ST. PAUL'S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2114 Wedemeyer Street Sheboygan, WI 53081

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September 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

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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

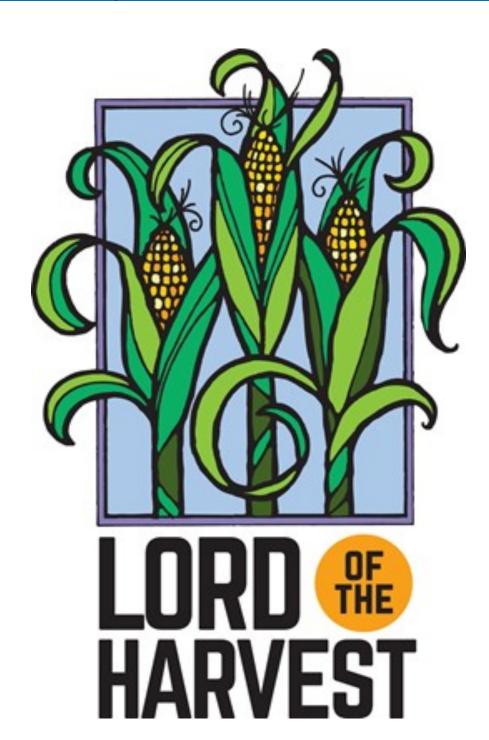
Midweek Connection Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.

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

It's hard to believe that the new school year is just beginning. I am reminded of what it must have been like for the disciples as Jesus called them to "follow me." I can imagine the disciples with that same excitement and fear in the pits of their stomachs as all of the students starting in their new classes. I can imagine all the untold possibilities that must have run through the disciples' heads as they stepped out of their boats and began to follow Jesus. And this is why I love the new school year so much. The new school year really starts a new season in the life of the church.

We are already enjoying those last fleeting days of summer. We are back from much needed vacations. We are ready to get back to normal, to step into those familiar school year rhythms. And while the church does not officially run on a school year schedule, everything starts up again when school starts. On September 11 we will have our official kick-off with Sunday school beginning. We will start our new lectionary for the school year that works with the Sunday school curriculum. The Chancel Choir and the Handbells will be rehearsing, preparing to share their musical gifts with the congregation. Things will get moving and soon enough autumn will be in full swing.

This time of year also reminds me of how fast life can move when you don't pay attention. My guess is that the disciples thought their time with Jesus would never end, that they would have countless years to listen and learn and soak up all of who he was and what he was teaching. Just like the disciples, we can get caught up in the busy-ness of our daily lives and forget to be present to what is in front of us. I invite you in this season of new beginnings to be sure and take some time every day to celebrate all the goodness that God has put in your lives. Take the time to talk to important people in your life. Take that extra moment with a young one to give them your undivided attention. Take the time to walk and drink in those fading warm evenings. Take time for another ice cream cone before it no longer can melt. Be in the moment and be aware of how good God can be.

As we start thinking about all of the new beginnings that will happen in this coming year, there are a few things of note. I am very excited to renew our ties to our sister congregations in this coming year. In October, the four U.C.C. churches in Sheboygan are working on putting together a golf outing for no other reason than to be together. I have been talking with Rev. Whelton at St. John's about how we might partner together during lent, renewing old ties that have somewhat fallen away. We will be putting on the dramatization of "The Last Supper" and are also hoping to partner with other U.C.C. churches to make it a bigger production for the wider community. Also in the wider community, a Sheboygan County Warming Center is in the works so that some of our most vulnerable residents have a warm place to be in winter—more details to come as this dream becomes a reality in our community. Many exciting things are in the works.

I am looking forward to this restarting of our life of faith together as we move into the close of 2016. I am hopeful that we will find new ways to live into our calling as followers of the risen Christ. I am hopeful that in all the hustle and bustle of this time of year, that you take time to be in worship in fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. I am hopeful that together we can put our best foot forward and step boldly into a world in need.



Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for July (Linda Mueller): The July Balance Sheet,

Profit & Loss Budget Analysis, and the Stewardship Report reviewed.

Total Income: \$7,004.95. Total expense: \$8,106.60.

Net Income: **MINUS** \$(1,101.65).

Building Improvement Fund: \$36,112.83. Parsonage Fund: \$29,329.12. General Fund: **MINUS** \$(11,529.85). Memorial Fund: \$95,838.58.

Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$17,969.28. The Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$6,546.00.

Head Trustee Report (Jay Englebert & Mason White):

Purchasing roofing materials and building permit for the garage roof.

Keved padlock installed on dumpster.

Board of Christian Education Report (Lisa McKenzie):

 Planning for use of new Sunday School curriculum, "back to school" events, and "big movie" nights at the next board meeting at the end of August.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylen): Jeremy on vacation today.

- The new computers for the Pastor's Office and the Church Office to be installed by Jeremy; also working on improving and updating the computer base and the Shepherd's Staff computer program.

President's Report (Richard Reineking):

 Otis suggested installing an alert system in the elevator at a cost of \$2,800, but the consensus was no.

Other Business:

 Brat fry fundraiser at Festival Foods on Saturday, September 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Next Consistory Meeting Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary



SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

UCC'S MISSION: Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

Our donations to this UCC offering help feed the hungry, respond to disasters and human tragedy, and support local churches. By giving generously to this mission, we respond to Christ's mission to the world.

[Leaflets for this mission are going to be inserted in the September Sunday bulletin; envelopes and baskets will be available at the entrances to the sanctuary for donations to this mission].

Ouarterly Giving Statements

Statements are now available quarterly and can be found on the table in the Gathering Area. Current statements include contributions from January 1st, 2016 through July 31st, 2016. Please feel free to pick these up at your convenience.





| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship | 2 | 3 |
| 4 10:00 a.m. Worship Service | 5 | 6 | 7 9 am Dartball Practice 6:30 pm Opening Rehearsal for Men's & Chancel Choirs/Pizza | 8 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal Begins | 9 | St. Paul's UCC Brat Fry & Bake Sale at Festival Foods 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. |
| 8:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 8:45 am Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion Chancel & Men's Choirs Order SCRIP | 12 1 pm Dartball - Tigers @ Saints | 13 October Beacon Deadline | 9 a.m. Dartball Practice 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting | 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal | 16 | 17 |
| 8:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11 am Sunday School Kick-Off Lunch/Bingo Bell Choir | 19 1 pm Dartball - Creamers @ Saints | 20 | 9 am Dartball Practice 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m. Women's Guild Potluck | 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal | 23 | 24 |
| 8:30 am Chancel Choir rehearsal 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service | 26 1 pm Dartball - Saints @ Rookies Dartball games at St. Paul's UCC | 27 | 9 am Dartball Practice 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class/ Lakeland College Event | 29 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal | 30 | |
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September Birthdays

| John Hermann | 9/01 |
|---------------------|------|
| Maddie Peterson | 9/01 |
| Gerald Ristow | 9/01 |
| Mark Lensink | 9/05 |
| Christina Entringer | 9/06 |
| Wendy Bohannon | 9/09 |
| Wynne Strandberg | 9/11 |
| LuAnn Arnoldi | 9/12 |
| James Lastusky | 9/12 |
| Beverly Wilke | 9/13 |
| Keith Leonard | 9/16 |
| Paul Riehl | 9/16 |
| Trudy Groh | 9/17 |
| Meghan Flook | 9/18 |
| Steve Flook | 9/18 |
| Paul Neils | 9/18 |
| Madeline Herr | 9/21 |
| Maci Robinson | 9/21 |
| Lynda Damrow | 9/24 |
| Ethan Entringer | 9/24 |
| Kendall Entringer | 9/24 |
| Gary Laux | 9/25 |
| Melody Kolb | 9/26 |
| Leon Jump | 9/28 |



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

Schedule for September

Liturgists

4—Daniel Van Straten

11—Joanne Lensink

18—Mason White

25—Ervida Van Straten

Scripture Readers

4—Jim Schwarten

11—Ervida Van Straten

18—Keith Risse

25—Joanne Lensink

Ushers

4—Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, Harlen Voechting

11—Iva Endres, Judy & Richard Belitz, Jim Schwarten

18—Kathy & John Brown, Jaymz and Alexa Stempihar

25—Mike King, Steve Flook, Bonnie Klabechek, Diana Neils

Acolytes

4—Shawn Peterson

11—Charlie White

18—Ethan Entringer

25—Elizabeth Passmore

September Chancel Lady
Carol Reineking



Church News

Brat Fry and Bake Sale

Mark your calendars for St. Paul's Brat Fry and Bake Sale. It will be held at Festival Foods on **Saturday, September 10, 2016** at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sign up sheets for volunteers to help that day are in the Gathering Area. Thank you!



Choir is back on September 11th

All are welcome. Please come with your smiles, old and new members alike. Be ready to learn some new songs and sing some old gems. We rehearse at 8:30 a.m. Sunday and sing for the service. Choir members please watch your emails for updates.

Summer Music Thank You

Thank you to all who helped fill in music this summer. Your talent and willingness to share your gift is greatly appreciated.



Sunday School Begins—September 11

Sunday, September 11th Sunday school will begin. Sunday school meets at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 9:45 a.m. Sunday school is open to children from age 3 though 8th grade.

There will be a kick-off lunch followed by candy bar bingo on Sunday, September 18. The kick-off lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m. following the worship service. Everyone is welcome.

There is no cost for lunch, but free-will donations are welcome as well as theatre candy or a candy bar for bingo.



Peanut Butter Drive

We will be starting the end-of-the-year peanut butter drive shortly. April's drive netted an all time high of 263 jars so start watching those sales!

We will position a shopping cart on the first floor of the Gathering Room next to the East entrance of the sanctuary. We will deliver the peanut butter to the Salvation Army on **Sunday, October 2.** St. Paul's members have always been very generous with their donations of this perfect protein source that stores so well. Thanks so much for your support!

Jim and Gloria Schwarten

SCRIP

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: September 11, October 9 and November 13. Thank you for your continued support!

Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts resumed the first Thursday in August. Healing Hearts meets at 10:00 a.m. in the church library on the first and third Thursday of the month.



In Christian Sympathy

Our prayers are extended to the family of Marian Zolltheis who passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2016. We share our love and comfort with Marian's family. The funeral service was held on June 29th at Reinbold Novak Funeral Home. Pastor Jeremy Hylen officiated.

Our prayers are also extended to Laurie Hylen on the loss of her beloved grandmother, Jean Wenzel, who passed away on Sunday, August 21st. We share our love and comfort with Laurie and her family. A funeral service was held on Friday, August 26th in Lena, Illinois.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rainbow Kids Fall Program Schedule

Rainbow Kids will be offering peer support to children aged four through high school age and to adults who are grieving a loss due to a difficult life event such as; death, divorce, separation, incarceration, or abandonment. Two 10-week programs will be offered this fall:

Plymouth @ Christian Life Assembly of God Mondays, September 19th - November 21st, 2016 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Sheboygan @ First United Lutheran Church Tuesdays, September 20th - November 22nd, 2016 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

> Senior Peer Support Group @ Sheboygan Senior Activity Center 428 Wisconsin Avenue Sheboygan, WI 53081

Every Tuesday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am (Drop in group. No registration required)

There is no fee. Please register by calling Michele at Rainbow Kids office @ 920-452-2838. Additional information will be sent to registrants.

26th Annual "Coats for Kids"

Reinbold-Novak Funeral Home will be accepting new or gently used clean coats for all ages from Tuesday, September 6th through Wednesday, October 19th. The need is greatest for children's coats - especially infants, toddlers, and youth age 10 vears and under.

Coats can be dropped off at the funeral home or here at St. Paul's UCC, and will be distributed by the Salvation Army on Friday, October 21 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity for all of us to help those in need in Sheboygan County and Reinbold-Novak extends their thanks for your participation.



Lakeland University Events

1. **Event for Confirmation**age Youth, Teachers and Mentors

> "Valuing Others: It's Good for Everyone" Presented by Charles Krebs, Associate Professor of Theatre and Communication, Lakeland University Wednesday, Sept. 28

7 to 8:30 pm Bradley Fine Arts Auditorium, **Lakeland University**

2. **Mission House Lecture**

"Love in a time of resentment: Seeking Jesus in today's politics" Presented by Rev. Phil Haslanger, Pastor, Memorial UCC, Fitchburg Tuesday, Oct. 18 11 am lecture; lunch to follow Bradley Fine Arts Auditorium, Lakeland University



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sheboygan Senior Community: Jean Carlson **Countryside Manor:**

> Elaine Rautmann Esther Hemschemeyer Gladys Leonard

Pine Haven: Claris Gartman, Paul Riehl **Prairie Crossing:** Bob Hollenbeck **Sheboygan Shores Senior Living:**

Madeline Herr, Phyllis Mueller, Elaine Born