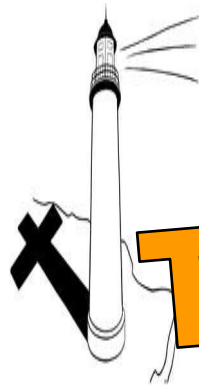


**ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

2114 Wedemeyer Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081

(920) 458-1611



NOVEMBER 2019

Church Office Hours:

Monday-closed

Tuesday-Friday:

9 am to 1 pm

Other times by appointment

Church Website:

www.sspucc.org

Church Email:

sheboyganstpaulsucc@gmail.com

Church Staff:

Jeremy Hylen, Pastor

John Brown -

Consistory President

Mike King - Vice President

Lisa Flook - Organist

Leslie Ellair - Choir Director

Pat Jaberg - Bell Choir Dir.

Lisa Drews - Office Admin.

Carol Reineking - Custodian

Midweek Worship

Wednesday @ 6 pm

Sunday School

@ 8:45 am

Worship Service

Sunday @ 10 am

**Communion on the
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.**



Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe
~Hebrews 12

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Pastor's Page

November is the month where we focus on what we are thankful for, but sometimes we get bogged down in the moments that do not give us joy. We forget to count our blessings. We linger on our disappointments and failures, rather than being grateful for all the gifts that God gives to us.

During this year's stewardship drive we are going to be more intentional in counting our blessings, not for our own sake, but for the sake of the work God has called St. Paul's to be part of. By now you probably noticed that you do not have a Time and Talent form in your stewardship materials. This year we are going to try something a bit different. You will have found a pledge card for your time and you may be wondering what you ought to do with this. Some people in our church do jobs that are very visible, but many of you do the little jobs that can go unnoticed. The idea of the pledge card for time is to be able to understand how many hours are given in service of the church. Here some examples: If you ring in the bell choir or sing in the chancel choir, you donate something like five hours a month to the church; or if you help prepare and serve refreshments, you've donated an hour. There are so many ways people can share their gifts with the church that you might not even think of, like prayer. Everyone, regardless of where you are in your faith journey, can pray for people. If you spend ten minutes a day in prayer, you've given an hour to the work of the church. Everyone can share this blessing, regardless if you are 5 or 95. So how will you give of yourself for the sake of the Kingdom of God?

You will also notice a display in the sanctuary. My hope is that each of you will make it a point to pledge some of your treasure to the work of St. Paul's. Regardless of the amount of your pledge, whether it be \$10 or \$10,000, you are invited to place a heart on the display. Together we will watch the larger heart fill with all of our hearts as we work toward providing a strong foundation for our work on behalf of the living Christ. We will see our blessings grow through our stewardship time.

So as you fill out your pledge cards, both financial and time, I encourage you to count your blessings and think how you might share your abundant gifts with St. Paul's. With all of us working together, we will proclaim that we have been redeemed, called, and claimed by the one who offers us grace upon grace, and love unending.



Consistory at Work Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 7 pm

Present: Pastor Jeremy Hylen, John Brown, Mike King, Rhoda Cheney, Greg Peterson, Mason White and Melody Kolb, and Steve Flook. **Absent:** Joanne Laux and Deb Severns.

Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Report for September 2019 (Greg Peterson):

Total Income: \$10,184. Total expenses: \$13,748. Net Income: \$-3,563.

Cash Balance: General Fund: \$ -15,232. Building Improvement Fund: \$26,849. Parsonage Fund: \$109,510.

Memorial Fund: \$80,100. Sunday School \$6,682.

Stewardship Report Weekly Giving Total: \$9,700.

Attendance was up 49 attendees.

Next week, Monday or Wednesday, meeting on investments. Greg asked Rev. Hylen to check with Wells Fargo on what options they offer.

Head Trustee Report (Mason White):

Mowed lawn twice this month.

Salt for the parking lots can be done at a cost of \$150-175. We can call that day for them to come and salt.

Board of Christian Education Report by Jeremy Hylen for (Deb Severns):

Spaghetti Dinner on September 29th went well. Everyone liked the new time of year it is being held. Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 26th. Need more cars.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylen):

Gas grill for events discussed. He will purchase it.

Stewardship coming up soon. Has a "heart" idea to track.

Steve is doing bulletin covers.

Bought a new door bell. Worked for about a week and now it is not working. May need to get an electrician.

Intercom – battery replaced, and it works but not great.

Discussed dishwasher for community room – will have it installed. Sink in that room is not up to code, so no plumber will install.

Warming Center – Pastor is looking for two volunteers from our congregation (must be older than 18) for helping. Is an overnight shift. Will talk in November on how to support it. The need is for people.

Pastor will be out of town Friday and Saturday for a fellowship program in Chicago.

President's Report (John Brown):

Next Consistory Meeting November 13 at 7 pm.

Next Communion Sunday November 10.

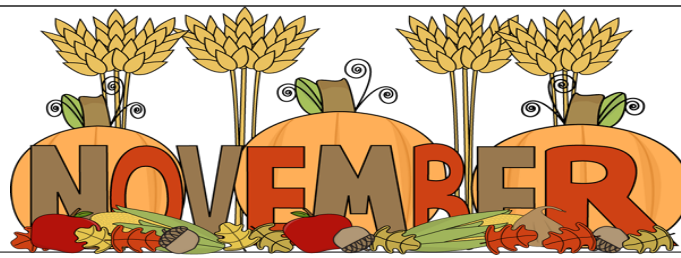
Other Business:

Rhoda Cheney presented a "gift" from Ester from Oostburg for what the pastor has done for her.

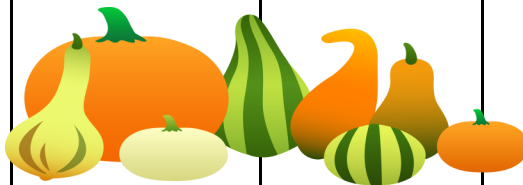
Pastor expressed a wish list with monies that come in. Attention is needed for the Gathering Area, video equipment, and downstairs kitchen.

Respectfully submitted, Melody Kolb, Consistory Secretary

Note: The minutes for this meeting are scheduled to be reviewed and approved at the next Consistory Meeting.



2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i> 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with a Time of Remembrance & Children's Bell Choir	4 1 pm Dartball - Saints @ Creamers 6 pm Girl Scouts - Community Room	5 1 pm Grief/Loss Support Group	6 9 am Dartball Pr. 5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Midweek Worship 7 pm Bell Practice	7 10 am Healing Hearts	8	9
10 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion Order SCRIP	11 1 pm Dartball - Rookies @ Saints	12 1 pm Grief/Loss Support Group 1:45 pm Sisters Circle	13 9 am Dartball Pr. 5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Midweek Worship 7 pm Consist. Mtg. & Bell Practice	14	15	16
17 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Family Worship w/Bell Choir	18 1 pm Dartball - Saints @ Rocks 6 pm Girl Scouts - Community Room	19	20 9 am Dartball Pr. 5:00 - 6:30 pm Messy Church w/ Confirmands 7 pm Bell Practice	21 10 am Healing Hearts	22	23
24 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	25 No Dartball Games today Articles for December Beacon due today	26	27 9 am Dartball Pr. 7 pm Worship on Thanksgiving Eve @ Ebenezer UCC	28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30
						

November Birthdays

Patti Blindauer	11/01
Henry White	11/01
Jean Dickmann	11/05
Naomi Holzward	11/05
Tessa Englebert	11/06
Jay Englebert	11/08
Corrie Stempihar	11/08
Amy Voechting	11/10
Emma Kunstman	11/10
Mike King	11/28
Frederick Jones	11/28
Brian Severns	11/30



Schedule for November

Liturgist/Scripture Reader:

3 - Ken Cornell
10 - Jim Schwarten
17 - YOUTH
24 - Vicki Radovan

Ushers:

3 - Mike King, Jeff & Allison Ritt, Jim Schwarten
10 - Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary & Keith Risse
17 - YOUTH
24 - Jay & Julie Englebert, Judy & Richard Belitz

Acolytes:

The acolyte schedule will be forthcoming after the acolyte meeting to be held on Sunday, November 3rd following the worship service.

Chancel Care:

Carol Reineking

Daylight Saving Time Ends - November 3

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, November 3, 2019, 2:00 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to 1:00 am local standard time instead.

Remember 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, and Cindy Vogel



A Time of Remembrance - Nov. 3

On Sunday, November 3, we will be observing a time of remembrance. We invite family members and loved ones to the service at 10:00 am at which time we will remember the loved ones of our church families who have passed away since last year.

Traveling Together - A Grief Journey

This grief discussion group led by Barb Hengst, Grief Support Specialist, continues each Tuesday from 1 to 2pm at St. Paul's UCC. The sessions, open to all who have suffered a loss of any kind, focus on readings from Luke's Gospel. The group will wrap up on Tuesday, November 12, prior to the beginning of the holiday season. The cost is free. To register call the church office (920) 458-1611.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship - Nov. 27

Members of St. Paul's UCC are invited to the Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 27th at Ebenezer UCC. The service begins at 7:00 pm.

Office Closed

Please note the church office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th, as well as Friday, Nov. 29th.

SCRIP Order Dates

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on November 10th and December 8th.

Coats for Kids Update

A very special thank you to all who donated to the Coats for Kids campaign. A total of nine coats were collected and thanks to your generosity and thoughtfulness needy children in our community will remain warm this winter.



Fellowship Time Thank You

In the past several months, wonderful tasty treats were shared and furnished by the following: Mike & Vickie King, Linda Mueller, Tim Bersch and Robin & Elizabeth Passmore, Ken & Denise Cornell, Wesley & Darlene Hasseler, Bruce & Faith Neils, Paul & Diana Neils, the Women's Guild, and the Board of Christian Education and Middle School Students.

Thank each of you for sharing the special treats with everybody each Sunday following our church services. The treats are very much appreciated as are your many acts of kindness.

A Note of Thanks

A heart-felt thank you to Pastor Jeremy, Laurie and Hannah Hylen for their planning and hard work with the vegetable boxes that produced so very well this summer.

Pastor Jeremy for reinforcing the boxes and preparing them for the planting season. In February when the snow was still on the ground Laurie was planting seeds in the pots getting them ready for transplanting when the weather and ground was ready for gardens to grow. Hannah, for helping mom and dad wherever she could. Thank you also to the many people that worked with the gardens in any way. You know who you are.

All of the produce was delicious and so very much appreciated by just EVERYBODY.

God has again, reminded us, of the many gifts HE bestows upon us each day. The working together with one another, sharing precious moments together getting to know each other all because seeds were planted.

To GOD be the GLORY for the excellent leadership of Pastor Jeremy, Laurie and Hannah and all of God's people.

Enjoy and have a blessed day.

Community Events

Bobby Jo Valentine - November 8

All are invited to enjoy this free concert in the sanctuary of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Sheboygan (310 Bluff Avenue) on Friday, November 8th at 7:00 pm. Bobby Jo Valentine's music is thoughtful with spirit focused lyrics and catchy melodies which reach listeners across all walks of life.

Fall Fare - November 9

First Congregational UCC, in Plymouth, will host their 22nd Annual Fall Fare & Soup Lunch on Saturday, November 9, 2019. The event runs from 9 am to 2 pm and includes an all you can eat soup lunch for \$7 (age 4- 10 is \$3), a craft sale, baked goods sale, and silent auction. A poster of the Fall Fare has been placed in the Gathering Area with more information. Money raised goes toward helping those in our local communities and beyond.

Holiday Craft/Vendor Bazaar - Nov. 16

Sunny Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation Center invites you to shop at this holiday craft/vendor bazaar on Saturday, November 16th at 3014 Erie Avenue from 9 am to 3 pm. There will be vendors and crafters from around the county offering unique gifts and accessories.

Handling the Holidays Program - Nov. 21

Reinbold Novak Funeral Home invites you to their 29th Annual Handling the Holidays Program on Thursday, Nov. 21st @ 6:30 pm. The program will be held at Blue Harbor Conference Center in Sheboygan. The featured speaker will be Richard Obershaw, Grief Therapist, and Founder and Director of the Grief Center in Lakeville, MN. 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. Please R.S.V.P. 452-7711

Caregiver Conference - November 21

The Sheboygan County Caregiver Conference will be held on Thursday, November 21st from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Acuity Insurance, 2800 S. Taylor Drive in Sheboygan. The conference is for family caregivers, professional caregivers and those working with families.

Key Notes are *Boost Your Brain: Five Science-backed Strategies to Enhance Memory and Minimize the Risk of Alzheimer's* - Dr. Michelle Braun, Neuropsychologist, and *The Role of Listening in Caregiving: Creative Engagement Through the Power of Stories* - Ben Merens, MSJ, Professional Journalist & Storyteller.

Registration is \$5 before or on Nov. 1st/\$10 after Nov. 1st. **The registration deadline is Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019.** For more information and registration forms, see the brochures placed in the Gathering Area or call the church office.



Church Business

Congregational Budget Meeting - Dec. 1

St. Paul's UCC Congregational Budget Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 1, following the worship service. In addition, there will be a cabinet meeting following the worship service.

Annual Report 2019

Please begin thinking about your articles for the annual report now. We would like to have as many of these articles as possible turned into the church office by December 10. Reports will be made available to the congregation on January 12, 2020. Thank you kindly.



Children's Christmas Play Practice

- During worship on Sunday, Dec. 1st
- During worship on Sunday, Dec. 8th
- Saturday, Dec. 14th from 9 - 11 am

Special Holiday Services:

Children's Christmas Play

Sunday, December 15th during worship

Chancel Choir Cantata

Sunday, December 22nd during worship

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24 at 6 pm



Poinsettias

Orders are now being taken for Poinsettias to add to the beauty of the sanctuary this Christmas. Orders can be placed in the church office or may be placed in the offering plate. The cost is \$11. Please include your name, envelope number, in memory of, or in honor of, and payment with your request. Final orders are due Sunday, December 8, 2019.

Mitten Tree

We will soon have our mitten tree up again this year. Your donations of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves will help keep local girls and boys warm over the winter months. We greatly appreciate your donations to our mitten tree.



Sunny Ridge Secret Santa

Each year at Sunny Ridge Nursing and Rehab Center we try to provide our residents with a meaningful Christmas and looks towards the community to help us. Would you be willing to become a Secret Santa to one of our residents? If so, we will send your church a list of resident's initials, and three wishes they have for Christmas. We have also provided a general list for the residents of Sunny Ridge for those residents that do not receive an individualized gift. Any assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciated. For more information please contact your church office or Lana Jacobs at 453-7071.

Rocky Knoll Secret Santa

The Life Enrichment staff at Rocky Knoll is currently planning the holiday season for their residents. Rocky Knoll has a giving tree which includes three wishes from each of the residents. On Dec. 20th, Santa will be at Rocky Knoll to distribute each special gift. If you wish to assist us, you can either call to receive the wishes of your resident, or you can come and pick a resident tag from the giving tree. A small gift Christmas list has been placed in the Gathering Area. If you are making a small gift donation Rocky Knoll asks that donations be delivered to Rocky Knoll by December 6.

If you wish to give your time or talent that would also be greatly appreciated. Examples include; caroling through the halls, performing a Christmas Concert, or offering a bingo game among other things. With your generosity we hope to provide a joyous and meaningful Christmas for all our residents. If you have questions, please call Janine Bolz at 920-449-1243.

Happy Holidays!

