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the HeartBeat

MCFARLAND UCC - MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Messy Church Returns this month and we gear up for McFarland Family Fest!

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

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From our Interim Minister: With so much happening at MUCC, it seemed right to issue this HEARTBEAT monthly newsletter to supplement the weekly PULSE. This newsletter, emailed to you with a link to the church website, and available in print at the church (and mailed to you by request), will carry detailed news and reports for the month ahead. The PULSE will continue to provide weekly updates and current news. There is a lot going on at MUCC and we just want to share the good news, opportunities to be more involved, and what's scheduled at your church! *Contact me directly with comments: pastor@mcfarlanducc.org*

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"I will put my teaching in their minds and write it on their hearts..." –Jeremiah 31:33

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

On September 2nd we talked together about how coming to worship with expectancy is something people have done for eons with pilgrimages to their sacred places. "Why the church? Why this church?" is a developing theme for our worship this month.

September 9

9 am – Choir rehearsal. No signup required!
10 am - Noticing God's presence in life's transitions is one way we bring expectancy to worship. It is how we answer our questions, "Why the Church? Why this church?" As families return to church from summer, bring your backpacks **today** for blessing during the Time For All Ages portion of worship.
4:30 pm - Messy Church returns! More information on page 2.

September 16

9 am – Choir rehearsal. See you at the piano!
10 am – Today in worship we reflect on how we notice God's presence in baptism and confirmations of baptism. Why do we baptize, and why do we confirm baptisms?
11:15 am – Meeting with parents and youth about confirmation 2018-2019. More details on page 2.

September 23

9 am –No choir rehearsal. It resumes Sept. 30.
10 am – During worship today we pay attention to how we notice God's presence in surprises!

September 30

10 am - More Music Sunday! The choir will rehearse at 9 and sing with us at 10. Others may sign up to share vocal and instrumental music as we "make a joyful noise to the Lord" (Psalm 100). We notice God's presence in music and singing!

FAITH FORMATION

LEARN - STUDY - GROW - TOGETHER

AFTER WORSHIP BIBLE DISCUSSION

Sunday Mornings

11:15 – 12:00 pm

The Bible reading group is reading in the Book of I Samuel, which features stories and historical vignettes from over 3000 years ago. This book introduces some biblical themes and concerns that reach through that era into the New Testament story of Jesus, as well as to our own experience. Come learn with us!

MESSY CHURCH

September 9

4:30 – 6:00 pm

Messy Church is back! This 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.

"Are you the church that finger paints?" "Yes, we are!"

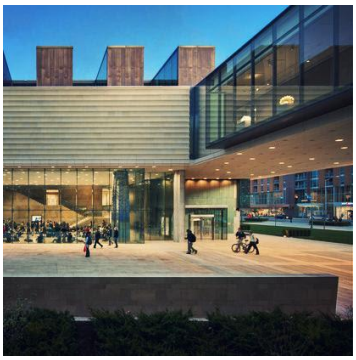
Heard at the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo

CONFIRMATION ORGANIZING MEETING

September 16

After worship, 11:15 am

There will be an organizational meeting of parents and teens interested in a Confirmation learning group on Sunday, September 16, following worship. Youth from 7th grade on who have not yet been confirmed are encouraged to participate.



Chazen Art Museum Trip

Sunday September 30

3:30 – 4:30 pm

This summer Martha Olsen and her friend Barb Obst Contacted Rev. Bausch about leading a short tour of the UW's Chazen Art Museum. They met with Pastor Mike and his wife Cathy at the museum and reviewed works there. Both Barb and Martha are docents at the museum. We determined our short program will be to look at a few selected art works, including a Botticelli Madonna and infant Jesus as part of the traveling exhibit, "Life, Love and Marriage in Renaissance Italy." Our focus will be to see how people in the past used similar works for study, pleasure, and personal devotion. The point of our gathering will be to share an experience with fine art, learn how to "see" art, and to find ways to talk about it. Following our hour together (admission to the museum is free) we may optionally find a place for coffee or a light supper for further discussion.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

MCFARLAND FAMILY FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 14 - 16

It's that time of year again! MUCC will be hosting a booth at the McFarland Family Festival. We plan on finger painting and painting rocks (a huge hit last year!). Also, we hope to give out prayer bracelets made by our youth at Messy Church. Stop by the booth and say hello!

Do you enjoy being neighborly? Like to talk about what you appreciate about your church? We are looking for volunteers:

- Who can be friendly & approachable in a busy environment,
- Invite people to participate in our rock & finger painting activities,
- Talk about Messy Church & other unconventional ways we do church together…
- Invite people to check us out.
- We especially need folks to help setup and take down the booth

THANK YOU for considering this outreach opportunity!

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP ONLINE!

Or sign up at the Sign-Up Board in the Social Hall!

FREE SALE FOR FAMILES

SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 6

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. Here are some ways you can help out:

- **Load the truck** on Saturday, September 29 (4-7pm; meet at MUCC)
- **Set up** for the sale on Sunday, September 30 (after church around 11ish)
- **Help throughout the week**, October 1-4, to unload clothes and set up for the sale

(*NOTE* Monday & Tuesday will need the most volunteer hands)

- **Tear down** after the sale on Saturday, October 6
- **Provide treats and water**

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP HERE

SAVE THE DATES

MUCC FILM GROUP – Plans are underway for the next gathering of the film group. A time will be set to watch a movie together and discuss it, most likely in October. We may well aim for a non-Packer game Sunday afternoon, and show a film at church. The church has both a music and a movie license to assure compliance with copyright laws.

CROP WALK – Sunday, October 21 is the annual Crop Hunger Walk starting at First Congregational UCC (1609 University Ave). For nearly half a century, CROP Hunger Walks have ensured that more people worldwide have access to nutritious, sustainable food sources. From combating droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks help end hunger by raising funds to support local food programs and the international anti-hunger work of Church World Service. We will take a Noisy Offering in October worship to help support our walkers. If you are interested being part of our MUCC team contact Melissa in the office (608-838-9322).

Covenant Partners/New Members - If you or someone you know or love is interested in becoming an active member of McFarland UCC, contact Pastor Mike, as members will be received this fall! *pastor@mcfarlanducc.org*

UPDATES & REPORTS

SaLT Spot

notes and discussion topics from last month's SaLT meeting:

Community Garden Potluck & Movie Night Fun! On Friday, August 17th, Sundaes on Thursdays joined the Community Garden Potluck & Movie Night due to being rained out again. It was a great opportunity to turn lemons into lemonade (and lots of lemonade was served!). Movie Night was also moved inside due to weather and was a great night of building community in our fellowship hall with the Garden folks, neighborhood families, and the Sundaes on Thursdays community-partner, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Support Group. We even made indoor s'mores!

Financials

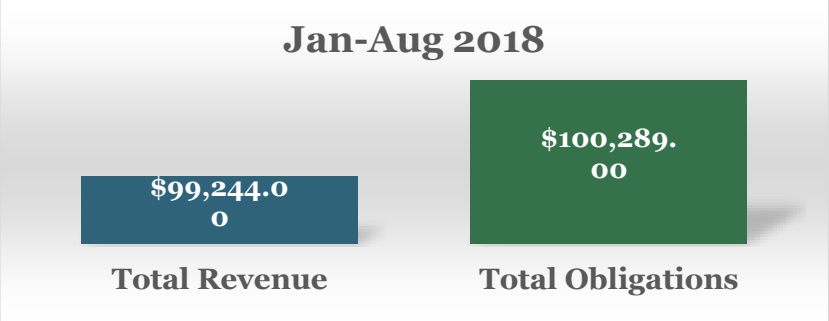
As we continue to have discussions regarding our church financials, we want to thank you! Thank you to all those you have responded to help address our financial needs and increased your giving. It is noticed and appreciated. Please continue doing so, as it is helping us meet our mission and goals. If you haven't yet had a chance to increase your 2018 giving, please consider doing so. Now is the time: we need your additional support and help. We appreciate your on-ongoing giving. Thank you for all that you have already given! It is appreciated. If you have never given before, please consider starting your giving journey. There is no better time to help our church. We are so grateful that you have decided to make this church community yours too! If your way of giving is not something that you can do financially, we always welcome the gift of your time and talents. We have many volunteer opportunities and the gift of your time is valued and appreciated too. See the next page for a full financial report.

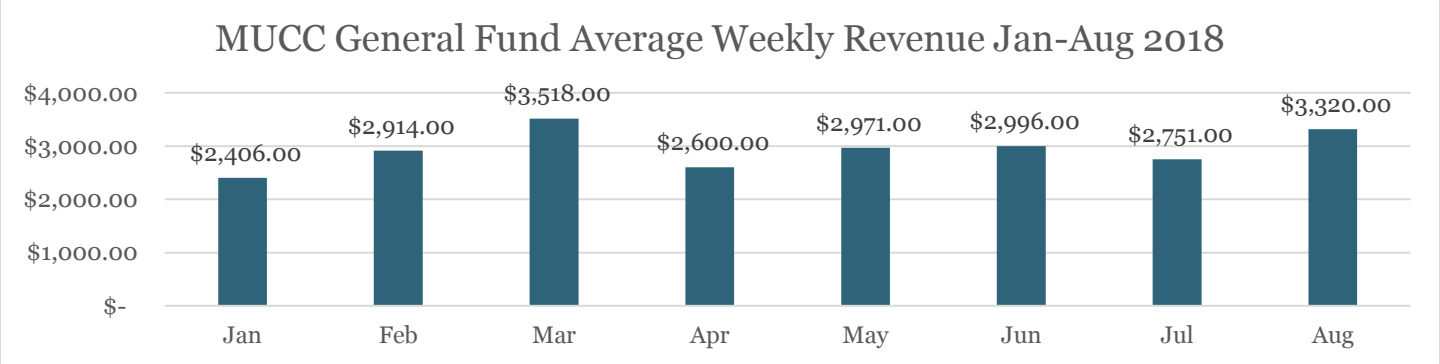
General Fund Summary Jan-Aug 2018 *SaLT review 09/05/18*

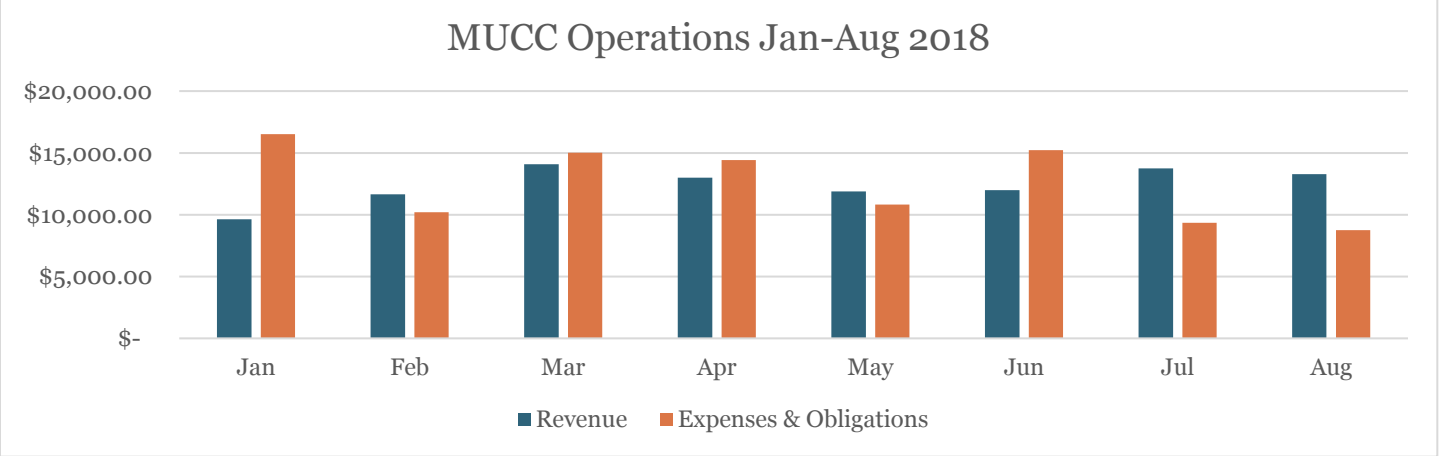
Month	Average Weekly Revenue	Monthly Revenue	Monthly Obligations	Variance (between rev/obligations)
Jan	$ 2,406.00	$ 9,623.00	$ 16,510.00	$(6,887.00)
Feb	$ 2,914.00	$ 11,654.00	$ 10,214.00	$ 1,440.00
Mar	$ 3,518.00	$ 14,072.00	$ 15,022.00	$ (950.00)
Apr	$ 2,600.00	$ 12,993.00	$ 14,429.00	$(1,436.00)
May	$ 2,971.00	$ 11,884.00	$ 10,812.00	$ 1,072.00
Jun	$ 2,996.00	$ 11,983.00	$ 15,223.00	$(3,240.00)
Jul	$ 2,751.00	$ 13,754.00	$ 9,335.00	$ 4,419.00
Aug	$3,320.00	$13,281.00	$8744.00	$4537.00
Totals		**$ 99,244.00**	**$ 100,289.00**	**$(1045.00)**

Note: Monthly obligations include actual expenses that have been paid and outstanding obligations ($1300/month for Our Church's Wider Mission [OCWM] and mortgage payment)

2018 Budget	$162,736
Weekly Average Revenue Needed to Meet Budget	$3,130
Actual Average Weekly Revenue Jan-Aug 2018	$2,935







Pastoral Search Committee

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to meet. The church's Profile with information compiled from our members is circulating nationally through the United Church of Christ. The Committee is reviewing applications that have already been submitted to them. Our Search Committee members are Helene Benink (chairperson), Lisa Ludwig, Mike Pfohl, Lavon Geasland, Wendy Abel, Russ St. Clair, and Katie Adkins.

Summer Highlights!

MUCC shared a busy summer!

- Coordinating Sundaes on Thursdays for yet another year with community organizations such as
- Providing drinks and snacks for the AIDS Ride Wisconsin
- Welcoming the Hoot n' Annie String Band for worship in July
- Experiencing Communion around tables in the social hall with bread and fresh fish, and producing expressive art on the meaning of Communion
- Enjoying lay worship leadership and preaching with our own Helene Benink and SaLT
- Singing and hearing music during our More Music Sundays (the last Sunday of each month)
- Seeing how a work of art can be "preached" during worship
- Getting a handle on our church's financial condition as we move into the fall months
- Making progress with the Pastoral Search as applications are now being reviewed

CONTACT/CONNECT

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office hours in September will be **9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays**. Administrative Assistant Melissa Mendl sets appointments with the pastor, maintains the church event calendar, coordinates building use, posts information and highlights to our church's social media such as Facebook and Twitter, publishes the weekly worship bulletins, produces the weekly emailed information through our Pulse, produces the monthly newsletter (The HeartBeat), creates the worship slides for the sanctuary screens, and handles any drop-in or telephone inquiries. She will work four days a week, with the office closed on Mondays. Melissa coordinates her work with the interim minister and members of SaLT, and church members in charge of various tasks. Pastor Mike is in the office most of those days plus Sundays and occasional Saturdays, but it's best to make an appointment.

Church Staff

Office Administrator:
Melissa Mendl
office@mcfarlanducc.org

Custodial: Samantha Johnson

Nursery: Courtney O'Brien

Worship Keyboards:
Diane Smeaton

Interim Minister: Michael Bausch
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SaLT
Servant & Leadership Team

Moderator: Carolyn Bell
Asst. Moderator: Helene Benink
Treasurer: Joan Jacobsen
Clerk: Anne Gerke

Jason Chapman
Lisa Fernan
Bruce Fischer

Messy Church Organizers

Nikkole Chapman
Jason Chapman
Rita Treece
Diane Mikelbank
Lydia Mikelbabnk
Lisa Ludwig
Mel Thompson

Youth Leaders

Dana Crumpton
Mel Thompson

Social Media Corner

facebook.com/mcfarlanducc
Raise prayer requests and find support at
facebook.com/groups/achurchwithheart
Instagram & Twitter: @mcfarlanducc