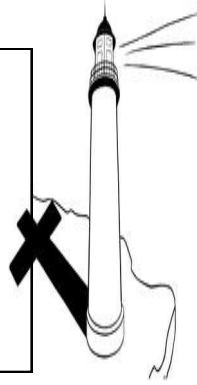


**ST. PAUL'S
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

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The Beacon



JANUARY 2020

Church Office Hours:

Monday-closed

Tuesday-Friday:

9 am to 1 pm

Other times by appointment

Church Website:

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Church Staff:

Jeremy Hysten, 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**

For surely I know the plans I have
for you, says the Lord, plans for
your welfare and not for harm,
to give you a future with hope.

~Jeremiah 29:11



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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

I'd like to share part of a poem I've enjoyed over the years. It is from a work by W. H. Auden called For the Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio. May the new year bring you untold blessings.

Well, so that is that. Now we must dismantle the tree, Putting the decorations back into their cardboard boxes -- Some have got broken -- and carrying them up to the attic. The holly and the mistletoe must be taken down and burnt, And the children got ready for school. There are enough Left-overs to do, warmed-up, for the rest of the week -- Not that we have much appetite, having drunk such a lot, Stayed up so late, attempted -- quite unsuccessfully -- To love all of our relatives, and in general Grossly overestimated our powers.

Once again As in previous years we have seen the actual Vision and failed To do more than entertain it as an agreeable Possibility, once again we have sent Him away, Begging though to remain His disobedient servant, The promising child who cannot keep His word for long. The Christmas Feast is already a fading memory, And already the mind begins to be vaguely aware Of an unpleasant whiff of apprehension at the thought Of Lent and Good Friday which cannot, after all, now Be very far off.

But, for the time being, here we all are, Back in the moderate Aristotelian city Of darning and the Eight-Fifteen, where Euclid's geometry And Newton's mechanics would account for our experience, And the kitchen table exists because I scrub it. It seems to have shrunk during the holidays. The streets Are much narrower than we remembered; we had forgotten The office was as depressing as this. To those who have seen The Child, however dimly, however incredulously, The Time Being is, in a sense, the most trying time of all.

For the innocent children who whispered so excitedly Outside the locked door where they knew the presents to be Grew up when it opened. Now, recollecting that moment We can repress the joy, but the guilt remains conscious; Remembering the stable where for once in our lives Everything became a You and nothing was an It. And craving the sensation but ignoring the cause, We look round for something, no matter what, to inhibit Our self-reflection, and the obvious thing for that purpose Would be some great suffering.

So, once we have met the Son, We are tempted ever after to pray to the Father; "Lead us into temptation and evil for our sake." They will come, all right, don't worry; probably in a form That we do not expect, and certainly with a force More dreadful than we can imagine.

In the meantime There are bills to be paid, machines to keep in repair, Irregular verbs to learn, the Time Being to redeem From insignificance. The happy morning is over, The night of agony still to come; the time is noon: When the Spirit must practice his scales of rejoicing Without even a hostile audience, and the Soul endure A silence that is neither for nor against her faith That God's Will, will be done, That, in spite of her prayers, God will cheat no one, not even the world of its triumph.

He is the Way.

Follow Him through the Land of Unlikeness;
You will see rare beasts, and have unique adventures.

He is the Truth.

Seek Him in the Kingdom of Anxiety;
You will come to a great city that has expected your return for years.

He is the Life.

Love Him in the World of the Flesh;
And at your marriage all its occasions shall dance for joy.



**Consistory Meeting Minutes - St. Paul's UCC, Sheboygan, WI
Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Total Income: \$9,661. Total expenses: \$8,998. Net Income: \$663.

Cash Balances: General Fund: \$-14,044. Building Improvement Fund: \$11,602. Parsonage Fund: \$109,510.
Memorial Fund: \$541,128. Sunday School \$6,476.

Stewardship Report Weekly Giving Total: \$9,259.

Greg is still working out investment paperwork verbiage with the Wisconsin Conference Foundation.

The \$3,349.80 health insurance reimbursement to Pastor Jeremy for second half of 2019 (which was approved by the Consistory in last meeting) will be disbursed this month.

Head Trustee Report (Mason White):

Kitchen dishwasher should be no problem to install.

Leaky roof in the old entry way will be checked out and determine what needs to be done.

Fire inspection recently completed and found the back-up batteries were not working in a few Exit signs and will be fixed as soon as possible.

Need to replace bulbs in lights outside of West entrance.

Deb Severns is working with The Sign Shop to have (4-5) No Parking signs made to be placed in the East and West parking lots. They will also make (3) Union Cup parking signs to be placed in last three stalls near Union Avenue in the East parking lot. Jane at Union Cup is paying us back for these (3) signs.

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

A youth outing has been scheduled at the water park in Blue Harbor for Sunday, 2/16/20 from 12:30PM – 5:30-PM. All older youth invited friends and parents are only \$5.00 (CE is paying the remainder).

Pastor's Report (Jeremy Hylan):

Doorbell (combined visual & audio) on order for approx. \$200.00. Hopefully will solve issues we've had with the current doorbell on the West side (office entrance).

Ordered digital Wi-Fi (Nest) thermostats for the church.

Spoke with St. John's UCC to discuss wiring our building for Wi-Fi, but it will be much too expensive.

Google mesh system to put Wi-Fi in certain areas of the church, so we have Wi-Fi throughout for only \$500 - \$800.

Brian Severns putting specs together to see how much it would cost to build two computers (one for the sanctuary and one in fellowship hall), so they can be synced. Will discuss once we know the cost.

Things to consider in the future are a new piano and organ for the sanctuary. Not needed immediately but should be prepared since the piano already doesn't play one note and the organ has had its own issues.

President's Report (John Brown):

Next Consistory Meeting is January 8, 2020 @ 7:00PM

Next Communion Sunday is January 12, 2020

Other Business: N/A

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

january

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 10 am Healing Hearts	3	4
5 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	6 1 pm Dartball - Tigers @ Saints 6 pm Girl Scouts - Community Room	7	8 9 am Dartball Pr. 5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Midweek Worship 7 pm Handbell Rehearsal	9	10	11
12 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship w/ Holy Communion	13 1 pm Dartball - Creamers @ Saints	14 1:45 pm Sisters Circle	15 9am Dartball Pr. 5pm Confirmation 5 - 6:30 pm Messy Church 6 pm Handbell Rehearsal	16 10 am Healing Hearts	17	18
19 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	20 6 pm Girl Scouts - Community Room	21	22 9 am Dartball Pr. 11:30 am Lunch Bunch 6 pm Midweek Worship 7 pm Handbell Pr.	23	24	25
26 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship and Annual Cong. Mtg Women's Guild Chili Fundraiser following church service	27 1 pm Dartball - Saints @ Rookies	28	29 9 am Dartball Pr. 5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Midweek Worship 7 pm Handbell Pr.	30	31	



January Birthdays

James Schuh	January 5
Luella Mueller	January 10
John Entringer	January 11
Shirley Schilling	January 14
Tricia Klessig	January 15
Donna Rautmann	January 15
Hannah Hysten	January 16
Mary Reinemann	January 17
Aidan Radloff	January 20
Wyatt Radloff	January 21
Wesley Hasseler	January 26
Nancy Fisher-Schmahl	January 29
Rhoda Cheney	January 30
Violet Kuitert	January 31

Please call the church office with any corrections.

Fellowship Time Thank You

As we come to the end of 2019 the Women's Guild would like to say a big heart-felt thank you to all who sponsored snacks and treats for Fellowship Time after church services.

"Thank you to Jay, Julie, Tessa and Jake Englebert; Mason, Jonette, Henry and Charlie White; the Union Cup, Sharon Quicker, Mike and Vickie King, Linda Mueller, Paul & Diana Neils, Dolly and Wes Hasseler, the Women's Guild, and the Board of Christian Education and Middle School students for planning and serving treats."

Thank each of you as you give of your time and treasures that others could enjoy your act of kindness. All is greatly appreciated. God's many blessings to all of you.

Schedule for January

Liturgists/Readers

5 - Naomi Holzwart
12 - Daniel Van Straten
19 - YOUTH
26 - Linda Mueller

Ushers

5 - Mason White, Steve and Meghan Flook, Laurie Hysten
12 - John & Kathy Brown, and T.J. Brown
19 - YOUTH
26 - Daniel & Ervida Van Straten, Mary & Keith Risse

Acolytes

5 - Tessa Englebert
12 - Shawn Peterson
19 - Jake Englebert
26 - Wyatt Radloff

January Chancel Care

Patti Blindauer

Keep in Your Prayers

The Waterford: Minnett Suscha

Pine Haven: Madeline Herr

The Shores of Sheboygan: Luella Mueller

Members at Home:

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



SCRIP Orders

Monthly SCRIP orders will be taken on January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10 and June 14.

Mitten Tree

Thank you to all who donated articles for the Mitten Tree. We received 57 hats, 49 mittens/gloves, 66 scarves, 4 sets of pajamas, 7 pair of slippers and socks. A special thank you to Shirley Schilling who handknit many of the scarves for our Mitten Tree. We will be able to help Deland House, and Grant, Sheridan, and Longfellow Schools keep their children's heads, hands, and hearts warm! Thank you so much!

Lunch Bunch - January 22

The Lunch Bunch will meet again on January 22nd at 11:30 am at Parkside Family Restaurant (old Judy's) 6727 S. Business Drive. Please sign up on the yellow pad on the table in the Gathering Area.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2020. Annual reports will be available in the Gathering Area on Sunday, January 12, 2020.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Women's Guild of St. Paul's United Church of Christ will be selling quarts and pints of chili on Sunday, January 26th after the church service. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Gathering Area shortly. Thank you for keeping this fundraiser in mind.

New Members

Michael & Dianne Hiebing
528 Pioneer Road
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the family of Gladys Leonard who passed away on December 17, 2019. A funeral service was held on December 21st at Reinbold-Novak Funeral Home. Reverend Jeremy Hysten officiated.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sheboygan County Warming Center

The Warming Center Committee is looking for volunteers for the winter of 2020. Will you find two or more people to give two nights in both January and February to shelter the homeless during the cold winter months? If you would like to volunteer, or for more information, please call the church office.

New Scholarship at Lakeland University

There is a new scholarship opportunity at Lakeland University which has a Feb. 1 deadline. You may know that Lakeland offers the Ulrich scholarship---\$20,000 a year--- for up to nine students studying religion, but they have just added the opportunity for one student to get a **full-tuition** Ulrich Scholarship.

The details shown below are for any high school students in our congregations (or beyond) who may be interested in this opportunity.

Ulrich Scholars requirements:

- *Declare a major or minor in religion
- *Participate in the programming of the Ulrich Center for Philosophy, Ethics, and Christian Thought
- *Pursue social justice advocacy on campus and in the local community
- *Must be admitted to Lakeland University

Application deadline is February 1st, 2020.

Interviews are February 20, 2020.

For more information call Linda Bosman, Director of the Ulrich Center at 920-565-1023, ext. 2151.

