

***** Wall of Wonder *****

At the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, June 13, members were asked to post notes to the Wall of Wonder answering the questions, "What's good about First United? What do you like about First United? What is First United doing right?"

Below are their responses.

(Note: in order to read the responses, you may need to go to your window viewer (above) and increase the view percentage to 75% or more.)

Debbie's intentional, thoughtful lecturing and great cook.

Small groups that want to be active.

Community Involvement—Both in & out of worship time.

Worship service of both tradition & new ways to worship

Consideration of Application of Religion to Daily Life.

Great music: Steve, Orion, Dan, Nicole

Music rehearsals—we get asked our opinion 😊

Spirituality Conference.

The teaching parish ministry: Valerie's being with us & her excitement & energy.

We can have an individual opinion—don't always have to agree.

Tamara's brightness!

Participation of congregation members in worship service

Dana's support

Talents of members and opportunities to share.

Anna

The Music

Diversity of families.

Gentleness & caring

Jay's beautiful banners.

• people
• pastor
• music
• diversity
• chapel
• open
• welcome feeling
• Keeping in Touch

Evening worship time

Russ & Kirk's great lecturing.

Susan's sermons

The gift of food

Music! Music! Music!

Food Bank

Caring, genuine community

Valerie & Nick

Food & Fellowship time

Food Bank days & the dinners together afterwards

Ched's intentional reading/lecturing

Humor; Laughter! 😊

Food Bank activities

Susan's ability to be flexible and go with the flow.

Pet Blessings—for all animals, including Chihuahuas & Golden Retrievers

Anna—Great Sunday School

Sermons that challenge & make me think

Extremely beautiful and moving music, singing, chanting.

Debbie's jumping in when Susan's voice was going out.

Unafraid to explore faith questions.

Creative worship; non-patriarchal

First United's Kids chime in:

- We know each other.
- Things outside of church (AIDS Walk)
- Interactive Kids' Time
- ALL Welcome
- ALL Equal
- ALL Involved in Worship
- Music/Singing
- Playground

Checking in at church; phone calls; the support the community provides.

Casualness; relaxed air in worship.

Mike's level-headedness during everything & with Jay's ordination.

The freedom to share and explore different ways to worship together.

Small groups help us to be closer, make big decisions like selling the church lends toward a comfortable atmosphere.

The variety of liturgies!

The closeness of our community!

Kirk's sense of humor (in announcements & other times)

Well-planned worship

Christmas Eve

Well thought-out services—wonderful sermons

Happy approach to every concern.

Recognition of faith in each of us.

Intellectual exploration of faith issues, including dogma examination. (Living the Questions)

The power of music when the room is full

Susan's ability to be flexible and go with the flow.

Learning experiences about Lutheran religion and other religions.

Terrri's hugs & sincerity