



Chapel Bells

St. Paul's Erin U.C.C. Erin

May, 2024

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Before I can turn the page on the month of April, I need to acknowledge all the patience and effort that has gone into creating a really top-notch You-Tube broadcasting and worship service. And, I believe it will just keep getting smoother. A year from now we very well might look back and say how did we do it without the screen? Or, look at how little paper we use! That is my prayer. In the meantime, there are those who still aren't really sure they like it or not. That's fair. Your thoughts are always welcome. Speak to Pastor Bonnie or Dave Z, Donna, Connie, Cindy or Cheryl.

Personally, I have spent a good deal of time discovering the ins and outs of copyright law as it pertains to use of other people's ownership over YouTube. While we have a license for most music, even that needs to be credited to be safe. Youtube has strict rules as to what music it allows in videos. This is based on the world-wide availability of what we video.

There is a Religious Service Exemption that covers non-dramatic literary and religious music. The thing is, this only applies to physical church services...not online streaming.

I assumed anything I find on Youtube is already "out there" and, therefore, I didn't have to worry about copyright laws. I was wrong. For instance, I wanted to use a meditative music video with beautiful photos beginning around 9 am and then move into the Welcome screen and Reminders. The problem is I do not have any proof that the creator of the video had received proper permission to use the photos they used. It's tricky!!!

What happens if I/we accidentally use something without permission? The church will receive a copyright strike. This means that whoever owns the copyright has filed a claim to have the video taken down. Then, you are instructed to go to "copyright school". IF we get 3 strikes within 90 days, YouTube will no longer carry our channel. The good news is that a single strike expires after 90 days.

Of course, there is lots more to it, but you get the gist. To be safe, we will be using lots of photos from our members...please pass them along at saintpaulserin.pastor@gmail.com Yes, I will credit you! And there is a lot of artwork available in the public domain.

If you have the opportunity, check out our latest YouTube service.

WOMEN'S GUILD



The Women's Guild June adventure this year will be a tour of The Octagon House and Museum in Watertown and lunch at nearby Two Sisters Café on Thursday, June 20. The 5-story Octagon House was built in 1853 by a pioneer settler who ran a mill and farm along the Rock River. It was donated to the Historical Society in 1938 and has been a museum ever since. Anyone interested in joining us for lunch and the tour is welcome. We will carpool from church at 10 AM, have lunch about 11 AM at Two Sisters, and begin the one-hour tour of the Octagon house at 1 PM. We should be returning to church by 3 PM

Lunch and admission to the museum is on your own. The tour is \$10 (\$9 seniors). Check out the sites online at: www.octagonhousemuseum.org and www.twosisterscafewaterstown.com . There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. Hope you can join us!

Don't forget there will be a plant sale along with the Guild's Brat Fry at Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, June 22. As you clean up spring flower beds, if your plants need thinning or dividing, pot them up, mark the plant name and any necessary info (sun/shade, etc) and we will be happy to have them in our sale.

Our next Guild meeting will be on Thursday, May 16, at noon. All St. Paul's women are invited. We would love to see you there.

The Council has approved the planting of a lilac bush in memory of Russell Dieball. Sometime this spring it will be planted near the cemetery steps.

St. Paul's now has a new tax exempt number. Copies of the number have been distributed to those who normally use it, but if you need the number, please contact Pastor Bonnie, Connie Johnson, or Charmaine Duehring. The number is now registered at Menards, but a special bar code must be used.



The all church raffle fundraiser , outdoor service, and brat fry will be held again this year at Monches Ball Park on September 8. More details will be forthcoming as the date gets closer, but be sure to mark your calendars now.

Our next council meeting will be on May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room. The council will begin the process of updating the by laws. Visitors are always welcome to attend.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH



We will begin our Strengthen the Church campaign on May 5th and conclude on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Your participation is appreciated but not mandatory. There will be envelopes in the pews for your convenience. Please remember to add your name to make it easier for accountability.

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Most congregations will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024. Contributions can be made online at any time. *ucc.org copyright by the National Setting of the United Church of Christ.*

CREATION CARE COMMITTEE

By the time Chapel Bells is published, Spring Clean Up may have come and gone. In any case, the committee is thankful for all the help in cleaning out the area just south of the driveway. Your time and effort is much appreciated! Anyone want to come up with a name for this space? We will be setting up a rain barrel thanks to the Ahles to use in this area. There is talk of bluebird houses. We have one suet feeder near the Rooster door thanks to Bernice. If you have something you would like to donate, it would be welcomed!

The committee has decided to split the Loew Lake Hike and guided-history tour from the first gathering to discuss *Speak With The Earth and It Will Teach You* by Daniel Cooperrider. The Loew Lake Hike is an opportunity for those who enjoy a walk in the woods, which does not appeal to others. The date is pending.

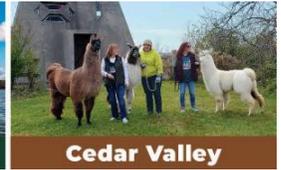
The Bible/Book Study date and time are also pending. The first part of the book is titled Rivers and we are hopeful to use the Richfield Historical Park (1896 WI Hwy 164) near the old mill site. If you already have a copy of the book, great. If not, talk to Pastor Bonnie. You can even come if you are without the book or haven't turned a page in the book! 😊

These events are open to all (we are UCC after all) so invite friends and neighbors. More details will follow.

If you have a photo of what in creation fills you with awe, add it to the Creation Care photo board or send it to Pastor Bonnie at saintpaulserin.pastor@gmail.com The Mission Maniacs have done a terrific job at sharing theirs with us. Plus, you just might find your picture included in the video slideshow!



Registration Is Now Open!



The outdoor ministry of UCCI welcomes guests of all faith backgrounds or no faith backgrounds. We provide modern and comfortable accommodations, delicious meals, toasty campfires, and a team eager to serve you. Nature shares the wonder of the sun, stars, water, and trees. The Spirit of God will meet you here.

Registration is open for all camps and events.

If you need financial assistance for camp, please contact the church office for a scholarship application.



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SUSSEX FOOD PANTRY



Did you know the Sussex Food Pantry has a limited amount of space dedicated to clothing items? They ask donated clothing to be in very good condition and in season. New shoes, socks and underwear are also gratefully received. The difference between taking items to GoodWill versus the food pantry is their clients are not charged. You can add items to our food pantry carts or drop them off directly at Sussex Outreach Services located at N64 W23760 Main Street



THANK YOU

Bill and Peggy A. for the rain barrel

Bernice D. for the suet bird feeder

Cindy C., Bernie C., Bernice D., Charmaine D., Lynn D., Cheryl F., Karrie H., Carol K., Lucy K., Vicki L., Tracy M., Alice M., Kay O'K., Jill P., Debbie S., Jean S., and Betty Z for the Easter

Flowers! They were magnificent.

Mission Maniacs and their teachers for the super Pizza Fundraiser. All those ingredients from our own pizza garden were delicious!!! Your choice of Special Olympics in memory of Russell D. to receive your donation is very special to all of us. Thank you.

Thank you to the choir and Jill L. Your voices add so much to our worship experience.

Thank you to Cheri J. for joining the choir.

To the families of the Mission Maniacs who encouraged their children to take photos for Earth Sunday and what they love about creation. You did a SUPER job. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS to Nathan W. who along with his Skills USA teammates from Hartford High School will be going to the Nationals! We are so proud of you Nate!

Connie and Erik J. for volunteering at the Build My Future event for high-school students in different trades.

Brady W. for his promotion as assistant manager at Enterprise.



MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY is May 12th. How will you honor your mother?

PENTECOST SUNDAY is May 19th. Remember to wear **RED!**

Greeters for May:

May 5th - Roy & Carol Kaisler G, C, O, Com.

Jeff & Tracy Magnuson Com.

May 12th - Kim & Mark Kersten G, C, O

May 19th - Cheri & Corey Johnson G, C, O

May 26th - Janene Kluever & Carl Roock G, C, O

Liturgists:

May 5th - Bernie Chase

May 12th - Jacquie Branchford

May 19th - Jill Paddock

May 26th - Curt Hultstrum

Like us on Facebook: "[St. Paul's United Church of Christ](#)" AND "St. Paul's Mission Maniacs"

Receive our E-Blasts: Please let us know if you would like to be added or have a new email address

Join us virtually on [YouTube](#) - If you would like to ask for prayers, share a joy or have an announcement, when attending worship virtually, please contact Pastor Bonnie prior to service.

Check out the Church Website: [stpaulserin.org](#). Visit the News & Resources tab and click on Worship Resources for a recording of Sunday's Worship.

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Pastor Bonnie's Office Hours: Thursdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. Stop by for a visit. Friday and Saturday are Pastor's weekend.

SOMETHING TO SHARE

Whether you never listened to Tina Turner's music or know anything about her story, *Remembering Tina Turner Today*, puts me in the Pentecost Spirit. Pentecost Sunday is May 19th!

Remembering Tina Turner Today

Posted on May 27, 2023 by Maren

giftinopenhands.wordpress.com

Permission to use

I am thinking about a Tina Turner Pentecost
with all that energy and edge,
voices that don't stop
and don't calm down,
that break free from chaotic childhood
and so much abuse
and hard luck and illness,

a Come-Back Pentecost!

I am thinking that a Tina Turner Pentecost,
(or Anna Mae Bullock Pentecost)
or this church or that church Pentecost –

doesn't ever need another hero,
because it is for everyone
just singing and sending the songs out,
and we don't any of us
know the way home,
because, come that wind, those words
all we need is the life beyond.

I am thinking about Tina Turner
who called herself a Buddhist-Baptist
and, yes, how Pentecost
Is a four-hour chant on a hard day
and a tent revival,

and just the time when we are asking,
“what's love got to do with it?”
we hear back – everything,

and when we are asking,
“who needs a heart,”
we hear back – everyone,
just because a heart can be broken.

Church Council Meeting Minutes
St. Paul's United Church of Christ-Erin
March 11, 2024

Present: Charmaine Duehring, Janene Kluever, Fred Dieball, Vicki Dost, Kim Kersten, Cindy Cain, Pastor Bonnie, Connie Johnson, and Jack Duehring (Guest)

Absent: Kay O'Keane

Meeting was called to order by President, Charmaine Duehring at 6:00 pm.

Guest, Jack Duehring presented information regarding repair of steeple roof. Four bids were obtained, Krause Konstruction, Heins Contracting, Elite Exterior and Infinity. Bids ranged in price from \$35,980 (high) to \$16,546 (low). After discussion, a motion was made and passed to accept bid from Infinity (low bid).

Reviewed March financials. There were some questions about the Electric bill. Connie will follow up with electric company. After discussion, financials were approved.

Update of committee names and information. Peggy Ahles and Eugene Dost were approved as one year appointments to Endowment Committee.

Membership list reviewed, corrected/changed and updates approved.

Pastor Bonnie provided a written report that was reviewed. Annual Wisconsin UCC Conference Meeting will be held June 7-9, 2024 and looking for persons to attend meeting. Bonnie will put this request in the Chapel Bells. Combination Maundy Thursday/Good Friday service will be held at 7:00 on Maundy Thursday. Easter Sunday will be similar to past years. An Easter Sunday potluck will be offered to anyone without other plans. Pastor Bonnie will put this information in the bulletin.

There was discussion about Pastor Bonnie's hours and elimination of last song if service is running long. Congregation likes to sing so decided last song should not be eliminated if service is running long, people can simply leave, if need be and it is okay to go over an hour service if needed. Pastor Bonnie will retain her hours as she has been, adjusting them when needed and working from home when needed.

Chili luncheon was a success with \$2,209.81 in profits, Thank you to Fred, Wanda, Connie, Erik, and all the others who helped with the success.

No Liason reports except Building and Grounds announced Spring Clean up date of April 27, 2024

Update on Cleaning services. Wanda Dieball accepted job and is getting into the routine. Thank you Wanda!

Charmaine has completed the cleaning, archiving, etc. of the Church files. Thank you, Charmaine! There are numerous pictures and the congregation will be asked if someone wishes to organize the pictures.

There was some discussion regarding outdoor Christmas decorations, such as a Nativity. Janene Volunteered Charles Jr. to set up. There will be further discussion as year progresses.

Next meeting is April 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Lewe & Sharon J.'s Anniversary
5 9:30 Worship Gary B.	6 Jerry L. Dave Z.	7 Seniors	8	9	10 Taylor G.	11 Kathy S.
12 9:30 Worship Dick N. 	13 6 PM Council Meeting	14	15 Ken & Donna R.'s Anniversary	16 Women's Guild 12 Noon	17 John D. Lynn D.	18
19 9:30 Worship Pentecost Sunday— wear RED Keith L. Jayden M.	20	21	22 Pastor Bonnie & Jeff's Anniversary	23 Coffee with Bonnie 10 AM Java Dancer	24 Pastor Bonnie & Jeff's Anniversary	25
26 9:30 Worship	27 	28	29 Amore' O. John & Rachel H.'s Anniversary	30	31 Jill P. Theia J.	