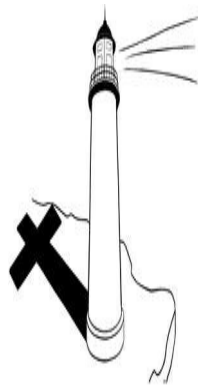


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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The Beacon 

APRIL 2017

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Closed
Tuesday-Friday:
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Other times by appointment

CHURCH WEB SITE:
www.sspucc.org

CHURCH EMAIL:
sheboyganstpaulsucc@gmail.com

CHURCH STAFF:
Rev. Jeremy Hylan, Pastor

Richard Reineking,
Consistory President
John Brown, Vice President
Lisa Flook, Organist
Leslie Ellair, Choir Director
Patricia Jaberg, Handbell Dir.
Lisa Drews, Admin. Asst.
Carol Reineking, Custodian

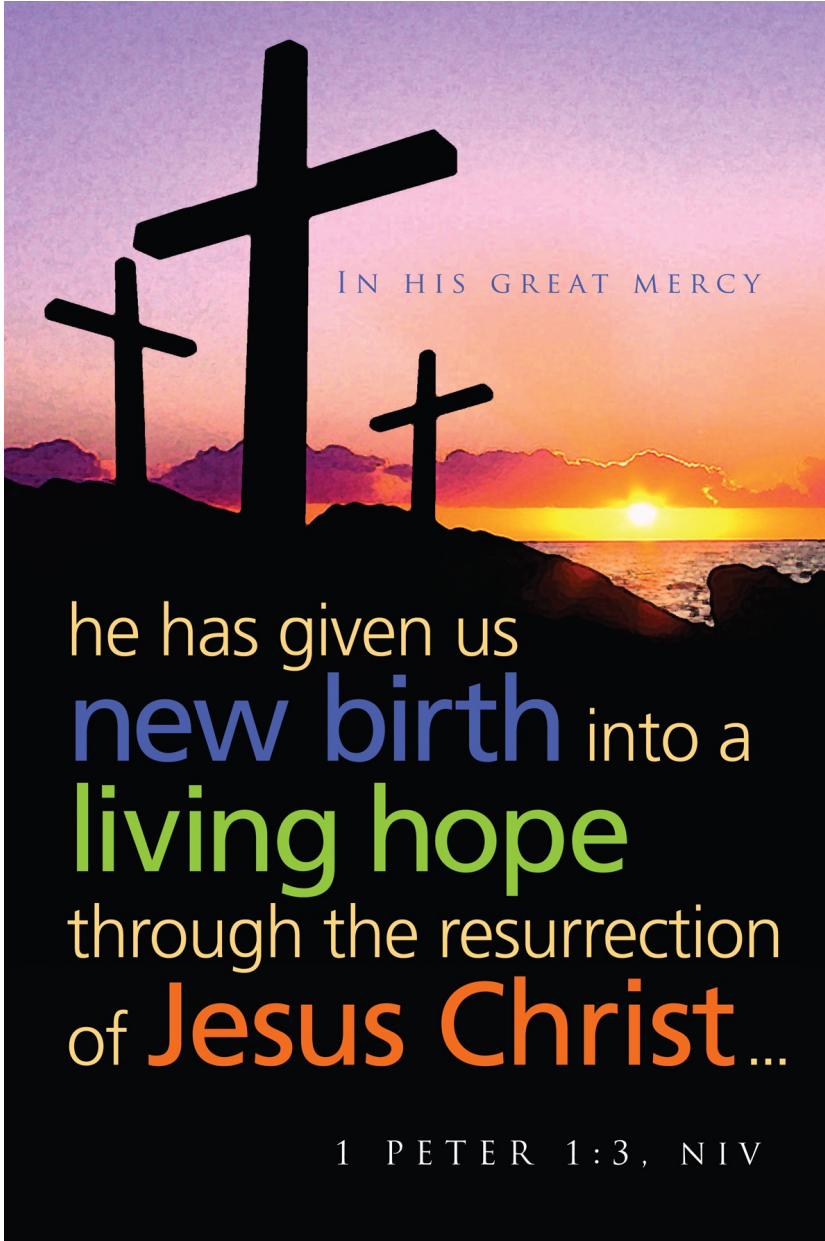
Sunday School
Sunday @ 8:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship
Sunday @ 10:00 a.m.

Communion -
Second Sunday of each
month

Our Mission:

With love and compassion for
all, we guide and nurture
God's children, young and
old, on our spiritual journey
together.



IN HIS GREAT MERCY

he has given us
new birth into a
living hope
through the resurrection
of **Jesus Christ...**

1 PETER 1:3, NIV

Pastor's Page

Why do you look for the living among the dead? What a question to be asked. How do you answer this? The angels in the Gospel of Luke ask a tough question. So where do you look for the risen Christ?

This month we will celebrate Holy Week as we wind down our Lenten journey. On April 9, we will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the people shout Hosanna and lay coats and palms to honor the King of Peace. We celebrate with Dylan Timm and Alex Holland as they confirm their faith and claim this journey of faith as their own. As the children wave their palms and two young men claim their faith, we remember the joy of being followers of Christ.

But it takes a turn to a darker side of our faith come Maundy Thursday. We remember with heavy hearts the last meal Jesus shared with his closest friends. We share in that sacred meal and listen to the stories that lead to the final hours of Jesus life on Earth. We are overwhelmed by the darkness that binds our joy with heavy chains—even though we know that the joy of resurrection will come soon.

We move into Good Friday (or more accurately God's Friday). I invite you to come and share in this time of worship April 14 at Ebenezer U.C.C. at 7pm. On that Friday, we sit in the depths of despair as we remember the brutality of Rome and consequently the crucifixion of one who was a champion of forgiveness and love and compassion. We sink further into the darkness and recognize our own mortality and fragility.

And then we spend a day waiting. A day where we know what happens next, but still we wait with baited breath. During that Holy Saturday we wait in subdued vigil for the risen Christ.

And finally we celebrate Easter—a commemoration of the empty tomb and the risen Christ. We sing songs about walking in the garden or that He is risen or about the resurrection. We wear our Sunday best. We have elaborate dinners with family and friends. We hide eggs and munch on chocolate. And oh how sweet it is to hear those words: *He is not here, but has risen.*

So where do you see that risen Christ in your life? Where do you find that overwhelming joy that swallows darkness? Where do you find that place that says that Love Wins no matter what?



Consistory at Work

Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jeremy Hylan (Pastor), John Brown, Charlotte Jump, Mike King, Joanne Lensink, Linda Mueller, Donna Rautmann, Daniel Van Straten, Mason White **Absent:** Leon Jump, Richard Reineking, Jaymz Stempihar

Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for February (Linda Mueller): Linda reviewed the reports.

Total Income: \$7,715. Total expense: \$8,707. Net Income: \$-992. Building Improvement Fund: \$30,377.
Parsonage Fund: \$23,590. General Fund: \$-6,758. Memorial Fund Savings Account: \$95,868.

Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$27,504. Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$7,588.

- The Land Contract change so far remains not recorded for more than a year and delayed by the lawyer, but we must at least in the meantime have the change signed and notarized. Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as received and proceed with getting the Land Contract change signed and notarized.
- Office Supplies expense increased (included: website hosting, church directory expense, computers expense). A separate Computer Expense account will be added.
- Investment objectives (Conservative Growth and American Funds management) discussion tabled until May.

Head Trustee Report (Mason White):

- Faulty exterior lighting is being checked.
- Brick work at the digital message board site in progress. Old bricks will be set aside for members to take.
- The downspout in the Memorial Garden is fixed.
- Failed on a recent fire inspection because emergency alarms didn't illuminate, but the problem is now fixed.
- Three Sunday school rooms painted.

Board of Christian Education Report (Jaymz Stempihar):

- Saturday evening movie night in February went well.
- Tentative plans are being made for upcoming events, like a pizza sale fundraiser, Sunday school Easter breakfast (April 16), and a carnival (June 11).

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylan):

- New paraments ordered for the Advent season and a new Christ candle, both paid for with memorial funds. A new candle lighter purchased.
- Northeast Association meeting scheduled at Ripon on April 22, and Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting at Green Lake Conference Center, June 8-11. Jeremy is a delegate to General Synod meeting in July.
- Members shopping on Amazon are invited to list St. Paul's as your charity of choice at smile.amazon.com.
- A **Money for Missions** program that donates money to churches to be used for fundraising and missions is being researched.
- Curtains and chalk boards removed in a Sunday school room, and white boards to be installed.
- More bells and a storage cabinet are needed for the Children's Chorus and will be purchased by donations.
- Church photo directory: proofs to be displayed in the Gathering Room for review. The directory will consist of photos of church members and church families. No pictures of committees or groups.
- Partnering and hosting with Pastor Whelton of St. John's UCC on Lenten evening worship.

President's Report (John Brown for Richard Reineking):

- John emphasized the dates for the Sacrament of Holy Communion (April 9) and the next Consistory Meeting (April 12).
- Updating signatures for check-signing.
- Revising the list for designated memorials.
- Any donations or free will offerings received for the Last Supper Drama will be used to defray expenses and donate to community projects.

Other Business:

- Brat fry and bake sale fundraiser on April 22 at Miesfield's and another one in August.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Traditional Worship Service The Last Supper Drama @ 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.	3 1:00 p.m. Dartball Darts @ Saints	4 10:00 am Lenten Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	5 9:00 a.m. Women's Guild Lenten Breakfast 5 pm Confirmation (last class)	6 9:00 am Dartball Practice 10:00 am Healing Hearts 6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC	7	8
9 Palm Sunday 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Traditional Worship Service, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Children and Chancel Choirs Order SCRIP	10 1:00 p.m. Dartball Highflyers @ Saints	11 10:00 am Lenten Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Mary Circle 7 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	12 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting	13 9:00 am Dartball Practice 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service Holy Communion	14	15
16 Easter 7 am Sunrise Service Sunday School Breakfast @ 8:30 am 10 am Trad. Service The Bell and Chancel Choirs	17 1:00 p.m. Dartball Creamers @ Saints	18	19 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship at St. Paul's UCC 7:00 p.m. Esther Circle	20 10:00 am Healing Hearts 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	21	22 Brat Fry and Bake Sale Fundraiser @ Miesfeld's 9:00 am to 2:00 pm NE Assoc. Mtg in Ripon
23 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Traditional Worship Service Women's Guild Board meets after worship	24	25	26 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship at St. Paul's UCC	27 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	28	29
30 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Traditional Worship Service						

April Birthdays

Miles McKenzie	4/3
Stephen Blindauer	4/4
Gary Jump	4/4
Jacob Risse	4/5
David Hinze	4/8
Julie Dassler	4/11
Gloria Schwarten	4/13
Daniel Van Straten	4/16
Jessica Kolb	4/17
Bryan Dickmann	4/26
Kelly Dudek	4/30

If we missed anyone or made a mistake, we're sorry. Please call the church office with any corrections. Thank you!

MIDWEEK LENTEN BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

The St. Paul's Women's Guild is hosting Lenten Breakfast on the Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE:

Lenten Midweek Evening April 6, 2017 -

Service will be held at St. John's UCC at 6:45 p.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service with Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES:

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. hosted by the Sunday School



Schedule for April

Liturgists

2—Allison Ritt

9—Daniel Van Straten

16—Easter Sunrise—Naomi Holzwart

16—Easter 10 a.m.—Vicki Radovan

23—Linda Mueller

30—Barb Hengst

Scripture Readers

2—Mason White

9—Laurie Hylan

16—Easter Sunrise—Keith Risse

16—Easter 10 a.m.—Jim Schwarten

23—Ken Cornell

30—Steve Flook

Ushers

2—Jay Englebert, Judy & Richard Belitz, and Jim Schwarten

9—Mason White, Bruce & Barbara Hengst, and Laurie Hylan

13—Maundy Thursday—Jaymz and Corrie Stempihar, Leon & Charlotte Jump

16—Easter Sunrise—John & Kathy Brown, T. J. Brown, and Steve Flook

16—Easter 10 a.m.—Mike King, Jeff & Allison Ritt, and Bonnie Klabecek

23—Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary & Keith Risse

30—Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, and Harlen Voechting

Acolytes

2—Tessa Englebert

9—Elizabeth Passmore

16—Easter 10 a.m.—Jake Englebert

23—Henry White

30—Kyle Flook

April Chancel Lady

Ervida Van Straten

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, and August 13, 2017. Thank you for your continued support.

Lenten Bible Study

Join us Tuesday mornings at 10 (April 4 and 11) for this Lenten bible study exploring the last week of Jesus's life.

Easter Lilies

Orders for Easter lilies are now being taken to adorn the Sanctuary this Easter. Orders can be placed through the church office or by placing an envelope in the offering plate. The cost is \$10.00 per plant. Please include your name, payment, and if you wish to have this in memory or in honor of your special someone.



Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, April 22, 2017 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Brat Fry and Bake Sale at Miesfeld's

Volunteers will be needed for frying, selling and baking. If you can help in any way there are sign-up sheets on the table in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Church Photo Directory

Please review your proofs which are on display in the Gathering Area. The directory will consist of photos of church members and church families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shepherds Needed

Volunteers are still needed for the Sunday School Shepherd Program. During Sunday School, 8:45 to 9:45 am, the Shepherd's role is to casually move from room to room, assist teachers as needed, and to observe the Sunday School classes.

The last day of Sunday School is May 21, 2017, so please consider helping in this very important role over the next several months. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Fellowship Time Thank you

The Ladies of St. Paul's United Church of Christ Women's Guild would like to thank all those who sponsored snacks and refreshments for Fellowship Time enjoyed in the Gathering Area following Sunday church services.

"Thank you to Linda Mueller, Ivy Endres, Sharon Quicker, Naomi Holzwart, Bob Hollenbeck, Carol Ehrenreich; Jay, Julie, Jake and Tessa Englebert; Pastor Jeremy, Laurie and Hannah Hylan; Mason, Jonette, Henry and Charlie White; Vickie and Mike King, Ken and Denise Cornell, and Lisa and Doug Drews."

All of your choices of generous treats were very much enjoyed and appreciated by all sharing precious time and conversation together.

Thank you again, for your generosity and special attention for Fellowship Time.

Peanut Butter Drive

March 12 netted a total of 4,759 ounces of plain and nutty peanut butter for our needy families; total number of jars donated was 248. We thank you families of St. Paul's for your generosity.

We love you for all your efforts.
Gloria and Jim

Special Thanks

A special thank you to Karen Kober for her recent assistance in the church office with preparation of the bulletins. Also to Joanne Lensink for designing St. Paul's bulletin covers for the Lenten season. Thank you to Laurie Hylan, and Kyle and Meghan Flook for painting the Sunday school classrooms. And also thank you to Sharon Quicker for using her talent of calligraphy on the Certificates of Confirmation this year. Thank you all so very much!

Thank You from Grant Elementary School

Thank you for your generous donation of hats, gloves, and scarves to Grant Elementary School of the Sheboygan Area School District which was received January 2017.

Your support of the school system is very much appreciated. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Congratulations!

Our congratulations to Lisa and Zachary McKenzie on the birth of their new daughter Elise Mae McKenzie born Friday, March 24, 2017.

Drivers Needed

Occasional help is needed to transport some members to church. If you are able to help out with this request, please call the church office.

Email Directory Change

Please revise your Email Directory with this new email address for Jim Schwarten:
schwartenjamesc@gmail.com

Membership Directory Changes

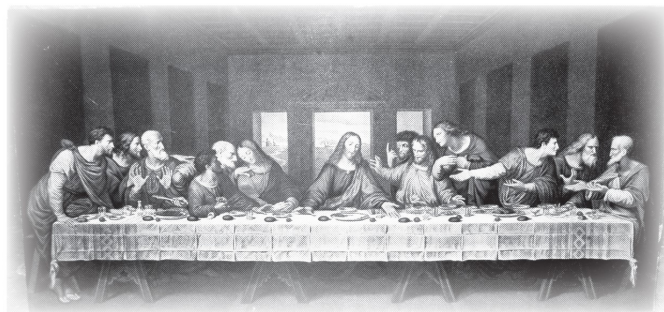
Please revise your Membership Directory with the following new phone numbers for Bruce and Barb Hengst:
Barb (698-7774) and Bruce (912-2954).

Also this new address and phone number:

Jeanette Schutt
232 Auburn Drive
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
1-920-234-2018

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SUNDAY, APRIL 2

TWO PRESENTATIONS

5:00PM AND 7:00PM



What is OCWM?

OCWM is Our Church's Wider Mission. This is a program/fund that supports the work the wider church does. It provides tools and resources to local churches. It provides support to local churches transitioning or calling a new pastor. It helps educate and support both lay and clergy. It helps support the outdoor ministries of Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center. It helps share cost with health insurance for pastors and other church staff. In other words, OCWM is the lifeblood that keeps the U.C.C. running. In the coming months you will find some stories about how OCWM impacts St. Paul's.