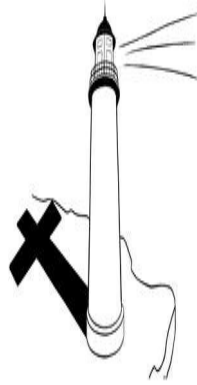


**ST. PAUL'S**  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

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Sheboygan, WI 53081

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# The Beacon



**MAY 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](http://www.sspucc.org)

**CHURCH EMAIL:**

[sheboyganstpaulsucc@gmail.com](mailto:sheboyganstpaulsucc@gmail.com)

**CHURCH STAFF:**

*Rev. Jeremy Hysten, 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  
Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

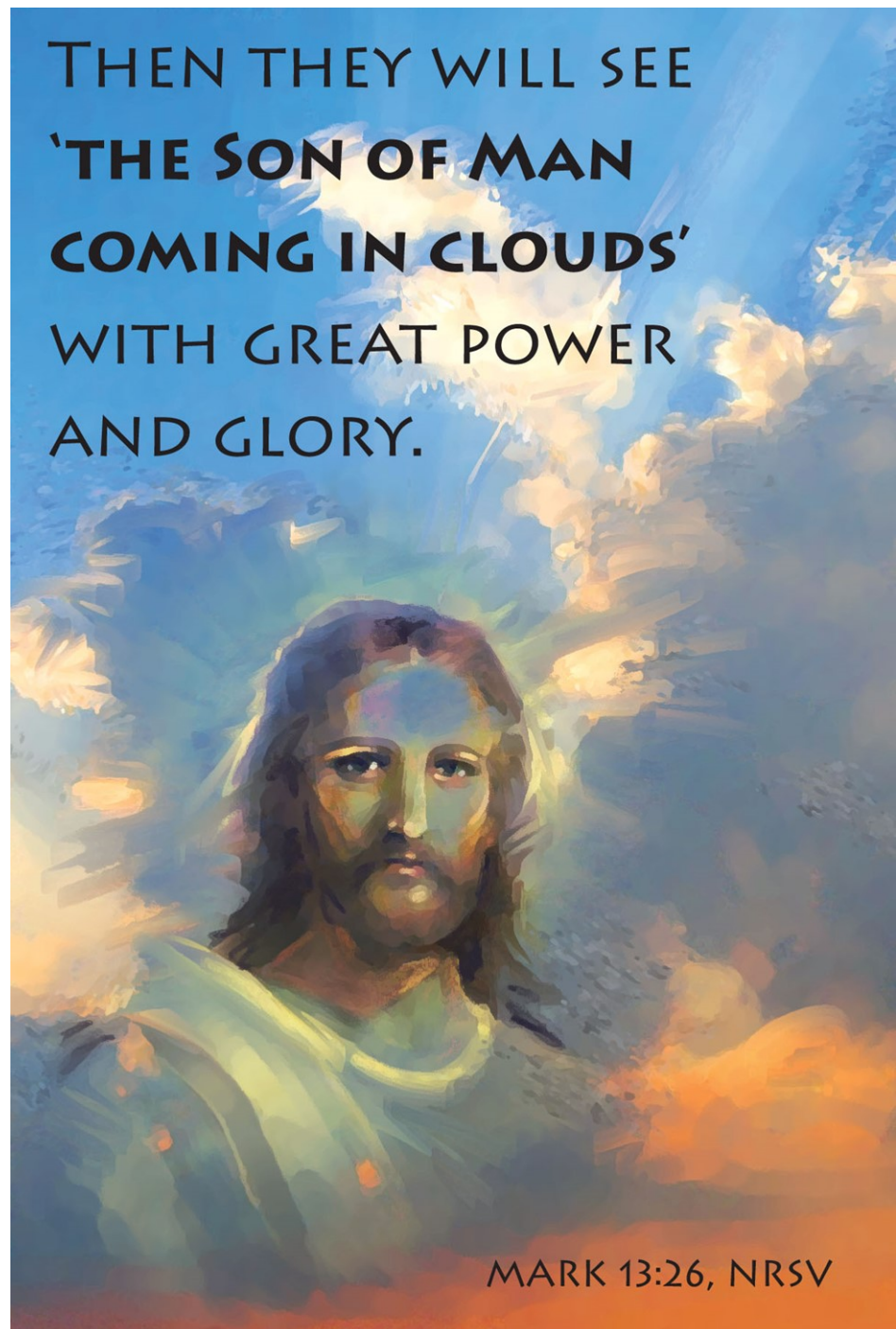
Sunday School  
Sunday @ 8:45 a.m.

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.



MARK 13:26, NRSV

# Pastor's Page

Over the last three months, in the midst of Lent and our Last Supper drama, the Five Practices group has been hard at work talking and dreaming about our first four practices. Thus far we have spent time working with **Hospitality, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, Passionate Worship, and Intentional Faith Development**. In each of these topics, our group has much to share with the congregation, and we are looking for feedback and ideas from you. To that end, the Five Practices group would like to invite everyone to some reporting and feedback session following worship on May 7 and May 21. On May 7 we will share and discuss **Hospitality and Mission and Service**. On May 21 we will share and discuss **Passionate Worship and Intentional Faith Development**. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing some basic survey information with you around these topics both in worship and online through the weekly email. If you can't be present in worship or don't do email and would like to help move our discussion and learning, please let us know in the office and we will get you the information.

I would also like to send a special thank you to all who participated in the Last Supper drama. I can't tell you how many times I have been stopped since our presentation to be told how meaningful it was to people. In addition to offering people a deep sense one wonder and connection to Jesus's last meal with his disciples, we helped raise money for the Warming Center of Sheboygan County. I feel very blessed to have been a part of such an amazing group of people. Thank you all!



## Congratulations Confirmands!

Alex Holland and Dylan Timm have spent the last two years in study and prayer and it is on behalf of St. Paul's we extend our congratulations and warm welcome to our newest confirmands. It is with joy that we officially welcome them into our family of faith.





**Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI  
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Total Income: \$7,427. Total expense: \$14,827. Net Income: \$-7,400. Building Improvement Fund: \$29,721. Parsonage Fund: \$24,433. General Fund: \$-14,504. Memorial Fund Savings Account: \$95,872. Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$27,504. Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$7,073.

- The Utilities cost for Internet & Phone increased by a small amount.
- The cost for the digital message sign, cable, and electric bill amounted to \$21,987. Question raised on sponsoring fundraisers for the digital message sign. Two fundraising brat fry events for the General Fund are already scheduled for this year.
- The Land Contract change in process of being signed and notarized.
- A request is being made of the Endowment Committee to cover the cost of the Last Supper dramatization from the Endowment Fund. Total cost of the drama production amounted to \$1,049 (lights rental \$550, programming \$360, window covering \$97, and other miscellaneous expenses).

**Head Trustee Report (Mason White):**

- No report.

**Board of Christian Education Report (Jaymz Stempihar):**

- No report.
- Jeremy Hylan stated: Carnival scheduled for June 11; reviewing Sunday school curriculum at next meeting; considering doing Vacation Bible School (VBS) with Ebenezer and First Congregational UCC churches at Ebenezer UCC church (alternative: family nights)

**Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylan):**

- New blue paraments received for the Advent season.
- Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting at Green Lake Conference Center, June 8-11. Jeremy is a delegate to General Synod meeting in July.
- Piano in Sunday school classroom with broken parts to be discarded. The pianos in Friendship Hall and in the sanctuary are in satisfactory condition and should be tuned every six months.
- This is the 500th year of the Reformation, and a celebration by the Sheboygan UCC churches is being considered.
- Summer worship at Sheboygan's Veteran's Park on Sunday, July 23.
- Using a sturdier table for communion instead of the folding table is being considered.
- Member recognition on Pentecost Sunday, June 4.
- Garage clean-up: water leakage caused rotting wood and other damage.
- Dedication of the new digital message sign board forthcoming.
- Renovating the Memorial Garden with raised garden boxes and flower planters.

**President's Report (Richard Reineking):**

- Richard thanked everyone for helping with the Last Supper dramatization.
- Future projects for consideration: 1) refinishing and sealing doors at the Wedemeyer Street entrance; 2) updating the sound system; 3) improving lighting in the back of the sanctuary and in the chancel area in the front of the sanctuary; 4) re-arranging the Gathering Room with the refreshments serving area away from the church office entrance doors; 5) painting selected areas of the church building; 6) creating better signage to rooms in the church building; and 7) deciding what to do with the carillon.

**Other Business:**



- Discontinue recycling aluminum cans due to low cost of aluminum.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:00 p.m. Thrivent Workshop @ Saint Paul's UCC	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	<b>4</b> 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:45 am Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Worship Service</b> Children's Bell Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1:30 p.m. Mary Circle 6:00 p.m. CE Meeting	<b>10</b> 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting	<b>11</b> 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:45 am Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> The Bell Choir Order SCRIP	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30 p.m. Five Practices Group	<b>17</b> 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Esther Circle	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:45 am Last Day of Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship			
						

# May Birthdays

Michael Groh	5/1
Dawn Peterson	5/1
Laurie Hylan	5/2
Linda Mueller	5/4
Barbara Schmitt	5/9
Cindy Vogel	5/9
Karen Kober	5/11
Jeanette Carlson	5/18
Kurt Klessig	5/18
Gladys Leonard	5/18
Richard Laux	5/21
Jennifer Roszak	5/21
Charles Hemschemeyer	5/24
Raenah Jump	5/30

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

# Schedule for May

## Liturgists

7—Joanne Lensink  
14—Mason White  
21—Naomi Holzwart  
28—Carol Drews

## Scripture Readers

7—Charlotte Jump  
14—Denise Cornell  
21—Mike King  
28—Jaymz Stempihar

## Ushers

7—Jay Englebert, Judy & Richard Belitz, and Jim Schwarten  
14—Mason White, Bruce & Barb Hengst, and Laurie Hylan  
21—Jaymz & Corrie Stempihar, Leon & Charlotte Jump  
28—John & Kathy Brown, T. J. Brown, and Steve Flook

## Acolytes

7—Emma Kunstman  
14—Brendan Severns  
21—Shawn Peterson  
28—Charlie White

## May Chancel Lady

Carol Reineking



## THANK YOU



*A Special Thank You for  
Easter Lilies Given:*

*A Beautiful Lily for Easter,  
The Resurrection of Jesus  
from Caroline Rodewald*

*In Memory of our Parents  
from Clarence & June Lallemont*

*In Memory of Roger Ehrenreich  
from his family*

*In Memory of Ruben Holzwart  
from Naomi Holzwart*

*In Memory of their Parents  
from Daniel & Ervida Van Straten*

*In Memory of Ralph & Dorothy Jelenc,  
George & Stella Menart Sr.,  
and Wendell Hengst  
from Bruce & Barb Hengst*

*In Memory of my Parents  
Donald and Elaine Vogel  
from Cindy Vogel*

*In Memory of Roger Mueller  
from his family*

*Happy Easter  
from the Kolb and Endres Family*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Important Dates Coming Up

**June 4** Pentecost, Music Sunday, Member Recognition Sunday. We will be celebrating the birth of the church through music. We will also be celebrating all our members in a special way.

**June 11** Graduation Recognition, Christian Education Recognition, Sunday School Carnival. We will be recognizing our recent graduates, as well as our Christian Educators. After worship we will have our annual Sunday School Carnival for our whole neighborhood (including lots of food!)

Graduate Recognition - If you have someone graduating from high school, college, or otherwise, please contact Lisa in the office so we might be able to celebrate them on June 11.

### Learning a Bit More About The United Church of Christ NE Association (Cluster 3)

The Northeast Wisconsin Association is a gathering of 58 United Church of Christ congregations - from Waupun in the southwest to Sheboygan in the southeast to Marinette in the northeast to Shawano in the northwest to Hancock in the west. The congregations vary in size from 43 members to 1800+ members. The Association assists churches who are seeking pastors, oversees students who are preparing for ministry, is a resource for pastors and congregations, plans various programmatic events, administers a budget (supported by dues from each church), and is a liaison between congregations and the wider church. We are a part of Cluster 3, which has 26 congregations. We are allotted three delegates for each of the Associations annual meetings (the last of which was April 22). For more information, talk to Pastor Jeremy and check out <http://www.wcucc.org/associations/northeast-association/>

### Wisconsin Conference

Made up of 214 congregations, the Wisconsin Conference cares for all the congregations and their leaders. Some of the ways the conference cares for its congregations is through clergy transition and placement, vision and goal setting, care of congregations, wider church outreach, education, and administration (including healthcare). The conference meets yearly for several days and we are invited to send delegates. Currently, Pastor Jeremy is the only delegate we send. For more information, talk to Pastor Jeremy and check out <http://www.wcucc.org/>

### General Synod

The General Synod is the representative body of the United Church of Christ and is composed of delegates chosen by the Conferences, voting members of Boards of Directors of Covenanted Ministries who have been elected by General Synod, and of ex officio delegates. The General Synod adopts a variety of resolutions on church and public matters, with the understanding that the Synod is ***speaking to the congregations in the UCC, not on behalf of them.*** This body meets every two years in a different location. In 2017 the synod will be meeting in Baltimore, MD and Pastor Jeremy is one of the delegates for the Wisconsin Conference. Pastor Jeremy will be a delegate in 2019 as well, when synod is held in Milwaukee. For more information, talk to Pastor Jeremy and check out <http://synod.uccpages.org/>

### Library News

The following books have been added to the church library:  
Selections by Beverly Lewis - "The Heritage of Lancaster County" trilogy; "Season's of Grace" trilogy; and "The Parting" and "The Forbidden".  
Two selections by Nicholas Sparks - "The Lucky" and "The Rescue".  
"The Storekeeper's Daughter" by Wanda E. Brunstetter.  
Two children's books by Kiki Thorpe - "The Trouble with Tink" and "Tink, North of Never Land".  
These books were donated by someone who wished to remain anonymous. Enjoy!

### You're Invited to these Upcoming Workshops:

#### **Making a Difference:**

#### **Sharing Your Time, Talent and Treasures**

Monday, May 1, 2017; 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's UCC

#### **Retire Wisely**

Tuesday, May 9, 2017; 6:00 p.m. at First Congregational UCC

#### **Social Security: Strategize to Maximize**

Tuesday, May 23, 2017; 6:00 p.m. at St. John's UCC

#### **Give Now, Give Later, Give and Receive**

Wednesday, May 31, 2017; 6:00 p.m. at Ebenezer UCC

Hosted by: Timothy L. Saeger, FIC, RICP, CLT  
Financial Associate, Thrivent Financial

### 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.

### Orders on Amazon

If you already shop on Amazon, we invite you to shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose St. Paul's United Church of Christ as your charity of choice. If you need help setting this up, please contact the office.

### SCRIP News

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

### Recycling Cans

Please note that St. Paul's will no longer be accepting soda and beer cans for recycling. Thank you very much to all who contributed to this effort in the past.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sheboygan Senior Community:** *Jean Carlson*

**Countryside Manor:** *Elaine Rautmann,  
Esther Hemschmeyer, Gladys Leonard*

**Pine Haven:** *Clariss Gartman,  
Paul Riehl, Madeline Herr*

**Prairie Crossing:** *Bob Hollenbeck*

**Sheboygan Shores Senior Living:**  
*Phyllis Mueller, Elaine Born, Florence Hamilton*