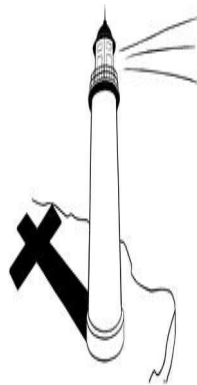


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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The Beacon



JANUARY 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 Hylen, 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

Midweek Worship
Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

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.



May the God of hope
fill you with all **JOY AND PEACE**
as you trust in him so that
you may overflow with **HOPE**
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Pastor's Page

Happy New Year! It's that time of year to write the wrong year on checks. It's that time of year to reflect on the last year and what this new year might be. It's that time of year to make those pesky resolutions that 88% of people don't keep. Research tells us that most people who make resolutions create goals that are too difficult to accomplish, using words like always and never (I'm never going to be late again!). It's no wonder that people fail so often.

I gave up on resolutions long ago, but I didn't give up on the idea of working on big things. Instead of one huge, hard to attain goal, why not break it into smaller parts? This year, with your help, I'd like to set the huge goal of being more like the church that God calls us to be. Of course, we are always working on this, but this year I am proposing that we are more intentional. Through the Wisconsin Conference we will undertake some study on how to energize and improve on five specific areas. By engaging in radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity, we will create some smaller resolutions for the coming year. And all these smaller resolutions will work their way to bigger things for our congregation.

Here are three things that we can all do together as we begin.

Prayer- Would you be willing to commit to praying daily for the church and your fellow members?

Maybe it seems a silly request, but we all need to be surrounded in prayer.

The Warming Center- The new warming center in town will open its doors on January 1. It will need support from all of us to make it work for our most vulnerable residents. Soon enough, they will need soup made for the folks to have a warm meal when they arrive. I'll have more details as they are available, but let me know if you'd like to volunteer to make some soup.

Church Directory- Beginning January 8 (and for the rest of the month) we will be taking pictures in the community room for a new church directory. This is both to help us all out with names and faces (especially for the kids), but it also will help us all know each other more deeply.

So will you join me on this new year's resolution of being more like the people and the church God has called us to be? If you have ideas, big or small, to help us on this journey, please be in touch with me. If you have concerns, complaints, or questions, please be in touch with me. If you just want to sit down and chat, please be in touch with me. In all our dreams and discussions, I hope that we can all be just a bit more like Christ.

May you have a happy new year filled with endless possibilities and joy, but most importantly may you be surrounded by the love of God as we march boldly into 2017.



Consistory at Work

Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI
Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jeremy Hylen (Pastor), John Brown, Jay Englebert, Charlotte Jump, Leon Jump, Lisa McKenzie, Linda Mueller, Richard Reineking, Daniel Van Straten, Mason White **Absent:** Sarah Kolb, Mike King, Jaymz Stempihar

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

Total Income: \$8,344. Total expense: \$7,564. Net Income: \$779. Building Improvement Fund: \$31,017.

Parsonage Fund: \$32,701. General Fund: **MINUS** \$(11,972.) Memorial Fund: \$95,857.

Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$17,969. Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$7,527.

- Second Mile donations totals received amounted to \$1,070, not enough to significantly reduce the deficit.
- No documentation or notarization received thus far for the Land Contract negotiated a year ago.
- Significant increase in the attendance count for November, 2016 (106 more attending than November, 2015)

Head Trustee Report (Jay Englebert & Mason White):

- The mail slot box at the west side entrance will be moved inside for better security at a cost of \$500.
- The fence and fence poles have been removed at a cost of \$100.
- Installing gutter guard for leaf control on the garage and the north side of the church building and caulking of windows delayed until a spring thaw occurs, but the garage door repair may proceed without delay.
- The snow plowers (Wagner's) have been asked and agreed to the request to push the snow at selected spots away from the marked parking spaces in the lot.

Board of Christian Education Report (Lisa McKenzie):

- Christmas Play performance on December 4 progressed well.
- Valentine's Day party with parents' night out planned.
- Our Family in Need church mission done with and through the Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family Mission completed on December 18. All the donations to this mission will be delivered to the Salvation Army to give to the family.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylen):

- Jeremy Hylen, our Pastor and Teacher, has been selected to represent the Wisconsin Conference at the UCC Synod.
- Work in progress on the new pictorial directory. Picture taking starting on January 8 for a month in the Community Room.
- "The Last Supper" drama will be held on April 2 at St. Paul's, a possible cooperative effort by St. Paul's, St. John's, Ebenezer and First Congregational UCC churches.
- Jeremy handed out copies of The Parish Paper article on church anxiety and the SHIFT article on the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." Jeremy said he recommends involving in SHIFT church members not heavily active in other ministries. The SHIFT focuses on strengthening ministries and church renewal.
- The sound system needs to be looked at.
- Furniture in the Gathering Room is being rearranged, removing the pews, adding other furniture.
- The record-keeping and dissemination of information on funds and accounts of some church committees or groups needs to be improved.
- A coalition of churches, including St. Paul's and St. John's, running a warming shelter at Salvation Army from January 1 through February 31, caring for people needing to keep warm in the community.

President's Report (Richard Reineking):

- Richard emphasized the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting (January 22 tentative).
- Work in progress on the digital message board and removal of the flag poles located on each side of the message board. Completion expected within five weeks.

Other Business:

- State inspection of the boiler was done Dec. 20, 2016.
- Charlotte Jump said the Endowment Committee is reviewing investment options on the Endowment monies.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	2	3	4 9:00 am Dartball Practice 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Midweek Worship	5 10 am Healing Hearts 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	6	7
8 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion Order SCRIP	9 1:00 p.m. Dartball Creamers@ Saints	10 1:30 p.m. Mary Circle	11 9:00 am Dartball Practice 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Midweek Worship 7 pm Consistory Meeting	12 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	13	14
15 Handbell Rehearsal 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service with Handbell Choir	16 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints @ Rookies Sheboygan Dartball Games at St. Paul's UCC	17	18 9:00 am Dartball Practice 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Esther Circle	19 10 am Healing Hearts 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	20	21
22 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service Annual Congregational Meeting (tentative)	23 1:00 p.m. Dartball - Rocks @ Saints	24	25 9:00 am Dartball Practice 5:00 Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Midweek Worship	26 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	27	28
29 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service Women's Guild Chili takeout fundraiser	30 1:00 p.m. Dartball - Sureshots @ Saints	31				



January Birthdays

Issac Voechting	January 1
Marlene Voechting	January 1
James Schuh	January 5
Robert Hollenbeck	January 7
Bobby Holland	January 8
John T. Strandberg	January 8
Luella Mueller	January 10
Rhonda Holland	January 11
Kari Stouffle	January 11
John Entringer	January 11
Amanda Western	January 13
Shirley Schilling	January 14
Tricia Klessig	January 15
Mary Reinemann	January 17
Wesley Hasseler	January 26
Nancy Fischer-Schmahl	January 29
Rhoda Cheney	January 30
Violet Kuitert	January 31

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sheboygan Senior Community: *Jean Carlson*

Countryside Manor:

*Elaine Rautmann, Esther Hemschemeyer,
and Gladys Leonard*

Pine Haven: *Claris Gartman, Paul Riehl,
and Madeline Herr*

Prairie Crossing: *Bob Hollenbeck*

Sheboygan Shores Senior Living:

Phyllis Mueller, Elaine Born, Florence Hamilton

Schedule for January

Liturgists

- 1— Mike King
- 8— Jaymz Stempihar
- 15— Jacob Dassler
- 22— Naomi Holzwart
- 29— Vicki Radovan

Scripture Readers

- 1— Keith Risse
- 8— JimSchwarten
- 15— Ken Cornell
- 22— Steve Flook
- 29— Charlotte Jump

Ushers

- 1— Kathy & John Brown, Jaymz and Corrie Stempihar
- 8— Mike King, Steve Flook, Bonnie Klabecek, and Diana Neils
- 15— Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary & Keith Risse
- 22— Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, and Harlen Voechting
- 29— Iva Endres, Judy & Richard Belitz, and Jim Schwarten

Acolytes

- 1— Emma Kunstman
- 8— Brendan Severns
- 15— Shawn Peterson
- 22— Charlie White
- 29— No Acolyte

January Chancel Lady

Carol Reineking

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

The Women's Guild of St. Paul's United Church of Christ will be selling quarts and pints of chili on January 29th after the traditional church service as a fundraiser – just one week before Super Bowl Sunday. Price of quarts will be \$6.50, pints \$3.25. In the month of January there will be an order sheet in the Gathering Area. Thank you for keeping this fundraiser in mind.

SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: January 8 and February 12, 2017. Thank you for your continued support.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 22, 2017.

Inclement Weather

In times of bad weather to find out about church service cancelations, please tune to TV Channel 4 WTMJ. Please note that when adverse weather conditions cause the area schools to close, our church office will be closed as well.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Mitten Tree - Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated articles for the Mitten Tree. We received 39 pairs of gloves and mittens, 50 scarves, 12 pair of socks, and 24 hats.

We will be able to help The Salvation Army; Grant, Sheridan and Longfellow Schools keep their children's heads, hands and hearts warm! Thank you so much!

Special Thank You

A special thank you to Glen A. Mueller for the new American flag recently placed. Glen is the son-in-law of Oscar and LaVerne Albertin, and the husband of Karen (Albertin) Mueller.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Weddings to Celebrate

Kari Arnoldi and Matt Stouffle,
united in Holy Marriage on
December 10, 2016

New Members to Celebrate

Karen Kober
Bruce & Barb Hengst

With Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers are extended to the family of James Hengst who passed away December 26, 2016. We share our love and comfort with James' family. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at St. Paul's UCC. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Wildwood Cemetery. The Rev. Jeremy Hylan will officiate.

Updates to Church Directory

Florence Hamilton, Room 38
3315 Superior Avenue
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Madeline Herr, Room C206
220 Haven Drive
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

WIDER CHURCH NEWS

Save the Date Notice for Lakeland University

Wednesday, January 25th, 7 pm: Founders' Day Lecture: "Muslims as a Force for Good and Healing in America" presented by Dr. Rami Nashashibi, Executive Director of the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) and a Visiting Professor of Sociology of Religion and Muslim Studies at the Chicago Theological Seminary.

Thursday, February 16, 9 am - 2:30 pm: Lenten Lectionary Workshop: "Hearing Our Ancestors' Words Anew" presented by Dr. Clint McCann. Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Theological Seminary.