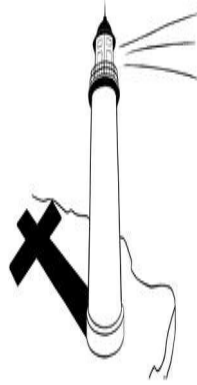


**ST. PAUL'S**  
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# The Beacon



**MARCH 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)

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**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

Lenten Midweek Evenings  
Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.  
March 9 to 30, 2017  
held at St. John's UCC

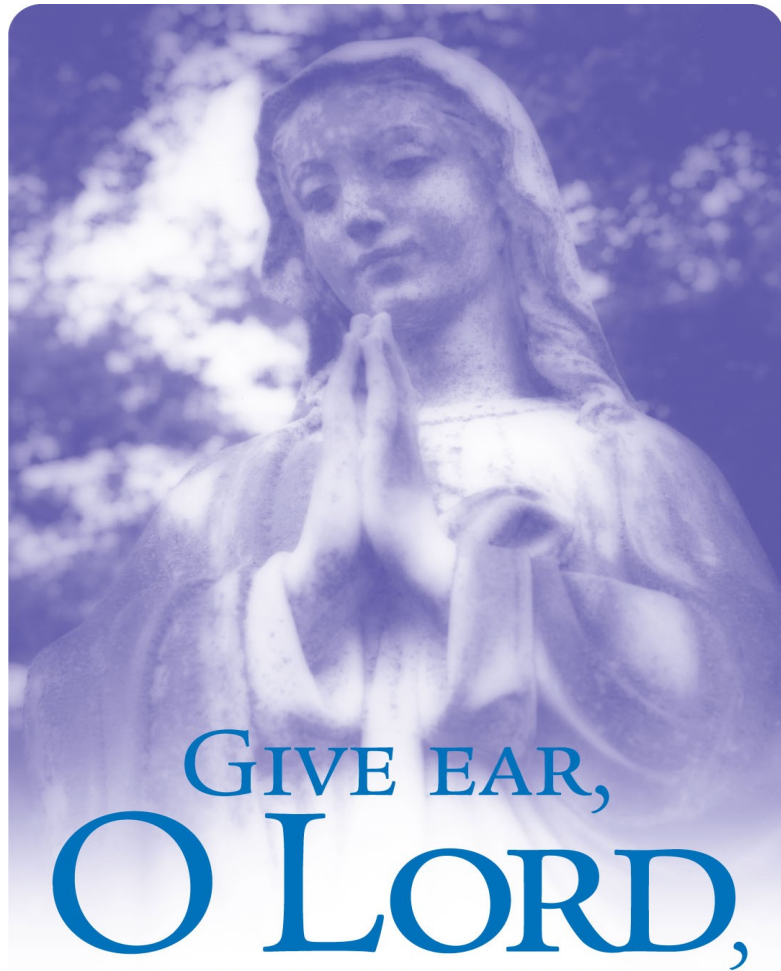
Sunday School  
Sunday @ 8:45 a.m.

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.



GIVE EAR,  
**O LORD,**

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TO MY PRAYER;  
LISTEN TO MY  
PLEA FOR GRACE.

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PSALM 86:6, ESV

# Pastor's Page

Lent is a Christian season of self-examination that starts with Ash Wednesday and continues 6 weeks ending in celebration with Easter. Lent has traditionally been a time that Christians spend intentional time in contemplation or prayer apart from their normal routines. The idea is that for the 40 days of Lent, we remember Jesus's time in the desert and do something that brings us closer to God. For some that means giving something up that is a stumbling block for their faith. For others it means taking on a new practice of faith.

Sometimes we associate Lent with spring cleaning, as a way to clean ourselves of things that hinder our relationship with God. I would encourage you to do an inventory of your faith life. Are there things that you need to let go of? Are there things you need more of in your life? What is it that you need in this Lenten season to more fully be in relationship with the risen Christ? I recognize that these are not easy questions and the answers may take you many seasons of Lent to sort out, but I encourage you to dig a bit deeper this season of Lent.

One way to dig a bit deeper is through worship. On March 1, we will be observing Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent where we take some time out of our daily routines to recognize our humanness and our need for God in our lives. We observe this day with ashes to remind ourselves "from dust we were created and to dust we shall return." It is somber to be sure, but for me it offers me a moment to acknowledge that I have and will continue to fall short of God's call on my life, and yet, I know that because of God's great love for us, I am forgiven.

As the season continues, I am excited to let you know that we will be partnering with St. John's UCC to share midweek Lenten services. Mike King and I will be sharing in the leadership with Rev. Whelton on Thursday nights starting March 9-April 6. St. John's has offered to host us this season, so I hope you will make some time and join us at our sister church.

On April 9<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Palm Sunday and the confirmation of two of our young men. Maundy Thursday is April 13 where we remember the Last Supper and we commemorate Jesus's final time with his disciples with a service of Tenebrae. Through scripture and song we will observe the coming darkness as we await the bright dawn of the resurrection on Easter. On April 16<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Easter with a sunrise service at 7am, Easter breakfast, and worship again at 10am.

Another way to dig deeper is through spending some time with scripture. During the season of Lent, we will have bible study on Tuesday mornings at 10am (like we did with Advent). I hope that together we can take some time to delve into the scripture and see how Jesus's journey to Jerusalem unfolds.

I hope that this season of Lent gives you pause and you find a way to live more fully in relationship with the risen Christ.



# Consistory at Work

Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Total Income: \$8,584. Total expense: \$13,844. Net Income: \$-5,260. Building Improvement Fund: \$29,814.

Parsonage Fund: \$22,747. General Fund: \$-5,900. Memorial Fund Savings Account: \$95,867.

Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$27,504. Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$8,229.

- Transferred \$9,000 from Parsonage Fund to General Fund, but continued to show a negative amount (\$-5,900) in the General Fund because of expenses, such as operating (\$3,445), utilities (\$802), maintenance (\$573).

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

- Elevator inspected and cleaned (a jar of chili fell and broke at the elevator entrance and drippings fell down into the elevator room).
- Some plumbing doesn't function properly all the time with the privy in some of the restrooms.

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

- Tentative plans are being made for events to be held during the coming months, like a pizza sale fund raiser, Sunday school Easter breakfast including crafts, and a carnival.
- Collecting items to be given to families needing help.
- Need more volunteers yet for the Sunday school Shepherd Program.

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

- SH/FT of the Wisconsin Conference, UCC, focusing on strengthening ministries, is sponsoring a group study on the "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations". A Five Practices group of members from St. Paul's will be working with a facilitator once a month and study one of practices each month from now through July. This Five Practices group will serve as an advisory group to the congregation to make it happen. A report from the group and a display are forthcoming. Working on building on what we already do.
- Partnering and hosting with Pastor Whelton of St. John's UCC during Lenten evening worship.
- "The Last Supper" drama will be held on April 2 at St. Paul's, a cooperative effort by St. Paul's, St. John's, Ebenezer, and First Congregational UCC churches.
- Local churches working on giving aid to Syrian refugees and helping with resettlement.

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

- The digital message board now in place and the flag poles removed. Brick work remains to be done.
- New blue paraments for advent costing \$900-1,000. Motion to buy the new paraments passed. Also, a new Christ candle is being ordered through a memorial donation.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be scheduled to be held on the last Sunday of January.
- Moving all accounts to one banking institution.
- Moving all Sunday school, Christian Ed, and Vacation Bible School (VBS) accounts into one account fund. Efforts also will be made to improve record keeping and audit checks.
- Compliance being made with the Sheboygan Police Dept. to update contact information and security.
- Ushering status has changed to seven teams, and each team scheduled to usher eight times a year.

## **Other Business:**

- Follow-up on the Land Contract not recorded.
- Updating signatures for check-signing. Resolution needed. Motion to remove Sarah Kolb as a check-signer and replace with John Brown passed. The check-signers will be Linda Mueller, Daniel Van Straten, Leon Jump, and John Brown.
- Discussion on documentation for the new message board. Documentation needs to be done and filed in-house.
- Request to have a report on the Endowment Fund. What is the money for and what is it used for?
- Number of members reported to be 152 on January 1, 2016. New members received during the year was nine and lost was six, resulting in a membership count of 155 on December 31, 2016. Many members moved to inactive status.
- Brat fry and bake sale fund raiser on April 22 at Miesfield's and another one in August. Women's Guild will keep the profit from the bake sales. Rummage sale discussed but not acted upon.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Van Straten, Secretary



**MARCH 2017**

**2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:00 am Dartball Practice  <b>7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 a.m. Healing Hearts  7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Friendship Hall in use by member for personal event
<b>5</b> 8:45 am Sunday School <b>10 am Trad. Worship Service</b> with the Children's Bell Choir Order SCRIP	<b>6</b> 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints@Creamers	<b>7</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>8</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Women's Guild Lenten Breakfast</b> 5 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm Consistory Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Dartball Practice  <b>6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC</b> 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Daylight Savings Time Begins</b> 8:45 am Sunday School <b>10 am Trad. Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> Peanut Butter Drive Dedication	<b>13</b> 1:00 p.m. Dartball Rookies @ Saints	<b>14</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  1:30 p.m. Mary Circle	<b>15</b> 5 pm Confirmation Class  6:00 p.m. Esther Circle	<b>16</b> 9 am Dartball Pract. 10 am Healing Hearts <b>6:45 pm Lenten Worship@St.John's</b> 7 pm Handbell Rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:45 am Sunday School <b>10 am Trad. Worship Service</b> Spaghetti Dinner after church with Candy Bar Bingo	<b>20</b> 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints @ Rocks	<b>21</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>22</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Women's Guild Lenten Breakfast</b> 5 pm Confirmation Class	<b>23</b> 9:00 am Dartball Practice  <b>6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC</b> 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 am Handbell Rehearsal 8:45 am Sunday School <b>10 am Trad. Worship Service</b> with The Bell Choir	<b>27</b> 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints @ Sureshots	<b>28</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00 am Dartball Practice  <b>6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC</b> 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	<b>31</b>	

# March Birthdays

Elaine Born	March 1
James Kolb	March 2
Susan Walter	March 5
Doug Blindauer	March 5
Ken Holzer	March 8
Lisa Drews	March 12
Joanne Lensink	March 13
Karen Troeger	March 14
Susan Heesacker	March 15
Richard Endres	March 20
Charlie White	March 21
Julie Englebert	March 27
Richard Reineking	March 30
Logan Severns	March 30
Hattie McKenzie	March 31

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

## MIDWEEK LENTEN BREAKFAST SCHEDULE:

The St. Paul's Women's Guild is hosting Lenten Breakfasts the following Wednesdays at 9:00 am:

March 8, 2017 with speaker Barb Hengst

March 22, 2017 with speaker Dale Miller

April 5, 2017 with speaker Rev. Mark Jaberg

## LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES:

Ash Wednesday: March 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday: April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Evenings:

March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 2017 -

Services will be held at St. John's UCC at 6:45 p.m.

(More information to follow)

# Schedule for March

## Liturgists

1— Ervida Van Straten

5—Carol Drews

12—Barb Hengst

19—Mike King

26—Jaymz Stempihar

## Scripture Readers

1—Laurie Hylan

5—Linda Mueller

12—Ervida Van Straten

19—Naomi Holzwart

26—Joanne Lensink

## Ushers

5—John & Kathy Brown, T. J. Brown, and  
Steve Flook

12—Mike King, Jeff & Allison Ritt, and  
Bonnie Klabecheck

19—Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary &  
Keith Risse

26—Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn,  
and Harlen Voechting

## Acolytes

5—Emma Kunstman

12—Brendan Severns

19—Shawn Peterson

26—Charlie White

## March Chancel Lady

Christina Entringer

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mark Your Calendars

**Saturday, April 22, 2017 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

#### **Brat Fry and Bake Sale at Miesfeld's**

Volunteers will be needed for frying, selling and baking. If you can help in any way there are sign-up sheets on the table in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

### SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: March 5 (please note this is the first Sunday, not the second), April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, and August 13, 2017. Thanks for your continued support.

### Church Photo Directory

Pictures are still being taken on Sundays in the Community Room for our new photo directory. No need to schedule an appointment, just come on in after worship.

### Salvation Army Peanut Butter Drives

"Gloria and I would like to start collecting peanut butter Sunday, February 12 and dedicate the collected peanut butter on Sunday, March 12.

We would like to consider our second collection to start Sunday, September 10 and finish on Sunday, October 8." Gloria and Jim



### 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.

### 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Women's Guild Chili Fundraiser Thank You

A big heartfelt thank you to the dedicated workers – Jean Dickmann, Linda Horn, Jim Brost, Linda Mueller, Daniel and Ervida Van Straten, for the preparation of the Women's Guild Chili Fundraiser Sale held on January 29, 2017.

A special thank you for the Mason and Ball quart and pint jars, lids, rings, wide-mouth and regular size, donated by Caroline Rodewald, Bev Wilke and Jean Dickmann. All items were very much needed and greatly appreciated, as were any donations given for this event.

Also, last but not least, thank you to all of you for your purchases of the chili. You and your sales are awesome and greatly appreciated.

It was very rewarding working together to accomplish this wonderful task.

"To God be the glory for the things He has done and continues to do." With God's leadership, all of you made this event a success. Thanks to each of you ever so much!

P.S. If you have no need for your jars and rings the ladies of the Women's Guild could use them for projects in the future. Thank you again.

### Shepherds Needed

More volunteers are still needed for the Sunday School Shepherd Program. During Sunday School, 8:45 to 9:45 am, the Shepherd's role is to casually move from room to room, assist teachers as needed, and to observe the Sunday School classes.

This program aids our Sunday School teachers to connect with the children and be in compliance with the Safe Sanctuary Policy.

The last day of Sunday School is May 21, 2017, so please consider helping in this very important role over the next several months. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Area. We could really use your help. Thank you for your consideration!

