in the “Guys on Ice” behind the scenes fun?!

It’s not too late to bring sweet and savory finger food treats for our intermission buffet! You can also still sign up to help out in the kitchen during show times. Food may be dropped off at the church anytime during regular office hours (T/W/Th/F 9am – 1pm), Sunday mornings, or around 6 pm on show dates. Visit the link below to sign up:

mcfarlanducc.org/signups

If you have questions, connect with Melissa in the office at office@mcfarlanducc.org – (608) 838 - 9322

MARCH SAVE THE DATES

FREE SALE FOR FAMILIES

March 15 & 16

The FREE SALE FOR FAMILIES is a nonprofit organization offering community members and businesses a way to recycle children's items (infant-teen) for other individuals and families to reuse, regardless of income level or need. Free-will monetary donations are accepted in exchange for the items and are then given to local charities and non-profit organizations.

We are thrilled to open our doors to this incredible event! MUCC will be hosting and providing hospitality not only the Free Sale organization and its volunteers, but also to many local families. Go to mcfarlanducc.org/blog to see all the ways you can volunteer.

Reading this newsletter online? Simply click the button below!

[VOLUNTEER SIGNUP HERE](#)

Folks who volunteer for 4+ hours can "SHOP" EARLY!

Kids that need little supervision are welcome, as there are areas where they can play.

Thank you!

Volunteers can shop early from **6-8pm Thursday evening, March 14th.

ART EXHIBIT EXCURSION to 1ST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

Sunday, March 31

Martha Olsen will be organizing a group to view an art exhibit called "Yearnings" at the 1st Congregational UCC Church. Four women artists studied the Psalms and sacred scripture for a year and then each took one aspect as inspiration to create works of art. The four themes are: *Lament, Refuge, Faithfulness, and Mercy*. Martha has seen this exhibit twice and believes others would like to see it, too! More details coming soon!



CONTACT & CONNECT

The MUCC Directory is Up and Running!

A huge thank you to Judy St. Clair and Jason Chapman for all their hard work compiling and creating our very own online directory. We are still ironing out a few details but for the easiest way to view the directory is to follow this link:

<https://mcfarlanducc.azurewebsites.net/directory>

Let us know if you need Thank you for your patience and please let Melissa in the office know if you have questions or suggestions.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open **9:00 am to 1:00 pm Tuesdays through Fridays**. Pastor Bryan is in the office most of those days plus Sundays and occasional Saturdays, but it's best to make an appointment.

Church Staff

Pastor Bryan Sirchio
pastor@mcfarlanducc.org

Office Administrator: Melissa Mendl
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Custodial: Samantha Johnson

Worship Keyboards: Diane Smeaton

Kitchen: Gail Freedman
Requests for supplies can be made on the white board by the freezer.

SaLT

Moderator: Hélène Benink
Vice Moderator: TBD
Treasurer: Joan Jacobsen
Clerk: Anne Gerke
Jason Chapman
Ann Ross
Bruce Fischer

Financial Secretaries

Jeanne Benink & Tracy Donohue

Messy Church

Nikkole Chapman

Jason Chapman

Rita Treece

Diane Mikelbank

Lydia Mikelbank

Lisa Ludwig

Mel Thompson

Youth Leaders

Dana Crumpton

Mel Thompson

On the Web
mcfarlanducc.org

*All things MUCC:
Calendar, Blog, About Us,
Ways to Get Involved*

Social Media
facebook.com/mcfarlanducc

*Raise prayer requests and find
support at*
facebook.com/groups/achurchwiththeheart

Instagram & Twitter:
[@mcfarlanducc](https://twitter.com/mcfarlanducc)

Month	Average Weekly Revenue	Monthly Revenue	Monthly Obligations	Variance (between rev/obligations)
Feb 2018	\$ 2,913	\$ 11,654	\$ 8,914	\$ 2,740
Mar 2018	\$ 3,518	\$ 14,072	\$ 13,722	\$ 350
Apr 2018	\$ 2,599	\$ 12,993	\$ 13,117	\$ (124)
May 2018	\$ 2,971	\$ 11,884	\$ 9,512	\$ 2,372
Jun 2018	\$ 2,996	\$ 11,983	\$ 13,923	\$ (1,940)
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	\$ 2,697	\$ 10,787	\$ 13,185	\$ (2,398)
Totals		\$ 161,369	\$ 148,063	\$ 13,306

Feb 2018 – Jan 2019

2019 Budget	\$162,726
Weekly Average Revenue Needed to Meet Budget	\$3,130
Actual Average Weekly Revenue Feb 2018-Jan 2019	\$3,109

