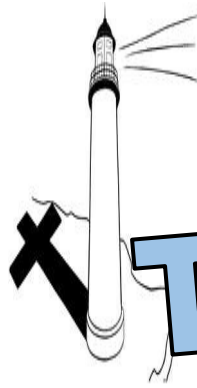


ST. PAUL'S

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

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The Beacon



DECEMBER 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 Hylan, Pastor

John Brown -
Consistory President
Mike King - Vice President
Lisa Flook - Organist
Leslie Ellair - Choir Director
Pat Jaberg - Bell Director
Lisa Drews - Office Admin.
Carol Reineking - Custodian

Midweek Worship
Wednesday @ 6 pm

Sunday School
@ 8:45 am

Worship Service
Sunday @ 10 am

Communion the 2nd
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.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us



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Pastor's Page

Advent is a season of preparation—a time of waiting and watching for the coming of Christ. One of the ways that I prepare myself for Christmas is through music. And while the planning for worship happens long before Advent begins, in our house, Christmas music does not begin until Thanksgiving is over—it’s one of the few rules that I enforce with a passion. But once the leftovers are packed up, my Spotify playlist runs non-stop. And while I listen to a frustratingly wide variety of Christmas tunes, I want to share three that stick with me.

In a lesser known carol, “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” we hear: *Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging Angels singing, Noels ringing, Tidings bringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.*

In her poem set to music, “In the Bleak Mid-winter,” Christiana Rossetti writes: *What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part. Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart.*

In the John Rutter carol, “What Sweeter Music,” he writes: *What sweeter music can we bring, than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heavenly King?*

In each of these three carols, we are invited into moments of humility and wonder. We are welcomed into the unfolding story of the birth of Christ. What are the Christmas songs that bring you closer to the story of the manger? I hope as this Advent season unfolds you will take the time to enjoy the small moments of wonder that are unfolding around you. I hope that the music that surrounds you fills you with hope, peace, love, and joy.

Merry Christmas!





**Consistory At Work - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI
Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Total Income: \$9,588. Total expenses: \$9,346. Net Income: \$265.
Cash Balance: General Fund: \$ -15,317. Building Improvement Fund: \$10,675. Parsonage Fund: \$109,510.
Memorial Fund: \$80,100. Sunday School \$6,971.
Stewardship Report Weekly Giving total: \$9,479.
Harvest Home will go to the Sheboygan County Food Bank. Need to put envelopes out.
Office supplies were up because bought bulletin stock.
Insurance has not been paid yet. So, we made \$200.

Budget Review: For Congregational Meeting on December 1st

Greg Peterson reviewed the budget for 2020. Adjustments were reviewed and made to the budget. Greg will have the budget out in the gathering room.

Head Trustee Report (Mason White):

Leak in entry way. Will have it looked at after the snow melts off the roof.
Large Snowblower works. Small snowblower not working, feel worth fixing. Nice for smaller snow falls.

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

Trunk or Treat after party for the youth went well. Had 9 youth (8 boys, 1 girl).
December 4th, 5 to 7 p.m., Food Bank with youth and then taking them through Evergreen Park. Youth under 12 need an adult with them for the Food Bank.
December 5th kids sing at St. Nicholas Hospital.
December 15th is the Christmas Play. They have new costumes. Becky, Laurie and Mandy working with kids.
December 22nd, "White Elephant Party" for the youth is in the plans which will include food.
Projector for class room would help with curriculum they use.

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylan):

Went over terms for Consistory. Have three open positions. Let pastor know who may be interested.
Thanksgiving Wednesday service is at Ebenezer Church.
Cabinet Meeting on December 1st after worship.
December 11th, Mike King and the Pastor are doing a "Blue Christmas" in the sanctuary.
South High looking for sponsors for their athletic poster. St Paul's will sponsor a dollar size for \$400.
Parking signs are needed in lots. Deb will check into this and indicated that "The Sign Shop" gives good deals.
Doorbell still not working along with intercom. Pastor investigating. Cost about \$200 - \$300.
Wi-Fi only works in the office. Estimates about \$500. Would be beneficial for class rooms and sanctuary.
Sanctuary has two heating zones. Looking into Google Nest thermostat controls to add to phone and or computers.
Dishwasher picked out along with plates.
Met with Andrew Warner on Endowment funds.

President's Report (John Brown):

Congregation Budget Meeting December 1st service.
Cabinet Meeting after service on December 1st.
Next Communion Sunday, December 8th.
Next Consistory Meeting December 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Other Business:

Mike King has concerns of boiler pipes on outside of building. Per Pastor design is based on code.
Projector needed in class rooms and an HDMI cable.

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
1 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship, *pp Congregational Budget Meeting prior to and Cabinet Meeting following worship	2 1:00 pm Dartball - Saints @ Sureshots 6 pm Girl Scouts - Community Room	3	4 9am Dartball Pr. 11:30 am Lunch Bunch @ Café Bellas 5 pm Youth FB/Park 5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Worship 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	5 10:00 am Healing Hearts 6:15 pm Children's Choir at St. Nich Eve Event - singing at 6:30 pm	6	7
8 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion, Bell Choir, *pp Order SCRIP	9 1:00 pm Dartball - Darts @ Saints	10 1:45 pm Sisters Circle Annual Reports due	11 9am Dartball Pr. 5 pm Confirm. Class 6 pm Blue Christmas Service - Sanctuary 7 pm Consistory Mtg 7 pm Bell Choir Pr.	12	13	14 9 - 11 am Children's Christmas Program Practice
15 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Family Worship Children's Christmas Program	16 1:00 pm Dartball - Highflyers @ Saints 6 pm Girl Scouts - Community Room	17	18 5 - 6:30 pm Messy Church 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	19 10:00 am Healing Hearts	20	21
22 8:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & Chancel Choir Cantata	23	24 6 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27	28
29 10:00 am Worship	30	31 New Year's Eve				
*pp - Program Practice The children will practice their Christmas program during worship today						

December Birthdays

Sharon Quicker	December 1
Darlene Hasseler	December 2
Rebecca Lohse	December 2
Patricia Jaberg	December 4
Jacob Dassler	December 9
Carol Ehrenreich	December 9
Diana Neils	December 11
Kenneth Reinemann	December 28
James Trautman	December 29

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

Christmas Worship Schedule:

Blue Christmas -

Wednesday, December 11 at 6 pm

Sunday School Christmas Program -

Sunday, December 15 at 10 am

Chancel Choir Cantata -

Sunday, December 22 at 10 am

Christmas Eve Worship -

Tuesday, December 24 at 6 pm



Schedule for December

Liturgist/Scripture Reader

- 1 - Steve Flook
- 8 - Charlotte Jump
- 15 - YOUTH
- 22 - Mike King
- 29 - Laurie Hysten

Ushers

- 1 - Mason White, Steve and Meghan Flook, Laurie Hysten
- 8 - John & Kathy Brown, T.J. Brown
- 15 - YOUTH
- 22 - Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Keith & Mary Risse
- 24 - **Christmas Eve** - Richard & Carol Reineking, Linda Horn, Becky Huberty
- 29 - Jay & Julie Englebert, Judy & Richard Belitz

Acolytes

- 1 - Wyatt Radloff
- 8 - Tessa Englebert
- 15 - Shawn Peterson
- 22 - Jay Englebert
- 29 - Wyatt Radloff

Chancel Care
Julie Englebert





Budget & Cabinet Meeting - December 1

St. Paul's UCC Congregational Budget Meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 1st at the start of the worship service. In addition, there will be a Cabinet Meeting following the service.

Lunch Bunch - December 4

Due to the holidays the Lunch Bunch will meet again on December 4th at 11:30 am at Café Bellas (corner of 8th and Indiana Avenue.) Please sign up on yellow sheet on community room table.

Children's Choir - December 5

The Children's Choir has been asked to participate in the St. Nicholas Eve event on Dec. 5th at St. Nicholas Hospital. They will be singing Christmas carols and playing some handbell pieces. The kids should arrive by 6:15, sing at 6:30, and finish around 7 pm. There is a sign-up sheet near the office. We hope you can participate. The more the merrier!

Blue Christmas - December 11

While we are supposed to believe that the Christmas season is only filled with peace and joy, we all know that the holidays might be difficult. If you have undergone a difficult loss, transition, or life change, or just want to celebrate those loved ones no longer with us, you are invited to a special Blue Christmas worship service on Wednesday, December 11 at 6 pm in the sanctuary.

Thank You

A special thank you to Joanne Lensink for designing the bulletin covers for the month of November. Joanne's graphic art accentuated the Stewardship Drive with spiritual inspiration and beauty. Many thanks to Joanne for sharing her talents.



Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettia orders can be placed in the church office or in the offering plate. Please include your name, your envelope number, in memory or in honor of, and payment with your request. The cost is \$11 per plant.

Mitten Tree

St. Paul's Mitten Tree is 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.

SCRIP Order Dates

The next monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on Dec. 8, 2019. Dates for next year will be Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14.

Annual Report 2019

All heads of organizations, groups and committees, please submit your annual report articles to the church office by Sunday, Dec. 10.

Inclement Weather

In times of bad weather to find out about church cancellations, please tune in to TV Channel 4 WTMJ. Please note that when adverse weather conditions cause the area schools to close, our church will be closed as well.



Keep in Your Prayers

Members at home:

Wendy Bohannon, Violet Kuitert,
Caroline Rodewald, Shirley Schilling,
James, Schuh, Jeanette Schutt, Cindy Vogel



**REMEMBER TO PRAY AND VISIT MEMBERS
WHO RESIDE IN ASSISTED LIVING,
AND THOSE WHO ARE HOME BOUND...**

Madeline Herr

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467-2401**

Gladys Leonard

**Countryside Manor, Room B4
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Luella Mueller

**The Shores of Sheboygan, Room 6
3315 Superior Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081
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Minnett Suscha

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**FOR CONTACT INFORMATION OF
ST. PAUL'S HOMEBOUND MEMBERS,
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**



New Additions to The Library

***My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You
She's Sorry*, by Fredrick Backman**

Elsa is seven and different, her grandmother is 77 and crazy. Granny is Elsa's best and only friend. After being bullied at school, again, Elsa takes refuge in Granny's stories of a magical kingdom - a land where Elsa feels safe and where everyone is different, nobody has to be normal. When Granny dies she leaves behind letters of apology to people she's wronged. Elsa's greatest adventure begins. A touching novel full of heart, hope, and forgiveness.

***Olive Again*, by Elizabeth Strout**

Olive has returned to the seaside town of Crosby, Maine crossing paths with a cast of memorable characters. The irascible Olive improbably touches the lives of everyone around her.

***Labyrinth*, by Catherine Coulter**

FBI agents Savich and Sherlock stumble into a bizarre, complicated, and twisted case in the small town of Gaffers Ridge, Virginia. A complex thriller with shocking twists and turns.

***The Pep Talk*, by Kevin Elko, PhD.**

A fictional football story that contains universal and inspirational words of truth that apply to every walk of life.

***The Next Person You Meet in Heaven*,
by Mitch Albom**

Poignant and beautifully crafted, reminds us once again that all endings are beginnings - we only need to open our eyes to experience them.

