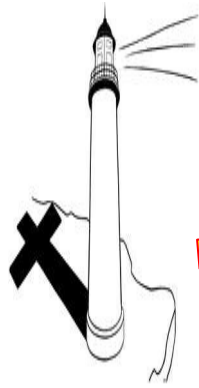


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

2114 Wedemeyer Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

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The Beacon



JULY 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

Midweek Worship
Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Worship Service
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.

“PROTECT THEM
IN YOUR NAME ...
THAT THEY MAY
BE ONE.”

JOHN 17:11, NRSV



Pastor's Page

I had the pleasure to represent St. Paul's U.C.C. at the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ June 8-10. While I acknowledge that I am a bit of a church meeting nerd, multi-day meetings can wear you down quickly. Between the pre-meeting, boundary training, the annual meeting itself, coming home early for celebrating graduation and the neighborhood carnival, and then a wonderful gathering and celebration of Ivy's life, I was a bit exhausted the following Monday.

I would like to tell you a bit about the Annual Meeting because it is such a wonderful celebration of what is happening in the churches of the Wisconsin Conference. So here are a few take-aways that I gleaned from my time in Green Lake.

First-at the pre-meeting workshop we talked a lot about asset based church leadership. In other words, we need to quit resting on what we were and the resources we wish we had, and celebrate the resources of time, talent, our building, and our unique location in Sheboygan and work from what we do have and how we might minister to our neighborhood more fully.

Second- As I listened to our General Minister and President of the U.C.C. the Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, I was struck by his optimism about how our particular understanding of faith is essential. He asked the question: what aspect of the gospel do we lift up, that would diminish us without it? In other words, if we ceased to exist, what part of Jesus's Gospel message would vanish. We are important and essential in the work of God's kingdom because of who and where we are. Rev. Dorhauer also asked the question: "What does it look like to recreate the image of God in our particular context so that, in the words of Paul, we are "showing no partiality." In other words, one of our jobs is to let people know, as we say "Come as you are. You are welcome here."

Third- Our Wisconsin Conference Minister, the Rev. Franz Rigert, spoke about his confidence and joy in working with and for the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. He challenged us with a new concept—one of "Traditioned Innovation." In other words, how do we take the best of our traditions, build on them, and make new traditions rooted in our heritage. This concept has been on my mind a lot as our Five Practices Group continues its work in thinking deeply about what, why, and how we proclaim the Gospel message of love and forgiveness to our community.

Fourth- We had privilege of hearing from the Honorable Rev. Everett Mitchell, who is both the lead pastor at Christ the Solid Rock Baptist church in Madison and a Dane County Circuit court judge. We heard his fascinating story about how his church came to be and what they have had to do to make it work for everyone. He focused on his theory of "just one thing" or making sure all that you do has a specific element that is core to your being. For Rev. Mitchell, he focuses his being on all things revolving around relationship. If there is no relationship to be formed or enriched, he passes on the activity. What might it look like if we as a church made sure everything that we did had a common thread? His sharing about how their little church has enriched the neighborhood surrounding them stood out to me because they took what they had and created partnerships to share the love of God with everyone.

Fifth and finally- Much of the conversations, preaching, speaking, and presentations help up the idea that if our distinct sharing of the Gospel message is going to survive, we must, must, must be more collaborative and innovative on how and where we proclaim the kingdom of God, for the expressed purpose of inviting all willing people in the greater story of God's redeeming love. I hope you can take some time this summer to really begin to think about who we are and who we are becoming as St. Paul's U.C.C. I hope you know that our best days are not behind us, but we are walking boldly in faith on the path that God has set before us. Because we are God's children, holy and beloved, our church and each one of you matters deeply, not just to God, but to our little corner of the world here on the south side of Sheboygan.

Consistory at Work

Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI Wednesday, June 14, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Total Income: \$15,364. Total expense: \$8,517. Net Income: \$6,846.
Building Improvement Fund: \$30,945. Parsonage Fund: \$26,119.
General Fund: \$-4,902. Memorial Fund Savings Account: \$70,885.

Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$27,504. Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$15,076.

- The General Fund deficit reduced by \$7,558 because the net income showed an amount of \$6,846 and weekly giving totals increased by \$5,897.

Head Trustee Report (Mason White):

- Focusing on painting the garage, will be done in the next weeks.
- Some work to be done on the cabinet in the Music Room.
- The lighting fixture on the church's west outside wall designed to shine on the U.S. flag is not working, and repair work on it is tabled.

Board of Christian Education Report (Jaymz Stempihar):

- Sunday school free carnival was a great success. More family units attended. Overall attendance was a little less because it was held after Sunday school classes and some local school sessions had ended.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) for this year cancelled.
- Movie night on August 2 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with kids drop off.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hysten):

- Summer worship at Sheboygan's Veteran's Park on July 23.
- Summer series on the "symbols of our faith" on the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. No children's sermons in the summer.
- Pastor Jeremy is a delegate to General Synod meeting in July.

President's Report (Richard Reineking):

- Richard said RLO Signs undergoing staff changes. Meanwhile, a delay in work on the signage inside the building, but Joanne Lensink volunteered to help out with this work. A new RLO Signs staff person will be in charge of maintenance of the digital sign board outside the church.

Other Business:

- Linda Mueller reviewed the membership directory with Consistory members. Some more entries in the membership directory were removed from the list and relocated to inactive status.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary

July

2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor Hylan out of office July 1 - 5th at the General Synod in Baltimore, MD.						1
2 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Barb Hengst, Guest Speaker	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion Order SCRIP	10	11	12 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting	13	14	15
16 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	17	18 Beacon Newsletter articles due	19 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	20	21	22
23 10:00 a.m. Worship Service - at Veteran's Park with fry out	24	25	26 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	27	28	29
30 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	31					

July Birthdays

Joyce Holzer	7/04
Donald Dudek	7/05
Rebecca Huberty	7/06
Lisa McKenzie	7/09
Lynn Lax	7/11
Carol Drews	7/14
Tanner Klessig	7/15
Alexander Holland	7/15
Mason White	7/15
Clarence Lallemond	7/16
Allison Ritt	7/17
Nicholas Western	7/17
Olivia Beimling	7/22
Anthony Lax	7/23
Jordan Dassler	7/26
Elliott McKenzie	7/27
Phyllis Mueller	7/27

*If we missed anyone or made a mistake
please call the church office.
Thank you!*

Schedule for July

Liturgists

02—Daniel Van Straten
09—Barb Hengst
16—Linda Mueller
23—Naomi Holzwart
30—Ervida Van Straten

Scripture Readers

02—Mason White
09—Joanne Lensink
16—Steve Flook
23—Ervida Van Straten
30—Keith Risse

Ushers

02—Mason White, Bruce & Barb Hengst, and Laurie Hysten
09—Jaymz & Corrie Stempihar, Leon and Charlotte Jump
16—John & Kathy Brown, T. J. Brown, and Steve Flook
23—Mike King, Jeff & Allison Ritt, and Bonnie Klabecek
30—Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Keith & Mary Risse

July Chancel Lady

Ervida Van Straten



Pastor at General Synod

Please note Rev. Hysten will be out of the office from June 28th through July 5th representing St. Paul's, the Northeast Association and the Wisconsin Conference at the 2017 General Synod of the United Church of Christ in Baltimore, Maryland.

SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: July 9, and August 13, 2017. Thank you.

Choir News

Thank you to all the choir members and musicians for your help on Pentecost/Music Sunday. We would love to have some small groups this summer. Let Leslie or Jeremy know if you are interested. Watch for emails about singing this summer and the start of next season. Thank you again for all your hard work over the last year.

A Huge Thank You

A huge thank you to all our volunteers and all who put in their time and hard work into St. Paul's neighborhood community carnival. St. Paul's came alive in our community and that is thanks to all who worked hard to make the carnival a success. Thank you to all!

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who helped make the June 17th Emmaus Meal at the Salvation Army a big success. The hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad and cakes were enjoyed by all. We fed 120 guests with 60 seconds. The volunteers that helped on Saturday were: Agnes Kunstmann, Carol Drews, Daniel Van Straten, Laurie Hysten, Lance Dassler, Linda Horn, Dolly Hasseler, Carl Schilling, Bonnie Klabecek, Greg, Maddie and Shawn Peterson, Shirley Stempihar and Sean Toedter. The cakes were donated by Naomi Holzward, Bonnie Klabecek, Ervida Van Straten, Agnes Kunstmann, Laurie Hysten, Jean Dickmann, Gloria Schwarten, Carol Drews, Darlene Hasseler, Linda Horn and Linda Mueller. Thanks again for everyone's help.

Brat Fry - August 5, 2017 - Miesfeld's

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers will be needed for St. Paul's next brat fry at Miesfeld's on August 5th. This will be a brat fry only, no bake sale this time. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Gathering Area. Any way you can help is greatly appreciated.



A poster for St. Paul's United Church of Christ listing upcoming events. The poster has a purple and yellow color scheme. At the top, it says "FREE • EVERYONE WELCOME • FREE". Below that, it says "on Sheboygan's South Side" and "St Paul's UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST". To the right, it says "UPCOMING EVENTS". The events listed are: "Movies & Cream - Kid Drop-off" on Wednesday, August 2nd, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.; "First Day of Sunday School 2017" on Sunday, September 10th, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.; and "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, October 28th, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

New Address for the McKenzie Family

(Zach, Lisa, Elliott, Miles, Hattie and Alise)

N7098 Winnebago Drive,
Fond du Lac, WI 54935



Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family of Ivy Endres who passed away Sunday, June 4, 2017 surrounded by her loving family. We share our love and comfort with Ivy's family. A celebration of Ivy's life was held on June 11, 2017 at St. Paul's UCC.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sheboygan Senior Community:

Jean Carlson

Countryside Manor:

Elaine Rautmann, Esther Hemschemeyer,
Gladys Leonard

Pine Haven: Claris Gartman, Madeline Herr

Prairie Crossing: Bob Hollenbeck

Sheboygan Shores Senior Living:

Phyllis Mueller, Elaine Born,
Florence Hamilton, Luella Mueller