

SUMMER MUSIC EVENTS

The Music Committee has several music performances planned for this summer. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Sun, June 10 - Chord Smash! - Scott Perau's Barbershop Quartet will perform during our church service and then move to Fellowship Hall to entertain us during our fellowship time.



Wed, July 11 - Chris Silver Band will perform "Blues and Barbecue" from 5:00-7:00 pm on the church lawn. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket and sunglasses and join us under the tent for some blues music. A barbecue lunch will be available for a minimal cost.

Sun, August 26 - Fendrick & Peck Bluegrass Group will perform during our church service and then move into Fellowship Hall to continue their music while a mini brunch is provided.

HELP WANTED

Much of the ministry of the church is done through teams and committees. The Nominating Team is looking for people who wish to serve in the following areas beginning in September:

Christian Education	1 team member needed
Deacons	1 team member needed
Endowment Grant	Full!
Discipleship	4 team members needed
Mission Education	1 team member needed
Music	Full!
Trustees	2 team members needed
Welcoming Ministry	1 team member needed
Youth Leadership	3 team members needed

If you are interested in serving in any of these capacities, or just want more information about them, please see the description of these teams and committees on the bulletin board or talk to a member of the Nominating Team—Neal Prochnow, Lu Lueck, Carole Mottaz, Dianne Barnes, Vicki Sippel, Alan Tuchtenhagen

FINANCIAL

Treasurer's Report

	Week of	Year to Date
	June 3, 2018	
General Fund Income*	\$ 5,739	\$ 225,821
General Fund		
Operational Needs	\$ 8,920	\$ 196,240

A full accounting of all income and expenses is available in the church office.

*Includes annual and monthly gifts.

E-Giving—It is quick, easy & safe. It is designed to help both you with your home budgeting & financing of church ministries which continue even when you are away. Contact Missy (missy@firstchurchrf.org) with questions. If you give electronically, please use the e-giving bookmark in the pew as the offering plate goes by.

WELLNESS

Yoga Class—Come & join a delightful group of people that enjoy the flexibility & exercise that yoga offers. The yoga group (men & women) meets **Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00-10:00 am** in the youth room. Jan Hansen is the certified instructor. A donation is requested & is shared with local charities during the holiday season. We all look forward to seeing new faces.

YOUTH EVENTS

Thurs, July 12—Come to church and help prepare and deliver a meal for the Simpson shelter.

Fri, July 13—Come to the church lawn for Summer fun picnic food at 5:00 and then we will watch the River Falls Days Parade together.

July 30—August 2—Vacation Bible School

Wed, August 1—River Falls Fish Game—Meet at the field at 7:30 pm.

JUNE 10, 2018

No matter who you are. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!

As Jesus' courageous disciples, living God's grace, we strive to...

WORSHIP FAITHFULLY

Sunday Volunteers Needed

Liturgists for: July 1, 15

Welcomers for: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Coffee Fellowship for: July 22, 29

The sign-up sheets are on the back table. Thank you!



Worship Service on Channel 16—The Sunday worship service can be viewed on River Falls public access channel 16 on **Wed at 9 pm & Thurs at 12 pm**. Thanks to Jeff Hoffman who is leading the team to record the weekly worship service. He is in need of a few more volunteers. Contact him jeffhoffman312@gmail.com or 715-425-5633.

Church Office Hours—The church office hours between Memorial Day and Labor Day are: Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am-4:00 pm; Friday: Closed

WELCOME OPENLY

VBS Volunteers—The Vacation Bible School will be here sooner than we realize. We need the help of many adult and older youth volunteers. We need a minimum of 40 volunteers (adults and teens) the week of VBS, (July 30–August 2). Please consider volunteering. To volunteer, please sign the list on the sign-up table. For more information, contact Stacy Myers.

Summer Camp—Please consider these 2 great benefits our church offers: **Moon Beach or Pilgrim Center**. They offer many different camps & there are scholarships you can apply for. Catalogs and registrations are online at ucci.org and they are available in the gathering area. Any questions, please contact the church office.

WELCOME OPENLY

Summer Singing Opportunity—This summer we will be putting together a choir once a month to lead worship and sing an anthem. Everyone is invited! You do not have to have music reading skills or any previous experience. We will sing on the following Sundays:

June 24, July 22, and August 5. If you would like to sing, please meet up with us at 8:30 am on any of the Sundays that we will be singing. If you have any questions, please contact our choir director, Scott Perau. Cell - 715-461-0318 Email - sperau@gmail.com

Men's Group Gathering!—Our newly formed men's group meets every other Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats, conversation and fellowship. Our next gatherings are **Tues, June 12 & 26, at 8:00 am**. Thanks to our leadership team of Mike Gardner, Roger Kampstra & Brad Williams who helped organize this group. Join us!

Techies Needed!—Know websites or graphic design? Like working with computers and computer systems? If you have techie skills and would like to share them, we would like to gather a church tech team who can advise church staff on computer & technology issues. The group would meet quarterly. Please use the sign-up sheet to give us your contact info and area of interest/expertise & we will convene the group. Bless you!



Canopy—The Music Committee is in search of a large canopy to use during an outdoor event on **July 11th**. Please let Marsha Pearson or Dianne Barnes know if you have one or several we could borrow. The area we hope to shade would be approximately 20' x 30'. Thank you.

Hymn Sing—Wed, June 13 at 6:30 pm at United Methodist Church—Hosted by Barb Wall—Do you enjoy singing or listening to hymns? If you do, then this is the evening for you. You choose the hymns you would like to sing. It can be a childhood favorite or a new hymn... your choice.

New to Church?—Are you a first time visitor? Please stop at the welcome table in the gathering area to receive a special welcome gift from us!

WELCOME OPENLY

Softball News—The family league softball team is a great opportunity for parents to share time together playing on the same team as the kids. Our first four games are:

Monday, June 11 at 7:45 pm at Hoffman Park
Monday, June 18 at 7:45 pm at Hoffman Park
Monday, June 25 at 7:45 pm at Hoffman Park

The family church league is a co-ed division allowing players to be men, women, and kids age 14 and up. The league prefers players to be 14 years for safety reasons and city league rules. The co-ed description requires teams to have three women on the field at all times, so ladies please don't be afraid to sign up and play. The games are played on Monday evenings at 7:45 pm at Hoffman Park. Games begin June 4th and continue until the first week of August. Come join in the fun and laughs.

If you are interested in playing on our team, please use the softball sign-up sheet in the gathering area. If you have questions, contact Matthew Thurston at (715)781-3626 or Deb Hoffman at (612)308-4945.

Book Group Meeting—The summer meeting will be **Tuesday, June 26 at 3:00 pm at the church** to discuss **The Chilbury Ladies Choir** by Jennifer Ryan. The story details the creation of a choir in a small English town in WWII. Women's empowerment is a theme. Copies are available in church office.

WANTED: Coffee Fellowship Hosts

We are in need of people to sign up for coffee fellowship. It may be easier for you to get together with a friend & help us out. We all know what an enjoyable & important part of our Sunday worship this is. If you have any questions, please contact Lu Lueck at 715-781-0138. Thank you for your help in this ministry.

SIGN UP

Garden Geeks Needs You—You can help by signing up to water flower pots outside the church, weeding flower beds and tidying up the flower beds as needed. The commitment is for 1 week this summer. Please use the sign-up sheet. There is an attached sheet that gives more details of the duties. Please see Lu Lueck with questions.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

Announcing Summer Dates

The Musical (completed grades 1–8)

June 18–21, 9:00 am–12:00 noon
(performance on June 21 at 6:30 pm)

VBS (pre-school–completed grade 5)

July 30–August 2, 9:00 am–11:30 am

Please remember that we will need many adult and teen volunteers to help with VBS. Please use the sign up sheet. Registration forms are on the back table.

Upcoming Summer Events

Sun, June 17: Father's Day: Join us as we bless all those called to be fathers

Sun, June 24: Summer Choir (meet at 8:30 am, sing at the one summer 9:30 am worship service)

Daily Devotional to Your Inbox—Did you know that the UCC has a daily devotional that can be sent directly to your email each morning? Containing a scripture verse, short devotional and prayer, and written by various UCC pastors, you can sign up for this free devotional by going to: http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional

Music by Heart—Sun, June 10 at 1:00 pm

A community sing-along featuring the O'Briens at the Hudson Bandshell in Lakefront Park. Bring family & friends, a picnic lunch & your lawn chairs. Lemonade & cookies will be provided. In case of rain: Woodland Hills Auditorium, 441 Stageline Road, Hudson. Presented by the Dementia Friendly Communities Coalition on Dementia Friendly Sunday.

TODAY

Asylum Family Update—Many farming communities of Guatemala have been devastated by the sudden eruption of a volcano. Our own asylum family has lost loved ones including Heidi's father. Three are deceased, two are in the hospital, and the four children are among the missing. Let us pray that they be comforted during this difficult time.

SERVE GENEROUSLY

Save Your Family Fresh Receipts!-ARC gets \$1,000 for every \$150,000 in receipts, so every dollar counts. ARC is the agency funded by local churches to help address the immediate needs of people in our community (rent, utility, gas, repair help). A box for receipts is on the back table.

2019 Spring Break Mission Trip—We do this trip every second year (when spring break does not coincide with Holy Week ☺). The trip is geared for youth age 14 to college with a limited number of adult spots available. We spend the week working on houses (painting, light construction, demolition, landscaping, etc) in Biloxi through our UCC partner agency Back Bay Mission www.thebackbaymission.org. The cost is about \$500 per person for the week including all transportation, meals & housing. Dates are **March 23-30** (RFSD spring break). Space is limited to 22 people and this trip ALWAYS fills up. An organizing meeting will be held in the fall. For more info please see Pastor Chris or Carol Merriman.

NEW

2018 Community Dementia Friendly Series River Falls Public Library from 6:30—8:00 pm June 26—Dementia Capable Community

A conversation about the process for our community to become Dementia friendly.

Among Friends, located here at church, provides a social respite for individuals with dementia & their caregivers. We are open 9 am-3 pm every Tuesday. Please contact Norma Revels 715-293-2561 or Bonnie Jones-Witthuhn 715-307-1182 if you are interested in knowing more.

Baccalaureate



CARE PASSIONATELY

Prayer List—If you have people you wish to add to the church prayer list, please use the blue "I Wish" pew cards & put in the church office or the offering plate. If you wish to receive the weekly prayer list via email, contact the office.

Care Givers Program—An opportunity to serve members through an outreach program that pairs members providing visitors to those unable to be with us regularly in worship or activities. If you are interested in volunteering, have questions or are aware of anyone that would benefit from this, contact Jan Hansen at 715-425-5211

Meal Ministry—Ever had a death in the family? How about something joyous & life changing like the birth of a baby? As a congregation we are called to 'care passionately' for one another & one of the ways we would like to do that is through a "Meal Ministry." A small stipend to help pay for food may be available. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Thinking of You Cards—Please use them to send a note to someone who is ill, grieving or you just haven't seen in a while. Place them in the offering plate & we will deliver them. This is one of the ways we care for one another.

Sustainable Living: Tip of the Month—Do you really need a plastic straw when ordering a beverage in a restaurant? Or for your glass of water? Did you know that over 500 million plastic straws are used each day in the U.S. alone? Research shows plastic straws to be in the top 10 list of things which are harmful to our oceans and are detrimental to sea life. Plastic straws are not recycled. They are used for minutes at best, and tossed away into our environment where they will outlive us all and generations to come. There is a growing movement in which people are saying "no" to plastic straws. You and your family can be a part of that movement. Whenever ordering a drink, politely request "No straw please." It seems like a small thing, but in the long run it will make our planet cleaner and more healthy for all. ~Brought to you by the Mission Education Committee