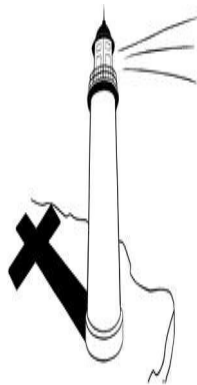


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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The Beacon



November 2016

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
Thursday @ 6:00 p.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.



PASTOR'S PAGE

Not yesterday I learned to know

The love of bare November days

Before the coming of the snow

From *My November Guest* by Robert Frost

November begins and before we know it, it's Thanksgiving and winter is coming. I get caught up in the rush of the end of autumn and I miss too many wonderful things. This year I am going to try and do something different. Many of my friends do this "30 Days of Thankfulness Challenge" where for 30 days in a row, you make it a point of being vocal about something for which you are thankful. This November, I am going to do my best to let someone know how thankful I am for the blessing of their presence in my life. Would you join me in this challenge?

I think this outpouring of gratitude and thankfulness will be necessary after an election cycle that has divided our country more than I can remember. Regardless of the outcomes of the elections, we are all still sisters and brothers in faith and we are called to love one another as members of the body of Christ. So be sure to get out and vote and exercise your right to vote, while giving thanks for all those who have made and continue to make it possible. Why not thank your poll workers?

It's easy to forget how good God is in the midst of an American public that seems bent on destroying anyone who disagrees with them. If there is anything that I know, it's that God loves all of us, regardless of our political affiliations. God loves us because we are God's children, holy and beloved. Maybe this November will be a time of great reconciliation among adversaries. Maybe we can move as a country to love our neighbors as ourselves. Maybe we can find some common ground in which to move forward and give thanks for all of the blessings of God.

This November let us all be thankful beyond measure for all the good gifts that come from God. Let us share our plenty with those in need. Let us remember and be thankful for the gift of Jesus in our lives. Find ways to celebrate and give thanks to all of those who have made a difference in your life. I think you will find that with an attitude of gratitude, the world will look a little brighter and you might find a bit more hope in your world.



Stepping Boldly in Faith Stewardship Drive 2017

"You may never know what results come of your action,
but if you do nothing there will be no result."

Mahatma Gandhi

In the United Church of Christ, we believe that each person is unique and valuable. We believe it is the will of God that every person belongs to a family of faith where they have a strong sense of being valued and loved. It is in that sense of being valued and loved that we offer back some of the blessings that God has poured upon us. It is in that spirit of generosity that we recognize our gratitude to God for all the ways we are able to offer our very lives in service of the risen Christ.

When you hear the word stewardship, you might get anxious. It's difficult to talk about money, isn't it? It seems much harder to talk about how we share our gifts when we are at church. Stewardship shouldn't be a scary word—it's how we share the gifts of God with the people of God. Stewardship is alive in our faith by the way we serve others. It is alive in how we generously share our time, talent, and treasure with a world in need. Stewardship is part of a being a Christian.

Being a Christian calls us to take action, not knowing what will come of that action. We believe that in trying to serve God, that God will accept us and our gifts in the spirit they were given. If we do not work together for the kingdom of God, who will? Our Christian stewardship calls us to look deeply and prayerfully at all the good gifts that God has given us, so that we might share them with a world in need.

A theologian once said "God loves us enough to expect something of us." We have been called as the body of Christ to make a difference in our community and in the world. We cannot do that without your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. God has called us to step boldly in faith and have an impact on the world. We hope that you will join us in generously sharing the many gifts that God given you.

Consistory at Work

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for September (Linda Mueller):

Total Income: \$8,612.95. Total expense: \$10,101.81. Net Income: **MINUS** \$(1,488.86).
Building Improvement Fund: \$37,282.83. Parsonage Fund: \$31,015.12. General Fund: **MINUS** \$(14,178.39).
Memorial Fund: \$95,848.19. Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$17,969.28.
The Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$7,812.00.

- The Second Mile fund for 2016 made available for additional donations to offset our deficit.
- The church building insurance by Hanover Insurance Co. due for review by the beginning of 2017. John Brown bidding out for three more estimates, including reviewing UCC insurance.
- No documentation or notarization received for the Land Contract negotiated 10 months ago. Further contact happening to ensure up-to-date efficient documentation.

Head Trustee Report (Jay Englebert & Mason White):

- Garage roof is being repaired October 17 & 24 by Sheboygan Falls Construction Class.
- Removing some stumps, bushes, and trees on church grounds.

Board of Christian Education Report (Lisa McKenzie):

- Christmas Program practices after the Children's Message each Sunday until December 4.
- Volunteers needed for Kiddie Keep and Sunday School Shepherd Program.
- Advertising church events on the church website (www.sspucc.org) and on Facebook.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylan):

- The Music Committee recommended hiring Lisa Flook as the new organist. A motion to hire Lisa Flook for the organist position passed.
- A coalition of churches, including St. Paul's, helping to run a warming shelter at Salvation Army during the cold months (December to February). Helping to care for people needing to keep warm in the community.
- More support needs to be given to the UCC Mission *Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Basic Support*, and it needs to be made a budgeted line item. The four *OCWM Special Support* missions (Neighbors in Need, the Christmas Fund, One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), and Strengthen the Church), covered by *OCWM Basic Support*, will be put on hold for the time being.
- The UCC Sheboygan churches are combining resources and working together. The UCC Golf Outing at Riverdale in October had a nice turnout.

President's Report (Richard Reineking):

- A second bid on the digital message board received from Marshall Signs. The flag poles located on each side of the message board need to be removed and disposed of. The colored flags formerly attached to those poles deteriorated fast and won't serve a purpose once the new digital colored message board is installed.



Other Business:

- Emmaus Meals by St. Paul's at Salvation Army, June 17, 2017.
- Member transfers: welcomed back and recognized.
- Food Pantry needs contributions.
- Last Supper drama will be held, but the date, time, and place is not determined. UNDER REVIEW
- The Sheboygan senior dart ball games progressing well at St. Paul's. All team members happy and satisfied.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary

NOVEMBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9 am Dartball Practice 5:00 p.m. Confirmation	3 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time ends 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service Children's Bell Choir	7 1:00 pm Dartball - Saints@Creamers Sheboygan Dartball games at St. Paul's UCC	8 1:30 p.m. Mary Circle	9 9 am Dartball Practice 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting	10 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	11	12
13 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Time Order SCRIP	14 1:00 pm Dartball - Rookies @ Saints	15 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	16 9 am Dartball Practice 7:00 p.m. Esther Circle	17 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship	18	19 6:00 p.m. Movie Night
20 9:00 am Bell Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service with Bell Choir	21	22 December Beacon Deadline	23 9 am Dartball Practice Worship Service at Ebenezer UCC	24 Office Closed 	25 Office Closed	26
27 8:30 am Choir Practice 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	28 1:00 pm Dartball - Saints @ Rocks Sheboygan Dartball games at St. Paul's UCC	29	30 9 am Dartball Practice 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class			

November Birthdays

Patti Blindauer	11/01
Henry White	11/01
Jean Dickmann	11/05
Naomi Holzwart	11/05
Tessa Englebert	11/06
Jay Englebert	11/08
Corrie Stempihar	11/08
Amy Voechting	11/10
Emma Kunstman	11/10
Florence Hamilton	11/13
Daniel Arnoldi	11/14
Sharon Timm	11/20
Sara Blindauer	11/22
Michael King	11/28
Charles Risse	11/28
Brian Severns	11/30

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



Schedule for November

Liturgists

- 6—Vicki Radovan
- 13—Linda Mueller
- 20—Mike King
- 27—Joanne Lensink

Scripture Readers

- 6—Charlotte Jump
- 13—Daniel Van Straten
- 20—Mason White
- 27—Linda Mueller

Ushers

- 6—Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Keith & Mary Risse
- 13—Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, and Harlen Voechting
- 20—Iva Endres, Judy & Richard Belitz, and Jim Schwarten
- 27—Kathy & John Brown, Jaymz and Corrie Stempihar

Acolytes

- 6—Shawn Peterson
- 13—Charlie White
- 20—Ethan Entringer
- 27—Elizabeth Passmore

November Chancel Lady

Jonette White

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: November 13 and December 11, 2016; January 8 and February 12, 2017. Thank you for your continued support!

Movie Night - November 19th

Join us for a night at the movies on Saturday, Nov. 19th at 6:00 p.m. We will be showing a new release. There will be food, a jungle-themed craft, and lots of fun. Write it on your calendar.

Save the Date

We have been invited as a congregation by our sister congregations to share in worship together. Join us Wednesday, November 23 at Ebenezer UCC (on Taylor) for a Thanksgiving Eve worship service. More details to come.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sheboygan Senior Community: *Jean Carlson*

Countryside Manor:

*Elaine Rautmann, Esther Hemschemeyer,
and Gladys Leonard*

Pine Haven: *Claris Gartman, Paul Riehl*

Prairie Crossing: *Bob Hollenbeck*

Sheboygan Shores Senior Living:

Madeline Herr, Phyllis Mueller, Elaine Born

In Christian Sympathy

Our prayers are extended to the family of Else Schwarz who passed away Thursday, Sept. 29th, 2016. We share our love and comfort with Else's family. A burial ceremony was held at Wildwood Cemetery on October 6th where Else and her husband, Wayne Sr., were laid to rest together. Pastor Jeremy Hylen officiated.

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Advent Devotional Books

We will be ordering Advent devotional books that have a 5 minute or less reading and a prayer for each day of the season. The cost is \$5 for the book. If you are interested in getting a book, please contact Lisa in the office by November 11th.

Bible Study

Are you interested in delving a little deeper into scripture this coming Advent season? Pastor Jeremy will be leading a small group study during the four weeks of Advent on either Tuesdays or Wednesdays. If you are interested in joining, please contact Lisa in the church office.

Women's Guild Chili Fundraiser

Please note: A change for the Women's Guild Fundraiser Chili Project. This upcoming event will be a chili takeout. There will be a sign-up order sheet in the Gathering Area as we near the date. This date to be announced at a later time.

Helping Hands/Food Pantry

As you shop (watch for sales) we could use hygiene products. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, etc. Our current supply is very low. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Chili & Soup Supper - Nov. 2nd

At Salem United Church of Christ, Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Serving chili, chicken dumpling, & creamy potato. Featuring homemade pies and tortes for dessert. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. Children 10 & under are FREE. Quarts of soup are available to go. Salem UCC is located at 217 Salem Drive in Plymouth. Contact the church office for more information 920-892-7456.



Handling the Holidays Program

Reinbold-Novak Funeral Home invites you to their 26th Annual **Handling the Holidays Program**, featuring **Richard J. Obershaw**, Founder and Director of the Grief Center in Lakeville, Minnesota. In a relaxed casual atmosphere, Mr. Obershaw, will blend gentle humor with practical advice on how to cope, how to memorialize your loved one, and new ways to participate in holiday celebrations. A candle lighting ceremony and refreshments will conclude the program. Join this event:

Wednesday, November 9, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Blue Harbor Conference Center
725 Blue Harbor Drive
Sheboygan, Wisconsin
R.S.V.P. 452-7711

Holiday Craft Show

Saturday, November 12th, 2016
Sunny Ridge Health & Rehabilitation Center
3014 Erie Avenue, Sheboygan
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

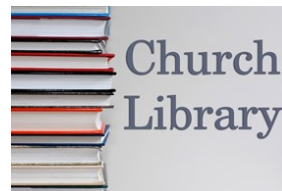
Proceeds from the event will be assisting the Activity Department in purchasing activity items for our residents. Thank you for your consideration and have a very joyous holiday season!



Free Thanksgiving Day Turkey Dinner

All are welcome to join in a free turkey dinner to be held on Thanksgiving Day at Immaculate Conception Parish Activity Center on 14th & Henry Street. The dinner will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Desert donations of homemade pies or bars are gladly accepted and can be brought to the IC Parish Hall Kitchen entrance from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Grateful thanks to all.



Library News

Additions to the church library on display:

Dave Pelzer: A Man Named Dave

A story of triumph and forgiveness

Charles Martin: Long Way Gone

No matter where you go, no matter whether you succeed or fail, stand or fall, you can always come home. A modern day story of the Prodigal Son.

Tracie Peterson: A Love Transformed

A story of the struggle of a widow looking for love and happiness where she grew up in Montana.

Linda Ellis: The Dash

Making a difference with your life from beginning to end. Pause and consider...how will you live in your "dash".

Four Reader's Digest volumes: Today's best in non-fiction.

True stories about people, places, and events from an early 1990's perspective.

Available for check-out.

Enjoy!

