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MCFARLAND UCC - MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FALL SEASON AT MUCC!

Updated Messy Church
Outreach Visioning, Neighbors in
Need Offering AND MORE

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE Sale for Families,
Progressive Dinner,
Church Clean Up Day,
Trick-Or-Treat for UNICEF

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McFarland UCC Monthly Newsletter

OCT 2019

Fall is in the air!

There are lots of things happening at McFarland UCC this month. For up to date details and information you can visit our website mcfarlanducc.org or connect with Melissa in the office at 608-838-9322 or office@mcfarlanducc.org

Upcoming Sundays

"whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

October 6

Choir Practice (9am)

Worship (10am) We celebrate October birthday blessings and join together in communion. **Bible Discussion** (11am)

October 13

Choir Practice (9am)

Worship (10am) **Bible Discussion** (11am) **ALL NEW learning event with something for everyone** (4pm) More info to come at mcfarlanducc.org

October 20

Choir Practice (9am)

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

October 27

Choir Practice (9am)

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

"The people were warm and caring, the sermon was compelling, deeply Spirit-led and really made me think, and the music was great!"

- a recent review found on the MUCC facebook page.

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Doing church differently...



Most items at the FREE Sale are for ages preemie to teen, but there is plenty for adults too!

FREE Sale for Families!

OCT 4th 10am - 7pm

OCT 5th 8am - 11am

Nothing is priced! "Take what you need, pay what you can." MUCC will host the 7th semi-annual FREE Sale for Families organized by our McFarland neighbor, Ellie Kyser. We will once again open our doors to this huge event serving hundreds of local families. Over \$12,000 has been donated to local charities, food pantries, and shelters. There are also lots of ways to get involved this week and volunteers may "shop early!" Check out the signup at facebook.com/freesalesforfamilies

2019 Quarter Auction & Silent Auction!

OCT 13, 11:30 am - 4:30 pm at Viking Lanes, 1410 US-51, Stoughton

All proceeds benefit the FREE Sale non-profit organization.

SILENT AUCTION: Browse items and place your bid online October 3rd until October 12th. Or bid in-person at the fundraiser until 3:00pm. www.32auctions.com/freesalesforfamilies2019

QUARTER AUCTION: DOORS OPEN at 11:30 -- AUCTION STARTS AT 1PM! ONE PADDLE FOR \$5 OR THREE PADDLES FOR \$10!!

Bring yourself, your friends & family, and your quarters for a fun afternoon to help an amazing organization and the surrounding communities! Never been to a Quarter Auction? Don't worry! We'll explain it all before we start. Just bring your quarters (we'll also have some for exchange). Doors open at 11:30am so get there early to check out all the awesome items! Food and drinks are available for purchase at Viking Lanes bowling alley. There will be fabulous door prizes to be won!!

The vendors may also have their own raffle items with tickets sold \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

OCT 5, at 6:00 pm

You are invited for a night out with friends! Saturday, October 5th, several households will host a "progressive dinner," with a different course at each home:

Appetizers and Salads

Home - Larry & Maryanne Raese
5976 Prairie Wood Dr.

Main Course

Home - Greg & Colleen Krattiger
5026 Card Ave.

Desserts

Home - Tom & Lisa Ludwig
5504 Eighth Rd.

This is an adults-only evening (great for a date night!). If you have questions please contact Lavon Geasland. You are also welcome to bring a dish as each dinner course will be served potluck style. However, you do not need to bring something in order to participate and have a good time!

Signup to bring a dish at:
mcfarlanducc.org/signups



Progressive Dinner 2015

OUTREACH VISION CONVERSATION

OCT 12
9am - 11am

On Saturday, October 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, we will gather at the church to discuss our vision and priorities regarding the outreach of our congregation. This conversation is wide open to all members and friends of McFarland UCC, and the purpose will be to clarify and name the ministries of outreach we feel called as a congregation to embrace and pursue with a specific commitment and focus. Our goal will be to name the organizations, programs, and issues we want to give our time, energy, and resources to in the year to come. Once we get clear on these priorities, we will discuss what specific commitments we feel led by the Spirit to make, and how we can best celebrate and communicate to the congregation what these outreach ministries are accomplishing in the world in response to God's Love. Join us for this crucially important conversation. We'll make it fun!!



Photo Caption

N.I.O.N. CAMPAIGN

Started by members and friends of McFarland United Church of Christ in McFarland, WI, is open to people of all faiths, spiritual perspectives and worldviews who are committed to compassion, justice, kindness and love. Our government has separated hundreds of immigrant children from their parents upon arriving at the border. These families are often fleeing horrific violence and crippling poverty, and parents are doing everything they can to protect their children by coming to the United States. Taking these children from their parents is inhumane, unnecessary, and unacceptable. It is easy to feel powerless when confronting an issue like this. We feel strongly about giving a voice to those who agree with us. We demand that all children must be reunited with their families and sponsors, and that the current practice of separation and detaining immigrant children and immigrants of all ages must end immediately. This will no longer be done in our name! Not In Our Name!!

Here is how you can get involved and be a vital part of this campaign:

Join the Not In Our Name Facebook group: [facebook.com/NION.US](https://www.facebook.com/NION.US)

Sign & Share the Online Petition: <http://chnq.it/iZBxRfCJsm>

Purchase N.I.O.N. t-shirts & bracelets: Haiticreates.com (click on SHOP)

**Half the proceeds made from bracelets go to Haiti Creates, a non-profit organization providing employment and empowering the Haitians to be financially sustainable and independent. All other proceeds from sales directly support other organizations that monitor human rights conditions in detention centers, and help family members who have been separated find one another.*

Fall Clean Up Day!

OCT 19th 8am - 12pm

It's that time of year! The weather is getting cooler, the leaves are falling, and the church building is ready to be spruced up for fall/winter. Swing by anytime between 8am - noon, Saturday October 19. There's lots to do and it's more fun when we're in it together! Lunch will be provided.

Questions? Connect with Gregg Krattiger (608-239-8602)



Children and adults learn, connect, and explore our most important faith stories.

All Ages Christian Education Event (formerly Messy Church)

OCT 20th 4pm - 6pm

First and most importantly: The next monthly gathering for all ages will be Sunday, October 20, from 4-6 p.m. Please make a special note of this because our former rhythm was to hold these on the 2nd Sunday of the month and this is the third Sunday. We're going to make that shift now and meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Thanks so much to all of you who have been submitting possible new names for our beloved "Messy Church" program! We've got quite a list that you can see on the white board in the fellowship hall at church. Free to add some more! To help you dream up a great name for this program, this monthly gathering will continue to include the best of what we've been doing for years at Messy Church (crafts for kids; Bible stories, singing, dinner together) but also include more music, fun and meaningful ways to engage Bible stories for teens and adults as well as young children, and some interesting programs for adults as well.

While we definitely want this program to be lots of fun for young children, we really want this monthly Sunday afternoon gathering to be a great experience for all ages and for entire families. So if you're one of those who have assumed that this is something that is "just for children," please reconsider that and come and join us.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

OCT 20, during 10am worship

Neighbors In Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Learn more at:

<https://www.ucc.org/nin>



LEARN MORE!



Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF began 69 years ago as a way to help kids still affected by World War II. Since then, millions of children across the United States have gone door to door on Halloween with UNICEF collection boxes, calling out, "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF!" The annual tradition of Kids Helping Kids® - involving donations big and small - has helped to raise more than \$175 million since 1950.

from unicefusa.org/trick-or-treat



TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF



Be a superhero this Halloween!

OCTOBER 13-31 - Pick up your trick or treat box at church on a Sunday or swing by the office anytime we are open (T/W/TH/F 9am-1pm)

OCTOBER 27 - NOISY OFFERING! (During 10am worship): Come dressed in your Halloween best for our annual Noisy Offering. At our usual offering time during worship, kids will pass around cans and buckets to collect loose change and MAKE SOME NOISE! So come armed with your coins! This offering is then combined with the donations from the Trick-or-Treat boxes after Halloween.

OCTOBER 31 - Take your UNICEF box on your trick or treat route, ring doorbells, and say "Trick or treat for UNICEF!" Those passing out candy will then have the option to give a donation.

NOVEMBER 3 - Return your trick or treat box to church!



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*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; Members: Jason Chapman; Ann Ross; Bruce Fischer

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Tracy Donohue & Ann Ross

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY LEADERS

Jason Chapman, Tech Support; Martha Olsen, Kitchen; Joan Jacobsen, Ushers

YOUTH LEADERS

Mel Thompson & Kati Atkins

IT'S ALL ON THE WEBSITE!

CALENDAR with QUICK UP TO DATE EVENT INFO

Mcfarlanducc.org/calendar

EVENT DETAILS (easy to share with friends!)

<http://www.mcfarlanducc.org/upcoming-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

FORMS (Church Building Use, Ministry Idea, etc)

Mcfarlanducc.org/forms

ALL CURRENT SIGNUPS Mcfarlanducc.org/signups



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General Fund Summary Sept 2018 – Aug 2019

SalT to review 10/02/19

Month	Average Weekly Revenue	Monthly Revenue	Monthly Expenses	Variance (between rev/exps)
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
Jul 2019	\$ 3,378	\$ 13,513	\$ 15,921	\$ (2,408)
Aug 2019	\$ 3,110	\$ 12,438	\$ 7,606	\$ 4,832
Totals		\$ 173,167	\$ 158,681	\$ 14,486

Sept 2018 –Aug 2019

2019 Budget	\$162,726
Weekly Average Revenue Needed to Meet Budget	\$3,130
Actual Average Weekly Revenue Sept 2018-Aug 2019	\$3,337

