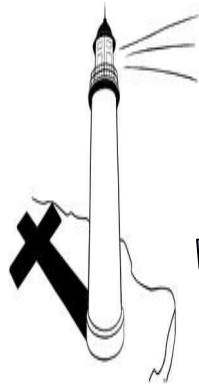


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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The Beacon



JULY 2018

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Closed

Tuesday-Friday:

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Other times by appointment

CHURCH WEB SITE:

www.sspucc.org

CHURCH EMAIL:

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CHURCH STAFF:

Jeremy Hylan, Pastor

Richard Reineking -

Consistory President

John Brown - Vice President

Lisa Flook - Organist

Leslie Ellair - Choir Director

Patricia Jaberg - Bell Choir Dir.

Lisa Drews - Admin. Assist.

Carol Reineking - Custodian

Sunday Worship @ 10 am

**Communion - 2nd Sunday
of each month**

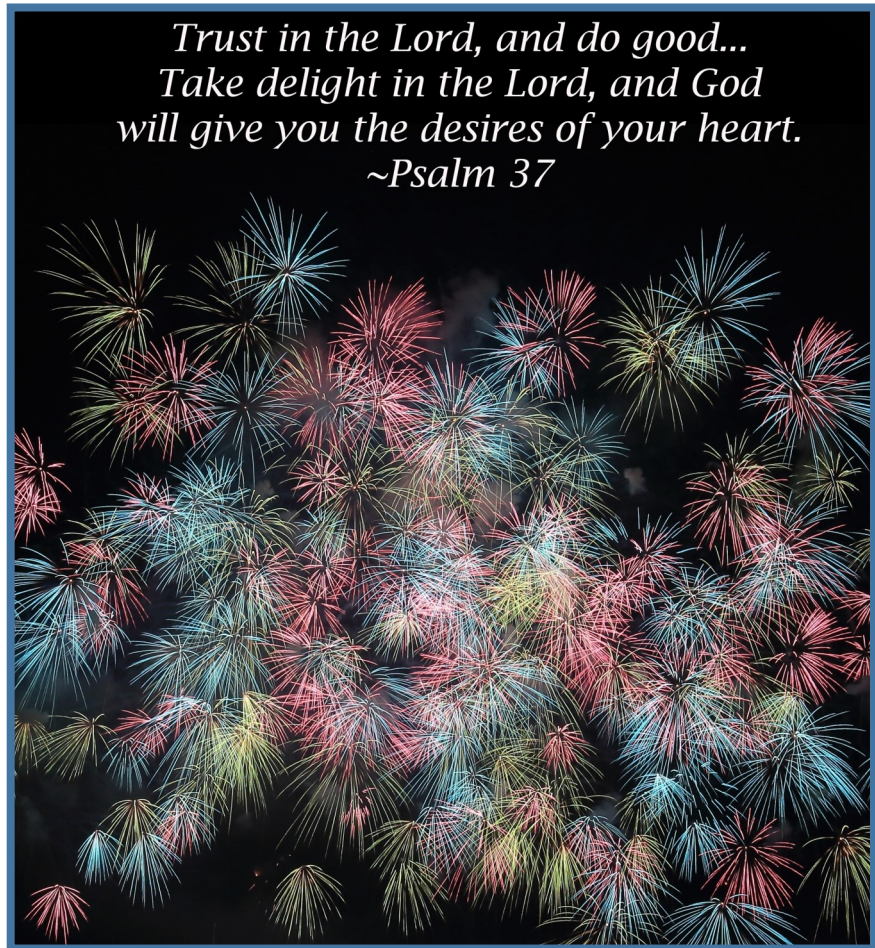
Midweek Worship

Wednesday @ 6 pm

Our Mission:

With love and compassion for all, we guide and nurture God's children, young and old, on our spiritual journey together.

*Trust in the Lord, and do good...
Take delight in the Lord, and God
will give you the desires of your heart.
~Psalm 37*



Pastor's Page

July always reminds me that we are finally in the thralls of summer. I hope you are enjoying some sabbath time in God's creation. In our house (and at church), summer means time in the garden. If you stop by the church on a Tuesday morning during the summer, you'll find me working on a vegetable farm in Springdale Farm in Plymouth (www.springdalefarm.com). Each Tuesday morning, I arrive at the farm and I get to use one of my God given talents of moving heavy things. It's amazing to me how much a small farm can produce. Each week we harvest, clean, and pack roughly 800 boxes of vegetables that are distributed from Sheboygan to Milwaukee to West bend. Each day that I volunteer, I think of Psalm 24: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." The cucumbers, spinach, and cilantro remind me of how good God is. The potatoes, tomatoes, and squash remind me that when we care for God's creation, we are rewarded with the bounty of the land. So the next time you enjoy some fresh garden produce, remember that God is good all the time.



I had the pleasure to represent St. Paul's U.C.C. at the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ June 7-9. This year's topic was tougher than most—we talked about racism. Rev. Traci Blackmon, the Executive Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries for The United Church of Christ and Senior Pastor of Christ The King United Church of Christ in Florissant, MO, was our keynote preacher and speaker. Instead of trying to share the experience with you in writing, I'll give you a couple of highlights of my learning. First, we have a lot of work to do around issues of race in Wisconsin (pretty sure you already knew that). Second, we won't be able to engage in this healing work until we can openly and honestly talk about race. And finally, if we are to do this work, we need to make a commitment to listen more than talk. This was a difficult topic to be sure, but it is important that we engage in this work.

Consistory at Work

Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Richard Reineking, Mike King, Linda Mueller, Daniel Van Straten, Deb Severns, and Melody Kolb. **Absent:** Donna Rautmann, Jeremy Hysten (Pastor), Mason White, John Brown, and Joanne Lensink.

Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for May 2018 (Linda Mueller): Linda reviewed the reports.

Total Income: \$7,054. Total expense: \$9,118. Net Income: \$-2,065.

Building Improvement Fund: \$38,104. Parsonage Fund: \$23,595. General Fund: \$ -2,108.

Memorial Fund Savings Account: \$69,927, plus Total Memorial Monies: \$2,172.

Other assets: 573 shares Heartland Financial: \$30,656. Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$7,754. (Attendance was up from last year.)

Sunday School fund is currently at \$4,581.

Attendance up – increase due to messy church.

Heartland Fund \$30,656. We will need to let them know when we want to sell it. Linda will talk to Greg Peterson on who to talk to on keeping an eye on it for us.

Amazon made \$7

Nothing out of the ordinary for expenses. Next month will have to pay Health Insurance.

Head Trustee Report (Mason White):

Richard reported in Mason's absence that the flower boxes are up on the south side of the building.

Board of Christian Education Report (Deb Severns):

VSB – has 18 signed up, 6 from outside the church. Going to have to keep all kids in one area. Next year, would like to advertise in the local paper. Jean and Agnes are both helping with more than just the food this year.

Carnival – Changing the games for next year. Will keep the big slide and the donut truck. Both were big hits. Due to the cold weather and moving things downstairs, need more signs to lead them up and down the stairs.

Looking to ask Melody Kolb to maybe handle the food for the carnival and Trunk or Treat.

Need to do more advertising for Trunk or Treat.

Fund Raiser – Cook Book – Women's Guild to work with Sunday School on cook books.

They are looking for suggestions on what the kids can do for others. Linda suggested the Animal shelter, Agnes is involved.

Texas Road House will be giving free Bread on Friday 22nd.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hysten):

In Pastor's absence, Richard indicated that Jeremy will be bring up again this Sunday about the sound system.

Some congregation members have asked about the pictures for the directory. When will it come out? Deb Severns indicated that the coloring on the pictures all need to be adjusted. Some may have to be re-done.

President's Report (Richard):

Next Consistory Meeting July 11.

Next Communion Sunday July 8.

Elevator Contract has an automatic five-year renewal. Next renewal date is 2022. Confirmed with an Attorney that we are stuck with that contract. Richard will look/confirm the end date of that contract. He will make sure Lisa puts it on her computer. We will look at getting out of the contract 1 year, four months before the contract ends to see if that is more reasonable vs paying the last year.

Looking at getting a credit card for the church. Pastor Jeremy puts a lot of expenses on his own cards for the church. We agreed to obtain a credit card with a limit of \$2,500. Linda will look for a card with a flat rate and gives cash back.

Signing contract for boiler and water heater. Linda will cut a check for the first half owed.

Maintenance contract from Professional Heating and Cooling for boiler/furnace and air conditioning is \$1,300. It was discussed and agreed that we need to maintain our equipment. Contract is missing one furnace and since getting a new boiler, maintenance this year needed? Richard will get an update to the maintenance contract and we will review the contract at our meeting on July 11th.

Other Business: None

July

2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1 10:00 a.m. Worship Service | 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day Office Closed | 5 Office Closed | 6 Office Closed | 7 |
| 8 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion Order SCRIP | 9 | 10 | 11 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 10:00 a.m. Worship Service | 16 | 17 | 18 5 to 7 p.m. Messy Church 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 10:00 a.m. Worship Service | 23 | 24 | 25 Beacon Newsletter articles due 6:00 p.m. Midweek Worship | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Order SCRIP | 30 | 31 | | | | |
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July Birthdays

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| Joyce Holzer | 7/04 |
| Donald Dudek | 7/05 |
| Rebecca Huberty | 7/06 |
| Lynn Lax | 7/11 |
| Carol Drews | 7/14 |
| Mason White | 7/15 |
| Clarence Lallefont | 7/16 |
| Allison Ritt | 7/17 |
| Kent Radloff | 7/20 |
| Olivia Beimling | 7/22 |
| Anthony Lax | 7/23 |
| Jordan Dassler | 7/26 |

If we missed anyone or made a mistake please call the church office. Thank you!

Schedule for July

Liturgists/Scripture Reader:

1 - Mike King
8 - Laurie Hysten
15 - Naomi Holzwart
22 - Daniel Van Straten
29 - Linda Mueller

Ushers

1 - Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary & Keith Risse
8 - Mike King, Jeff & Allison Ritt, and Carol Reineking
15 - Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary & Keith Risse
22 - Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, and Harlen Voechting
29 - Jay Englebert, Judy & Richard Belitz, and Jim Schwarten

July Chancel Lady
Ervida Van Straten



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We had a great week of fellowship & fun at this year's Vacation Bible School. The theme was Workshop of Wonders. The kids learned about Queen Esther, the Rebuilding of God's Temple with Zerubbabel, the Parable of the Mustard Seed, the Feeding of the 5000 and the Walk to Emmaus. They learned to Imagine with God, Build with God, Grow with God, Work with God and Walk with God.

We would like to thank our very dedicated VBS volunteers. Without their time and talents, we would not have been able to make this year's Workshop of Wonders such a great success. The kids made lots of fun food like celery bugs and candy dipped apples, but their favorite snack had to be the homemade bread and butter. They played games like balloon rocket chase, beanbag golf and cup stacking. Their crafts included canvas cross art, glow bugs, clothespin airplanes and bendable robots. We also had a week of fun science projects like alka seltzer rockets, invisible ink messages, plants and slime. However, the kids favorite science project was probably growing water beads, playing with them and then using them in their plantings, slime and stress balloons. VBS concluded with a luncheon at which families, staff and kids enjoyed hot dogs, Isee cups, chips, candy hamburgers and fresh bread from Texas Roadhouse.

We would like to thank all the helpers that made this possible for our 18 VBS participants.

Jean Dickmann
Charlotte Jump

Agnes Kunstmann
Carol Reineking

Becky Huberty
Deb Severns

Pastor Jeremy
Logan & Brian Severns

THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped at the June 2nd brat fry and bake sale at Festival Foods. The brat fry profits were \$425.25, and the Women's Guild made \$218.00 on the bake sale.

The Saturday brat fry volunteers were: Jim Schwarten, Greg and Shawn Peterson, Mason and Jonette White, Jerry Timm, Bonnie Klabecek, Donna Rautmann, Linda Horn and Agnes Kunstmann.

The bakers were Gloria Schwarten, Jonette White, Melody Kolb, Jean Dickmann, Agnes Kunstmann, Jeremy Hysten, Ervida Van Straten, Pam Driscoll, Mary Ann Hovey, June Lallemond, Naomi Holzward, Linda Horn and Linda Mueller.

The Friday volunteers to wrap the baked goods were Jim and Gloria Schwarten, Daniel and Ervida Van Straten, Agnes Kunstmann, Jean Dickmann and Mary Ann Hovey.

Also, thanks to all the members of St. Paul's who supported us by dropping by to purchase a brat, burger or baked goods.

Next brat fry/bake sale at Festival Foods will be Saturday September 15, 2018. Mark your calendars!!

FELLOWSHIP TIME SPONSORS

The Ladies of St. Paul's United Church of Christ Women's Guild would like to thank all those who sponsored snacks and refreshments for Fellowship Time enjoyed in the Gathering Area following Sunday church services.

"Thank you to Jim and Gloria Schwarten, Mason, Jonette, Henry and Charlie White, April Koranda, Mike and Vickie King, The Board of Christian Education and the Women's Guild."

All of your choices of generous treats were very much enjoyed and appreciated by all sharing precious time and conversation together.

EMMAUS THANK YOU

The Emmaus Meal at the Salvation Army on June 16th was a huge success. We served about 130 individuals, with 60 seconds also served. "Thank You" to all who volunteered to help make that possible.

Those helping on Saturday were: Carl and Mary Ann Hovey, Patricia Chickowski, Lisa Drews, Greg, Dawn, Maddie, Molly and Shawn Peterson, Linda Horn, Agnes Kunstmann, Melody Kolb, Ken Cornell, Daniel and Ervida Van Straten, Sean Toedter and Shirley Stempihar.

The desserts were provided by Mary Ann Hovey, Pat Chickowski, Naomi Holzward, Agnes Kunstmann, Linda Horn, Jean Dickmann, Darlene Hassler, Laurie Hysten, Ervida Van Straten, Vickie King, Ken Cornell, Melody Kolb and Linda Mueller.

SCRIP NEWS

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following Sundays: July 8 and 29, September 9, October 14, November 11 and December 9.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Countryside Manor: Gladys Leonard

The Waterford: Minnett Suscha

Pine Haven: Madeline Herr

The Shores of Sheboygan : Luella Mueller

Members at Home: Wendy Bohannon,

Violet Kuitert, Caroline Rodewald,

Shirley Schilling, James Schuh,

Jeanette Schutt, Cindy Vogel