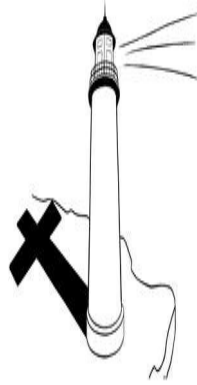


ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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The Beacon



MARCH 2019

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Closed
Tuesday-Friday:
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Other times by appointment

CHURCH WEB SITE:
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CHURCH STAFF:
Rev. Jeremy Hylan, Pastor

John Brown,
Consistory President
Mike King, Vice President
Lisa Flook, Organist
Leslie Ellair, Choir Director
Patricia Jaberg, Handbell Dir.
Lisa Drews, Admin. Asst.
Carol Reineking, Custodian

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.

"No act of virtue can be great if it is not
followed by advantage for others.
So, no matter how much time you spend fasting,
no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor
and eat ashes and sigh continually,
if you do no good to others,
you do nothing great."
— St. John Chrysostom

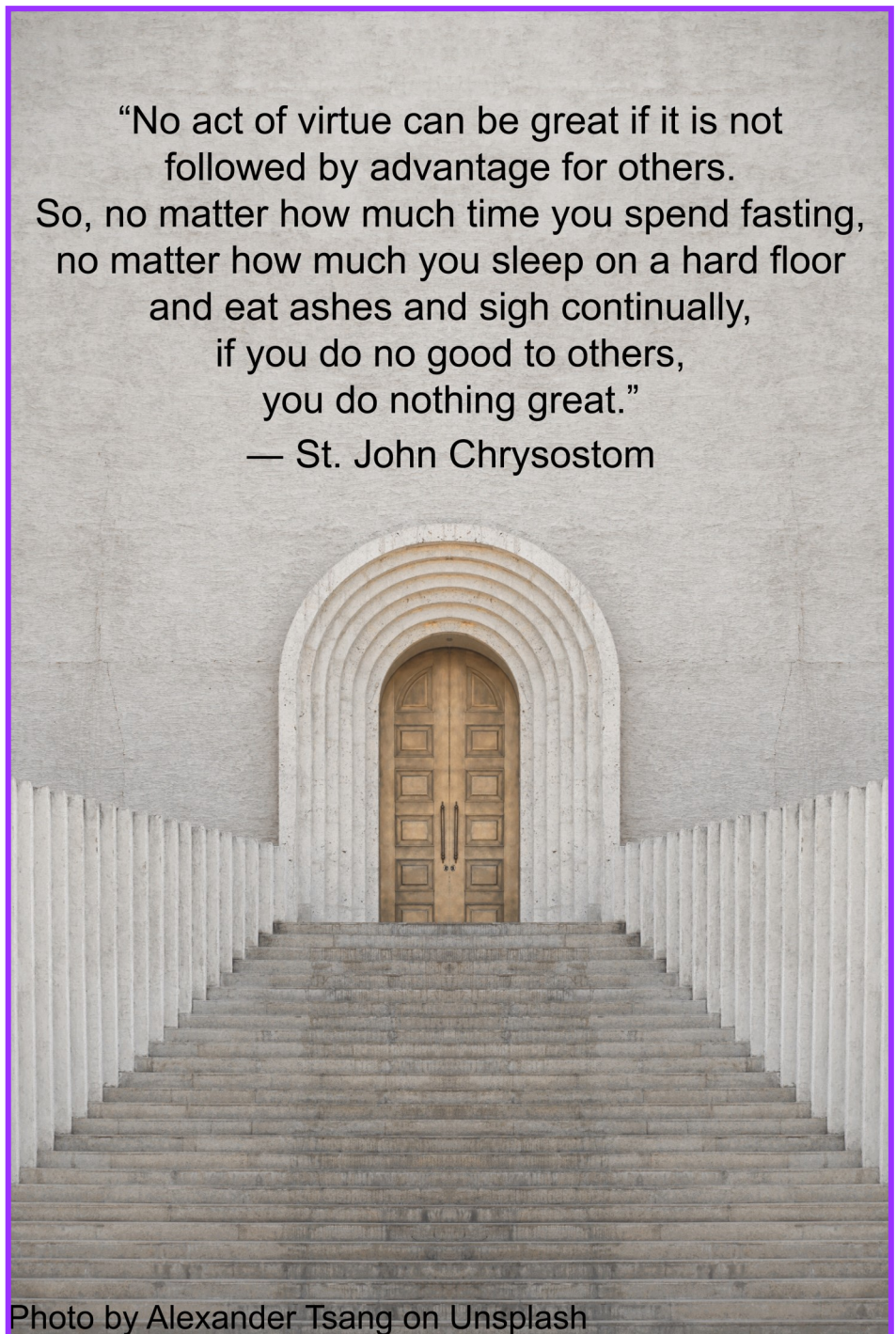


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Pastor's Page

Lent is upon us once again. Each year our Lenten journey takes us from the starkness of Ash Wednesday through the darkness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to the joy of Easter morning. Each year during Lent, I try to find a few things that help me experience my faith more deeply. One easy piece for me is attending midweek Lenten worship. While I usually have the pleasure of sharing worship on Wednesday nights with Mike King, Lent gives both of us a chance to share in worship with Rev. Whelton and the congregation at St. John's UCC. The past few years have been especially meaningful during the Lenten season to help me engage more deeply in my relationship with God.

This year's services will be a bit different than usual. While our men's choir will sing and Mike will help lead us in song, Rev. Whelton and I will be leading our congregations in some spiritual practices to deepen our faith together. We will be working through a collection of texts using ancient practices to help enhance and deepen our faith. Each week will try our hand at another practice that you can do on your own. We will explore sacred imagination, Lectio Divina, Havruta, PARDES, and Floralegium. Each practice will help you engage scripture differently and help you to think more deeply about how you engage sacred texts. I hope you will consider setting aside some time each Thursday night at 6:45 pm at St. John's UCC to dig a little deeper.

Another way to try something new is to join us for the Women's Guild Lenten breakfast series. Each year I am blessed to be able spend a few Wednesday mornings among friends to share in fellowship and a short Lenten meditation. If sharing a meal weren't enough, some dear friends of the church, Barb Hengst and Dale Miller, will share their gifts with us as they lead us in worship. I hope you will consider joining us for one of the Lenten breakfasts.

Reading books is a regular practice of mine to help me make sense of life. A short while back I came across book by Rob Bell called "What Is the Bible?" He writes:

Some people see the Bible as an outdated book of primitive, barbaric fairy tales that we have moved beyond. And so they ignore it, missing all of the progressive and enlightened ideas that first entered human history through the writers of the Bible—ideas and ideals we still fall far short of, ideas and ideals that are still way ahead of our present consciousness and practice.

And then there are the folks who talk about how important and central and inspired the Bible is but then butcher it with their stilted literalism and stifling interpretations, assuming that it says one thing and if you just get that one thing, then you've read it well.

But you, I want you to read the Bible in a whole new way.

This is a book about a library of books dealing with loss and anger and transcendence and worry and empire and money and fear and stress and joy and doubt and grace and healing, and who doesn't want to talk about those?

During the Lenten season, I invite you to join me in taking a peek at this book so that we might deepen our faith together in study. If your interested in joining in the study, please contact me or Lisa in the office.

No matter how you decide to journey though Lent this year, I hope this time helps deepen your faith and brings you closer to God.

Consistory at Work

Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI

Wednesday, February 13 at 7:00 PM

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

Opening Prayer: Given by Pastor Jeremy Hylan

Call to Order: John Brown called the meeting to order and conducted the meeting.

Review/approval of Secretary's Consistory Minutes (Steve Flook): Copy of the Consistory Organizational Meeting after worship on January 27, 2019 were reviewed. Accepted.
January monthly Consistory meeting minutes to review—tabled until the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report & Stewardship Report for January 2019 (Greg Peterson):

Total Income: \$11,360. Total expenses: \$14,037. Net Income: \$ -2,677. General Fund: \$ -5,455.

Building Improvement Fund: \$21,767. Parsonage Fund: \$109,510.

Memorial Fund: \$104,405. (Savings Account: \$101,522. Plus, Total Memorial Monies: \$2,883.)

Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$9,467.

- * Attendance this January was up 78 compared to January 2018
- * Collections in January included another \$1,500.00 for Second Mile & another \$75 for cookbooks
- * Greg stated we may want to discuss ways of shifting our investments (reallocating). A committee will be formed to come up with a new investment strategy for funds (excluding general fund).

Head Trustee Report (Mason White):

- * A few small plumbing issues to address. Dishwasher sink in kitchen was backing up.
- * Edgewater Plumbing jetted out the drain due to a rusted out grease trap. Draining better now.
- * Been busy with snow removal over the past month. Nearly 10 hours in just the past week.

Board of Christian Education Report (Deb Severns):

- * Spaghetti dinner is coming up March 24th
- * Faye's Pizza fundraiser coming soon. Stay tuned for details in coming months.
- * Cookbooks will be sold at the Miesfeld's brat fry in March along with the baked goods.
- * Getting ready for the Easter Breakfast. Won't be setting up full place settings...will use good plates.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Jeremy Hylan):

- * New sound system is fully installed and has been receiving mostly positive comments.
- * Currently looking into cost for loop packs and will report back.
- * Daane Electric took a look at the lighting in our sanctuary and has found issues we may want to address in the future (not immediate)...light fixtures, light sockets & circuit breaker box updating.
- * First Congregational may borrow us their lift to remove large speaker up above in front of sanctuary.
- * Springdale Farms soup production has slowed. Will be using our kitchen, but not regularly.
- * There will be a facility inspection on March 8 to look into approving us for licensing for an Adult Daycare Organization.

President's Report (John Brown):

- * Next Communion Sunday is March 10th.
- * Consistory meeting on March 13th & April 10th will be moved up to 6:00 pm due to lent.
- * Will set up an appointment with Wells Fargo to update check signers for the coming year.
- * Would like to have each Consistory member to come to the March meeting with at least (1) intentional idea to get new persons to come to St. Paul's UCC. Not necessarily for worship. It can be a special event, new regular activity, or something else to bring people in. This is inspired by those involved in the Five Practices session called "Intentional: Living, Worship, Growing".

Other Business:

- * Mike King will get replacements the projector bulbs. Consistory approved.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Steve Flook (for Consistory Secretary Melody Kolb)



2019

MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9 am to 2 pm Brat Fry at Miesfeld's
3 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with Children's Choir Women's Guild Exec. Board Mtg after service	4 1:00 pm Dartball Saints@Creamers 6:00 to 7:30 pm The Last Supper Rehearsal	5	6 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service with Chancel Choir	7 10 am Healing Hearts 6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Starts 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion Order SCRIP	11 1:00 pm Dartball Rookies @ Saints 6:00 to 7:30 pm The Last Supper Rehearsal	12 1:45 pm Sister's Circle	13 9 am Women's Guild Lenten Breakfast 5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Consist. Mtg. 7 pm Handbell Rehearsal	14 6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC	15	16
17 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Family Worship Service with The Men's Choir	18 1:00 pm Dartball Saints @ Rocks 6:00 to 8:00 pm The Last Supper Rehearsal	19 Beacon articles due	20 11:30 am Lunch Bunch @ Rupp's 5 - 7 pm Messy Church 7 pm Handbell Rehearsal	21 10 am Healing Hearts 6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC	22	23
24 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with The Bell Choir Annual Board of CE Spaghetti Dinner after the service	25 1:00 pm Dartball Saints @ Sureshots 6:00 to 8:00 pm The Last Supper Rehearsal	26	27 9 am Women's Guild Lenten Breakfast 7 pm Handbell Rehearsal	28 6:45 pm Lenten Worship @ St. John's UCC	29	30
31 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 1 pm Set build up/set up for The Last Supper						

March Birthdays

James Kolb	March 2
Doug Blindauer	March 5
Susan Walter	March 5
Kenneth 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

*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:

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

March 13, 2019 - Rev. Jeremy Hylen

March 27, 2019 - Barb Hengst

April 10, 2019 - Dale Miller

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES:

Ash Wednesday: March 6, 2019 @ 7 pm

Maundy Thursday: April 18, 2019 @ 7 pm

LENTEN THURSDAY MIDWEEK EVENINGS:

March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11 at
St. John's UCC at 6:45 p.m.

Schedule for March

Liturgist/Scripture Reader

3 - Ken Cornell

6 - Ash Wed. @ 7 pm - Jim Schwarten

10 - Vicki Radovan

17 - Youth

24 - Steve Flook

31 - Charlotte Jump

Ushers

3 - Mason White, Steve and Meghan Flook,
Laurie Hylen

6 - Ash Wed. @ 7 pm - John & Kathy
Brown, and T. J. Brown

10 - Mike King, Jeff & Allison Ritt, and
Jim Schwarten

17 - Dan & Ervida Van Straten, Mary &
Keith Risse

24 - Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn,
and Becky Huberty

31 - Jay & Julie Englebert, Judy & Richard
Belitz

Acolytes

3 - Jake Englebert

10 - Shawn Peterson

17 - Wyatt Radloff

24 - Tessa Englebert

31 - Charlie White

March Chancel Lady

Patti Blindauer

Daylight Saving Time Starts March 10, 2019

When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 10, 2019 @ 2:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, March 10, 2019, 3:00 am local daylight time instead.

Emmaus Meal

A big thank you to the great group of volunteers who helped make the February 9th Emmaus Meal at Salvation Army a success. We served 135 people. The menu included lettuce salad, Au Gratin potatoes and ham, green beans, rolls and butter, milk, juice and coffee with a variety of cakes for dessert.

The Saturday workers were Agnes Kunstmann, Linda Horn, Carol Drews, Mary Ann and Carl Hovey, Patricia Chickowski, Sharon and Scott Reynolds, Bonnie Klabecek, Daniel and Ervida Van Straten, Becky Huberty, Laurie Hylan, Lori Krueger and Oliva.

The yummy cakes were prepared by Agnes Kunstmann, Ervida Van Straten, Linda Horn, Carol Drews, Ken Cornell, Mary Ann Hovey, Patricia Chickowski, Bonnie Klabecek, Naomi Holzwart, Linda Mueller and Sharon Reynolds.

Thanks again to all who helped in any way.

Spring Peanut Butter Drive

St. Paul's will begin its Spring Peanut Butter Drive for the Salvation Army on Sunday, March 10. The drive will continue into April with a dedication on Palm Sunday, April 14. A shopping cart will soon be available in the Gathering Area for donations.

SCRIP Order Dates

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on the following dates: March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9.

Mark Your Calendars

March 2, 2019 - Brat Fry at Miesfeld's

Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Area

Save the Date:

Annual Spaghetti Dinner - March 24 after the Service

Tickets are now available for purchase

Baptism to Celebrate

Frederick Grayson Jones - February 3, 2019

Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family of Daniel Arnoldi who passed away on February 12, 2019. A funeral service was held February 17 at Wenig Funeral Home. Rev. Jeremy Hylan officiated.

St. Paul's Members Installed

2019 Consistory

Brown, John - President

King, Mike - Vice President

Peterson, Greg - Treasurer

Kolb, Melody - Secretary

White, Mason - Head Trustee

Cheney, Rhoda Flook, Steve

Laux, JoAnn Severns, Deb

2019 Board of Christian Education

Damrow, Lynda Englebert, Julie

Huberty, Becky Reineking, Carol

Severns, Deb

2019 Endowment Committee

Brown, Kathy Cornell, Denise

Jump, Charlotte Jump, Leon

Peterson, Greg Peterson, Maddie

Quicker, Sharon Ritt, Allye

Schwarten, Gloria Schwarten, Jim



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Children's Hospital: Liam Anderson -

Infant grandson of Dave & Grace Reinecke

Sheboygan Health Services: Harlen Voechting

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