



Chapel Bells

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



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A Word for the Day...

A Poem by Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM (3/13/20)

*Lock down
Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.*

But,

*They say that in Wuhan (China) after so many years
of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.*

*They say that in the streets of Assisi (Italy)
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.*

*They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the
housebound.
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number*

*through the neighborhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.*

*Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and
Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary*

*All over the world people are slowing down and
reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their
neighbors in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new
reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.*

*So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.*

*Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.*

But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic

The birds are singing again

The sky is clearing,

Spring is coming,

And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul

And though you may not be able

to touch across the empty square,

Sing.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Week and Easter Worship Services

As of this time, all Holy Week and Easter worship services are to be determined due to the corona virus pandemic and “social distancing” requirements... please stay tuned for more information. We are hoping that we will still be able to hold the following services and events:

Saturday, April 4 Easter Egg Hunt: will be rescheduled

Palm Sunday, April 5, 9:30 am worship w/ communion +Extending the Table

Good Friday, April 10, 7 pm worship w/ communion

Easter Sunday, April 12, 7 am Easter Sunrise

Worship Service; 8-9 am Easter Breakfast;

9:30 am Easter Festival Worship Service

Mason Weber & Jodi Staus at the March 6-8 Faith Formation Retreat at Pilgrim Center



FEED THE HUNGRY

Extending the Table April 5

We will be “Extending the Table” to our neighbors in need by collecting goods for area food pantries again on Palm Sunday & Communion Sunday, April 5. Our donations to local food pantries are needed now more than ever! Here are the items currently most needed: canned mandarin oranges, canned peas, canned mixed vegetables, chunky soups, canned chili, baked beans, refried beans, Manwich, gravy, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, body wash, toilet paper, applesauce, jelly/jam, pasta sides.



Faith Flix Presents “The Human Element” April 22

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, Faith Flix will present a special screening of “The Human Element” on Wednesday, April 22, from 1-3 pm in our sanctuary. In an arresting new documentary from the producers of *Racing Extinction* and *Chasing Ice*, environmental photographer James Balog captures the lives of everyday Americans on the front lines of climate change. With rare compassion and heart, *The Human Element* relates captivating stories from coast-to-coast, inspiring us to reevaluate our relationship with the natural world. Join us for discussion afterwards about how our faith informs our response to the impact of climate change in our community. We are excited to be hosting a screening of this powerful film here at St. Paul’s UCC on Wednesday, April 22, from 1-3 pm in our sanctuary. Free and open to the public. Join us—and invite a friend!

Pastoral Relations Committee

Pastor Parish Relations Committee Update

Greetings from St. Paul's Pastor Parish Relations Committee (a/k/a "The PPRC"). We held our first meeting of 2020 on Sunday, March 1st, and we wanted to provide you with a brief update about and a reintroduction to the PPRC. In short, we exist to provide a "communication link" between the Congregation and Pastor Glenn. Our committee is comprised of Brett Miller (Chairman, member at large and liaison to our Personnel Committee), Pastor Glenn Danz, Gary Brushaber (member at large) and Jill Paddock (Church Council Representative). We are hoping to build on and solidify a culture of clear and constructive communication between our congregation and our Pastor. As such, we encourage you to reach out to any of us (as often as you like) to share any joys or concerns you may have with respect to our Pastor and his ministry to our congregation.



Volunteers Needed to Serve on Stewardship Committee

We are currently in need of at least 2 members to serve on the Stewardship Committee. The Stewardship is responsible for coordinating our fall stewardship campaign and other year-round stewardship efforts. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Glenn or Adam Staus.

Thank you to all those that telephoned, emailed and sent cards to Russell on his birthday. It really made his day and mine too. It is such a blessing to belong to a congregation that is so caring and loving.
Good health and God Bless you all, Bernice & Rock



A very special "Bible Presentation" to our jr SPY class that was schedule for March 15 will be rescheduled as soon as possible... stay tuned!



April 18 Serving Day at Sussex Food Pantry

We are responsible for providing a team of 4-5 people to serve at the Sussex Food Pantry from 9:30 am-12:00 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month: our help is needed now more than ever! Our next serving day is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 (friends are welcome, too!). Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall or let Pastor Glenn know if you are interested in serving. The Sussex Food Pantry is located in the new Sussex Civic Campus at N64 W23760 Main Street, Sussex, WI.



***Reminder: please do not leave purses or other valuables unattended in the Sanctuary or in Fellowship Hall.**



One Great Hour of Sharing Rescheduled

One Great Hour of Sharing is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports partners in countries with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response. It is administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources. We were scheduled to receive our One Great Hour of Sharing special offering during worship at 9:30 am on Sunday, March 22, but due to the coronavirus, this special offering will be rescheduled as soon as possible... stay tuned! Checks can be made out to "St. Paul's UCC" with a memo for "OGHS." Thank you for giving as generously as you can!



April Liturgist Schedule

April 5th - Carl Rook
April 12th - Elias Gravelle
April 19th - Stephanie Danz
April 26th - John Duwell

Greeters for April

April 5th – Kevin & Jodi Staus
April 12th – 7:00 – Volunteers Needed
 9:30 – Vicki & Eugene Dost
April 19th – Jim & Jo Swanson
April 26th – Dan & Arlene Below

Coffee & Conversation Hosts:

April 5th - ****NEEDED****
April 12th – Easter Breakfast
April 19th – Sunday School
April 26th - ****NEEDED****



Know of Someone in the Hospital?

If you know of someone in our congregation who is currently hospitalized or would like a pastoral visit, please contact Pastor Glenn at SPPastor@yahoo.com or (414) 550.1553.



Please remember with your prayers, cards & calls:

- *Dick Ahrens, recovering at home after March 16 hip replacement surgery
- *Dan O'Keane, preparing for knee replacement surgery on April 7
- *Ron Perschon, battling prostate cancer
- *Ron & Diane Smith, as Ron recovers from brain surgery
- *Lois Winkler, in LaCrosse
- *A cure for and healing from the coronavirus



Construction is underway to make the sanctuary more accessible.

Pastor Glenn's Contact Information:

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St. Paul's UCC
Church Council Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2020

Attendance: Pastor Glenn Danz, Jill Paddock, LouAnn Evert, Sue Miller, Connie Johnson, John Duwell, Curt Hulterstrum, Wanda Dieball, Adam Staus

1) Opening Prayer

2) Approval of December minutes – December minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved (Curt moved, LouAnn seconded)

3) Approval of December Financials – CE purchased a microphone system. They used it at the Christmas program. This system can be used by the church. John moved to use funds from the 2019 Bldg & Facilities surplus to pay the over budget amount of \$262.84 Sue seconded. Unanimously approved. December financials were reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved. (Jill moved, Wanda seconded) See 5b for further discussion.

4) Pastor's Report- Written report presented and reviewed with Council. Report included December through January ministry highlights, upcoming events and prayer needs. As of January 1, 2020, we have 186 members.

5) 2020 Budget Decisions

a) Review Year End Financials- Discussion of electronic bell & fixing it. It is not working & cannot toll the bell without this. This was donated in memory of a member by a church family. 1 estimate obtained for fixing it for \$4400. Need to determine how to prevent lightning strikes in the future, it that is what caused the issue. Plan to make a claim to the insurance company & will get a 2nd estimate

b) Final Budget discussions & approve 2020 Budget – Discussed & approved 2020 budget. During this discussion, it was discussed to gift Jill L money since we had extra money at the end of 2019. John moved to reopen discussion of December financials. Jill seconded. John moved to gift Jill L. \$500 in recognition of extraordinary service to CE programs, cookie walk, VBS & other musical volunteer activities. Adam seconded. Unanimously approved.

6) Final 2019 Membership Update- No actions needed this past year.

7) Nomination Committee Update - The committee to continues to work on their nominations.

8) Next step for Sanctuary Accessibility – A plan was submitted by bldg. committee. This was reviewed.

9) Review preliminary Agenda for Annual Meeting - Reviewed

10) Review Committee Reports for Annual Meeting – John sent reminder to committee chairs.

11) Review 2019 Annual Meeting minutes –

12) Lawn Care Proposal for summer –

13) Other – Discussed Christmas Eve service. Lack of hymnals especially in the balcony. Need to have hymns printed if no hymnals. Pastor will look into ordering some. Discussed possible need for 2 Christmas Eve services considering the attendance.

14) Next meeting – Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Wanda, Adam seconded

Submitted by Wanda Dieball =

St. Paul's UCC
Church Council Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020

Attendance: Pastor Glenn Danz, Jill Paddock, LouAnn Evert, Sue Miller, Connie Johnson, John Duwell, Curt Hulterstrum, Wanda Dieball, Adam Staus, Cheryl Fischer, Lucy Krapfl

1) Opening Prayer

2) Election of Officers – It was noted the Treasurer does not need to be elected this year. Connie is in her second year of the 2 year term. For President: Jill nominated Adam, LouAnn seconded and Adam accepted, unanimously approved. For Vice-President: Jill nominated Sue, Lucy seconded and Sue accepted, unanimously approved. For Secretary: Sue nominated Lucy, Cheryl seconded and Lucy accepted, unanimously approved. Upon completion of election of officers, Wanda Dieball and John Duwell left the meeting.

3) Approval of January Minutes – The January 2020 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved. Lucy moved and Sue seconded.

4) Approval of January Financials – The January 2020 financials were reviewed and unanimously approved. LouAnn moved, Jill seconded.

5) Pastor's Report – Written report presented and reviewed with Council. Report included upcoming events and vacation requests.

6) Annual Meeting Follow-up - Christmas Eve service recommendations were discussed.

7) Council Appointment of Committee Members – For PPRC: Sue nominated Jill, Cheryl seconded and Jill accepted, unanimously approved. For Personnel Committee: Lucy nominated Cheryl, Sue seconded and Cheryl accepted, unanimously approved.

8) Church Security Issue – The Council moved into closed session to discuss Church security issues.

9) Brat Fry Discussion/Update – Discussion was held regarding the Church hosting the Brat Fry again this year; the Council is in favor. The Monches Rec Club has informed us that park has dates available from mid to late August. Lucy will contact members to get a committee established.

10) Jamison Duehring Request for Eagle Scout Project – Jamison Duehring has approached the minister regarding a project for the Eagle Scouts. This is a project to benefit St. Paul's.

11) Additional Items from Master Calendar:

A. Plans for Ash Wednesday, Easter and Lenten Services – Ash Wednesday Services will take place on Wednesday, February 26th at 7 p.m. There will be 2 Lenten Simple Suppers, Tuesday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 25th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

B. Church walk through as needed for new Council Members – A walk through was offered to new Council Members to familiarize them with various elements of the building.

C. Review Snow Closing Plan with new Council Members – The Church Closing Protocol and the Closing Call Tree Assignments were reviewed with new Council Members.

12) Council Member Installation – Installation of new Council Officers will take place on Sunday, February 23rd during worship service.

13) Next Meeting Date – The next Council Meeting will be March 9th at 6 p.m.

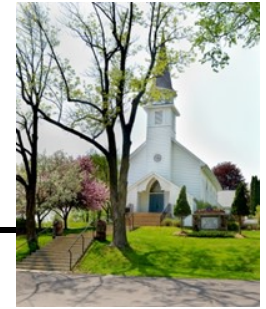
Motion to adjourn was made by Jill, LouAnn seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Krapfl
Council Secretary



April 2020



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5 Palm Sunday, 9:30 am worship w/ communion +Extending the Table (TBD)	6	7 11:30 am Senior Group (TBD)	8	9 Jack Truman	10 7 pm worship w/ communion (TBD)	11
12 7 am Easter Sun- rise Worship; 8-9 am Easter breakfast; 9:30 am Easter Festival Worship	13 6 pm Church Council mtg. (TBD)	14	15	16 Guild 12 Noon (TBD) Ron Perschon	17 Todd Weber	18 9:30 am-12 noon Serving Day at Sussex Food Pantry Joe Sutter
19 9:30 am Earth Day Worship Celebration (TBD) Emma Ahles- Zignego Mark & Debbie Gettleman's Anniversary	20	21	22 Earth Day, 1 pm Faith Flix presents "The Human Ele- ment" (TBD) Gabe Danz Fred Dieball	23 Jill Lotzow Betty Pellmann	24 Beverly Schroeder's 90th birthday April Truman	25 9:30 am-2 pm Private wedding shower in Fellowship Hall; 9 am-3:30 pm SE UCC Annual Mtg. at Christ UCC (TBD)
26 9:30 am woship (TBD) Steve & Alice Manuell's & Dick & Judy Nell's Anniversary	27	28 Steve Manuell	29 Jay & Heather Little's Anniversary	30		