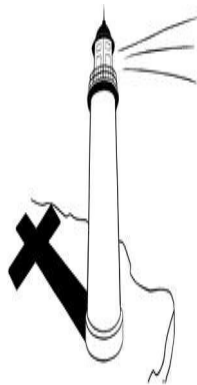


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

2114 Wedemeyer Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

(920) 458-1611



The Beacon



FEBRUARY 2018

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. Assist.
Carol Reineking, Custodian

Midweek Worship
Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

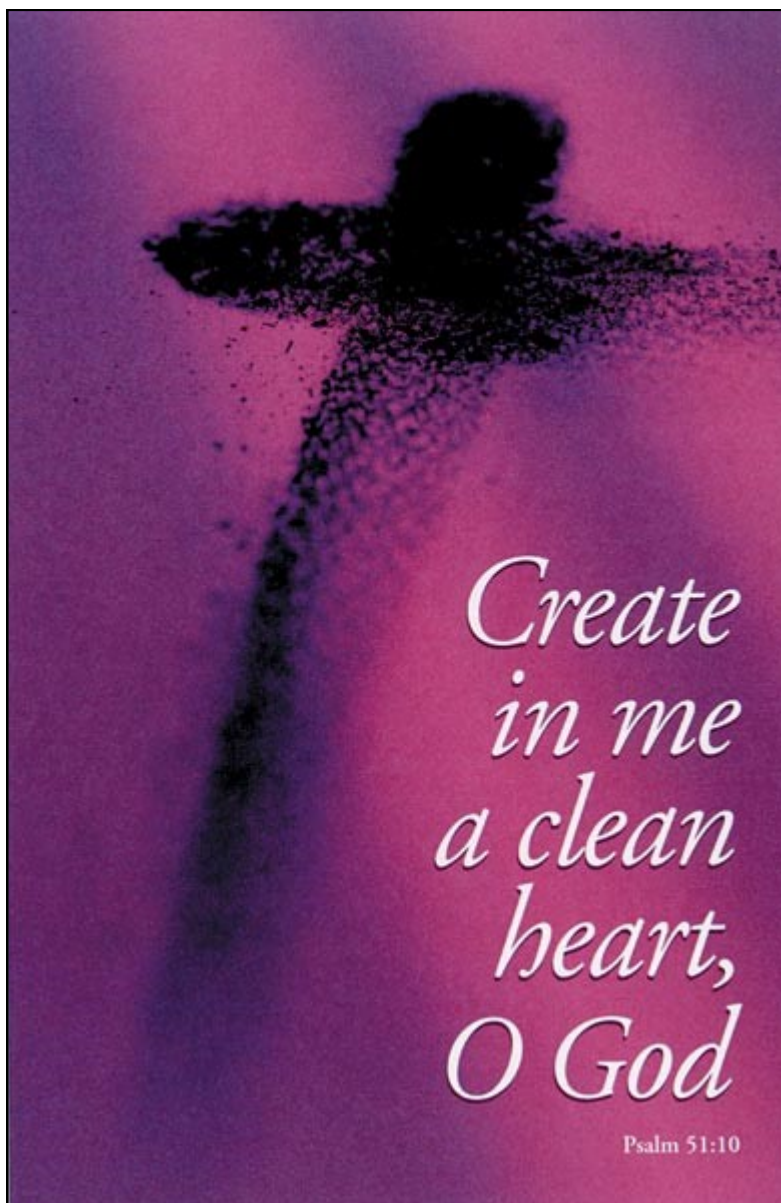
Sunday School
@ 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship
@ 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

Can you believe that we are almost into the Lenten season? Starting February 14 with Ash Wednesday (7pm), we will start our journey to Easter. Again this Lenten season, we will be sharing our midweek worship with St. John's U.C.C. at 6:45pm on Thursday nights (Feb 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22). You are invited and encouraged to celebrate your faith with our sister congregation. We will conclude our Lenten journey with Maundy Thursday here at St. Paul's on March 29 (7pm). We will also share Good Friday worship with Ebenezer UCC on March 30 (7pm). And then we wait until Easter morning to celebrate the resurrection with worship and communion at 7:30 am, Easter breakfast starting at 8:30 am, and worship again at 10 am with choir and handbells. I hope all of these opportunities help you deepen your understanding of God's deep and abiding love for you and all of creation.

You can further deepen your Lenten journey by joining us for the Lenten breakfast series on February 21, March 7, and March 21 at 9 am. Another way to explore your faith is to join in bible study. If you are interested in participating in a Lenten study, please let the office know, so we can choose a time that works best so we might further our study of the Gospel of John. And don't forget Messy Church on Wednesday, February 21 at 5 pm in fellowship hall.

Just one year ago, the 5 Practices working group began an exploration to understand our congregation better. After six months of study, prayer, and conversation, our group is ready to begin stage two. We are working with the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ and the Readiness 360 group to help us with a comprehensive survey of our congregations thinking. This will be emailed out to everyone with email addresses and for those who do not have email, we will have people helping with taking the survey after church. It takes 15-20 minutes (and you can save it and come back later to finish it). The more people who participate, the better our results. The window to participate is February 1 through March 1st. To help you prepare a bit, there will be two long form questions:

What excites you about the possibility of us multiplying our impact through starting a new place or ministry for new people?

What concerns you about the possibility of us multiplying our impact through starting a new place or ministry for new people?

I hope this process will further help us understand how we can best reach out in our neighborhood and community and share the Gospel message of God's love.



Consistory at Work

Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for November, 2017 (Linda Mueller): Linda reviewed the reports.

Total Income: \$11,478. Total expense: \$10,067. Net Income: \$1,411.

Building Improvement Fund: \$33,714. Parsonage Fund: \$31,177. General Fund: \$-8,290.

Memorial Fund Savings Account: \$69,906, plus Total Memorial Monies: \$2,208.

Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$26,072. Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$8,229.

Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for December, 2017 (Linda Mueller): Linda reviewed the reports.

Total Income: \$15,128. Total expense: \$14,734. Net Income: \$394.

Building Improvement Fund: \$35,034. Parsonage Fund: \$29,380. General Fund: \$4,084.

Memorial Fund Savings Account: \$69,910, plus Total Memorial Monies: \$1,119.

Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$30,656. Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$9,641.

Leon Jump moved to accept the Treasurer's Reports for November and December, 2017 as received, Daniel Van Straten seconded. Passed.

– \$2,600 removed from the Parsonage Fund to pay taxes.

– \$10,000 to be moved from the Parsonage Fund to the General Fund to offset deficit (liabilities \$-14,633)

Head Trustee Report (Mason White):

– Repair completed on the plumbing fixtures in the men's and women's restrooms adjacent to Fellowship Hall.

Additional older plumbing fixtures will be repaired as the need occurs.

– A water leak in the men's restroom adjacent to Fellowship Hall needs maintenance.

– The light on the garage needs maintenance.

Board of Christian Education Report (Jaymz Stempihar):

– Forthcoming events: Faye's Pizza fundraiser during Lent; Movie Night on March 17; spaghetti dinner on April 15.

– Confirmation classes will end in May.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylan):

– Sunday school keyboard is broken and needs replacement.

– Memorial donations received from Esther Hemschemeyer family to be used to pay for items on the church wish list.

– Doorbell malfunction in church office being monitored.

– Church membership and email directory information being improved in the church computers.

– Photo directory work resumed and in final stage. Last chance for picture taking during the next few Sundays.

– Paper folder no longer works and needs to be replaced.

– New paper stock for Sunday bulletins needs to be ordered.

– Readiness meeting for "Five Practices Group" upcoming.

– Electronic vote, aka E-vote, is considered to be an important part of Consistory procedures during times when Consistory Meetings are cancelled because of inclement weather and other reasons. The Consistory approved presenting this at the 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting for approval.

President's Report (Richard Reineking):

– Richard asked what goals/projects to work on during 2018, and it was the consensus of the Consistory members present to work on improving the sound system and adding new carpeting to the Sanctuary. Quotes and estimates will be presented at future Consistory Meetings.

– Working on restarting projecting information on the television screen in the Gathering Area.

– Vice President John Brown shared information on the selection of candidates for nomination for election to the Consistory, Board of Christian Education, and the Endowment Committee. This information will appear in the 2017 Annual Report.

Other Business:

– Charlotte Jump shared information on the Endowment Committee and the Endowment Fund. This information will appear in the 2017 Annual Report.

– Treasurer Linda Mueller stated that the Sunday school fund will be added to the Treasurer's Report.

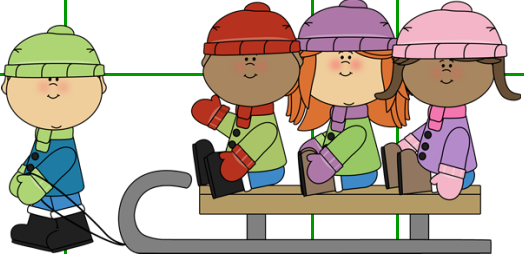
– The "little library" books mystery. Books taken out rapidly and not returned. Suspect they are taken and sold at local book stores. Devising a stamp like "not for resale" to add to book covers.

Respectfully submitted by Consistory Secretary, Daniel Van Straten

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February

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 am Healing Hearts 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	2	3
4 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Children's Choir on recorders	5 1:00 p.m. Dartball Sureshots @ Saints	6	7 9:00 am Dartball Practice 5 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Midweek Worship	8 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	9	10
11 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship with Holy Communion Bell Choir Order SCRIP	12 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints @ Darts	13 1:30 p.m. Sister's Circle	14 9:00 am Dartball Practice 6:00 pm Consistory Meeting 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	15 10:00 am Healing Hearts 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	16	17
18 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	19 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints @ Highflyers	20	21 9 am Lenten Breakfast 5 pm Confirmation Class 5-7 pm Messy Church	22 9:00 am Dartball Practice 6:45 pm Lenten Worship at St. John's UCC 5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	23	24
25 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	26 1:00 p.m. Dartball Saints @ Tigers	27	28 5 pm Confirmation Class			
						

February Birthdays

Kyle Flook	2/1
Elaine Rautmann	2/2
Dylan Timm	2/3
Jeffrey Timm	2/3
Megan Illig	2/6
Cooper Damrow	2/7
Kyle Damrow	2/7
Lance Dassler	2/10
June Lallemond	2/15
Carl Hovey	2/16
Shirley Stempihar	2/17
Bonnie Klabecek	2/18
Travis Damrow	2/19
Robert Cox	2/20
Lisa Flook	2/25
Ross Beimling	2/27

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



A Prayer to Share

Dear God,

You have given me another gift – another day of life.

Help me to remember this, as the day unfolds.

If today, is shadowed by sadness or heartbreak
give me the strength and courage to hold my head high
and keep my faith strong.

If the day is bright and with joy and happiness,
help me to treasure each moment.

Remind me to say, "I love you" to those I love
because tomorrow may be too late.

Let me find time today to let someone know
I'm thinking of them.

Let me be more kind and thoughtful
and may the thoughts of my heart speak louder
than the words of my tongue. Amen.

Schedule for February

Liturgists

- 4 - Ervida Van Straten
- 11 - Laurie Hysten
- 14 - Mike King
- 18 - Naomi Holzward
- 25 - Jaymz Stempihar

Scripture Readers

- 4 - Charlotte Jump
- 11 - Naomi Holzward
- 14 - Joanne Lensink
- 18 - Ervida Van Straten
- 25 - Keith Risse

Ushers

- 4 - Mike King, Jeff & Allison Ritt, and Carol Reineking
- 11 - Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary and Keith Risse
- 18 - Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, and Harlen Voechting
- 25 - Jay Englebert, Judy & Richard Belitz, and Jim Schwarten

Acolytes

- 4 - Tessa Englebert
- 11 - Charlie White
- 18 - Shawn Peterson
- 25 - Jake Englebert

February Chancel Lady

Christina Entringer

SCRIP News

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on Sunday, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10 and July 8, 2018.

Church Photo Directory

If you haven't yet had your picture taken for the photo directory, or would like a retake, please come to the Community Room after worship on Sunday, February 4.

Church Membership Update Forms

Please take an update form, fill it out, and return it to the church office. This will greatly help us have an accurate church directory.

Giving Statements for 2017

Annual giving statements for 2017 have been placed in the Gathering Area. Please pick these up at your convenience, and thank you so much for your support of St. Paul's UCC.

Teddy Bears & Tunes

On Sunday, February 11, 2018 the Symphony will feature this fun and magical Valentines concert geared to children ages 3 to 3rd grade. Specially selected works tell musical stories for our young guests. Tickets can be purchased from the Sheboygan Symphony office at 920-452-1985. Ticket prices are for open seating: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and three year-olds and younger are free.

Rainbow Kids Winter/Spring Sessions:

Peer Support Sessions will be held on Thursdays from 6:15-7:15 pm at St. Dominic's Parish at 2133 N. 22nd Street in Sheboygan. Program begins on February 8th. If you or anyone you know is dealing with a loss, please call 920-452-2838 or email: rainbowkids@excel.net to register. All programs are FREE. Thank you.

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.



Lenten Breakfast Schedule:

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

February 21, 2018 - Mike King

March 7, 2018 - Barb Hengst

March 21, 2018 - Rev. Jeremy Hysten

Lenten Worship Service:

Ash Wednesday: February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday: March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: March 30 at 7 pm @ Ebenezer UCC

Lenten Thursday Midweek Evenings:

February 22 and March 1, 8, 15, and 22

at St. John's UCC at 6:45 p.m.



Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family of Esther Hemschemeyer who passed away December 27, 2017. A funeral service was held at Reinbold-Novak Funeral Home on December 30, 2017. Reverend Jeremy Hysten officiated.

Remember in Your Prayers

Sheboygan Senior Community: Jean Carlson

Countryside Manor: Gladys Leonard

In Hospice Care: Elaine Rautmann

Pine Haven: Madeline Herr

Prairie Crossing: Bob Hollenbeck

The Shores of Sheboygan Senior Living:

Elaine Born, Florence Hamilton, Luella Mueller