



Chapel Bells

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

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Please join us for a Healing Service at 7 pm on Wednesday, March 30th. A healing service gives us a designated time to come before God to seek healing for physical, emotional, relational and spiritual distresses, as well as the healing of memories which continue to hurt us. Everyone is in need of healing in some way. You are also invited to come just out of curiosity. Do not come expecting to be healed by my touch. Come instead to be supported in your life story. This service is meant to be a quiet, respectful time in prayer and worship.

You will be asked to come forward to light a candle, IF you so choose. This is a voluntary act only.

We will specifically pray for the people of Ukraine who are in need of our prayers for strength and healing.

SOMETHING TO SHARE

Pastor Bonnie

Each month, I hope to share something in Chapel Bells that caught my eye and/or my heart as I prepared for a Sunday worship. As I was putting together ideas for our Healing Service on March 30 at 7 pm, I found this article insightful. John Edgerton is a UCC writer and Lead Pastor at First United Church of Oak Park, Illinois.

What Not to Say

by John Edgerton | published on Mar 8, 2022

Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. For God wounds but also binds up; God injures, but those same hands also heal. – Job 5:17-18 (NIV)

Oh, Eliphaz the Temanite, you really stuck your foot in it this time. In the beginning of the book of Job, a righteous person loses everything that mattered and winds up miserable. Now here comes Eliphaz—supposedly Job’s friend—saying there must be an explanation. “You must have done something wrong. If you confess, then God will give you back everything.”

Yikes.

Blaming the victim while also offering empty promises that the irreparable will be repaired? Eliphaz is dead wrong. God even says so.

Bad things do, in fact, happen to good people. There is no simple moral arithmetic that explains why some people get all the breaks and others have nothing but heartbreak. Living a moral life is not a divine insurance policy to fend off disaster. That’s not how fate and fortune work, I’m sorry to say. Don’t take my word for it, though. That is the whole argument of the book of Job.

Here is what God promises in the face of heartbreak and loss, here is the truth about God revealed in the book of Job: God listens to our heartbreak.

God heard every word that Job had to say. When Job fumed with anger, God was listening. When Job cried out in grief and despair, God was listening. When Job did his utmost to blaspheme against God, hurt God’s feelings and throw God’s promises right back in the divine countenance, God was listening.



Greeters Needed!

Please sign up to greet. The sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall near the coffee.



Thank you for Supporting the Chili Dinner

After taking two years off because of Covid-19, on February 27th we brought back our Chili Dinner and boy was it a great turn out! Thank you to everyone that came out to buy chili. Thank you to all those that helped both before the event with marketing and creating new signs as well as at the event where so many members offered to help serve food, wash dishes, clear tables and run to gos. It may be work but we all had smiles on our faces and enjoyed spending the afternoon together raising money for the churches general fund. And thank you for everyone bringing their food donations to make this event so successful. This year's chili dinner raised over \$1,500.00.

March Council Meeting Notes

The council needs some volunteers for the following activities. Please contact Pastor Bonnie or Charmaine Duehring if you can help.

- 2 persons are needed to attend the UCC Annual Conference Meeting at Green Lake on Saturday, June 11 . Pastor Bonnie will be attending on June 9 and 10. Registration fees will be paid by the church.
- The pastor's office is in great need of painting. If you love to paint and are good at it, this job could be for you. The church will furnish the paint.
- Volunteers are needed to run the projector during some services. If you know how and are willing, please let us know so a list can be compiled. The projector isn't used every week, so you would be contacted in advance if you were needed for a Sunday.
- Be sure to mark your calendar for Church Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 30. A list of jobs to be done is being made. If you would like to add something to the list, let us know.

If you ever have anything that you think the council should be discussing, we are happy to add it to our monthly agenda. We usually meet the second week of each month, although the day may vary.



Spring Cleanup

Saturday, April 30 8 a.m. To 11 a.m

Volunteers are Needed

Bring Your Own Tools

Take pride in your church and help clean up the grounds and/or interior of St. Paul's. Spread some wood chips, rake some grass or last year's leaves, edge a garden bed, plant a perennial, remove old plants, wash some windows, clean a light fixture, tame the brush in the prayer garden, organize a cabinet, and many more things to. A mid morning snack will be provided.

If you can't make it on April 30, email or call Jack Duehring to do a job at a more convenient time for you.



A combined Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Service will be held on April 15 at 7:00 there will be communion. We will have only one Easter service at 9:30 on April 17 no communion



Thank you to everyone who remember Russell with cards on his birthday.



Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls & visits: Ron Smith, Beulah Timm, Jim Branchford, Russell

Dieball, Dan & Joyce O'Keane, James Leifer, Sheila Anderson



Women's Guild

At the March meeting, Pastor Bonnie led a Lenten Bible study of Psalm 51:1A – 17, David asking God for mercy for his sins and for the evil he committed. We had an interesting discussion about the meaning of these words and how they pertain to us in our 21st century lives.

The April meeting will begin a new Guild lunch format. Rather than a potluck, we will each bring our own brown bag lunch and one member will furnish a dessert for all. Isabel will be pâtissier for the April meeting, and Louann will lead a devotional. We will also have pictures and tales of adventure from April and Jack Truman's trip to Egypt.

Coffee and conversation on Sunday, April 3, will be pie day. Guild members will bake homemade pies as a thank you to the congregation for all your support of the Guild—volunteering at our events, flipping brats, late night cookie baking, etc. etc. We appreciate it sooo much!

Two new small tables were purchased to replace our ancient wobbly card tables, and we voted to replace both kitchen stoves using a gift to the Guild from the Schuppel family in memory of Phyllis Schuppel.

The Guild is planning to celebrate members' 50th wedding anniversaries which fell during shutdown and during calendar year 2022 sometime this summer. We do not have records of marriage dates, so if you have a 50th anniversary in that timeframe, please contact Carol at caroy4@gmail.com or 262-628-0656. Thanks for letting us know, as we do not want to miss anyone.

Proceeds from the penny jar will be donated to St. Paul's donation to Ukraine Relief Fund.

The April Guild meeting will be held at noon on Thursday, April 21. All St. Paul's women are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join us.

April Liturgist Schedule

3RD Carl Roock
10TH Jo Swanson
17TH Kim Weber
24TH Bernie Chase



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Zoom Meetings

If you join us for worship via Zoom, please "make yourself known". We like to know who is joining us so that we can reach out to anyone who may be new to St. Paul's.

FREE FOR THE TAKING

Cooking pans, replaced by a generous gift from Cheryl Fischer, are on a kitchen kart in the Fellowship Hall. If you can use them, they are yours!

MISSING ANY KITCHEN CONTAINERS?

There are containers from the Cookie Walk that may belong to you. Please check in the Fellowship Hall.

**St. Paul's UCC
Council Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2022**

The meeting was **called to order at 6:00** by President, Susan Miller. She led the group in a prayer. In attendance were Charmaine Duehring, Lucy Krapfl, Janene Kluever, LouAnn Evert, Cheryl Fischer, Kim Weber, Carl Rook, and Kay O'Keane Jensen.

January **minutes were reviewed and approved.**

Minutes from a Special Meeting held on January 25 after meeting with the Search Committee were reviewed and **approved.**

January financial reports were discussed. An altar committee discrepancy is being looked into and a credit was received from Wisconsin Electric after installing LED lights. One additional light needs to be replaced when snow melts. **Approved.**

Pastor Bev was not in attendance at the meeting. Susan has filled out the UCC Yearbook questionnaire. **Pastor Bonnie Jacque-Gorecke will begin her term as designated interim pastor on March 1.** She would like to have a pot luck with the Ash Wednesday service on March 2 (Guild is being asked to coordinate) a service of healing on March 30, and a Maundy Thursday service on April 14.

A **church walk through was conducted** to show new council members where fire extinguishers and AED are and how to operate the elevator.

The **church closing plan was reviewed** with new members and calling lists adjusted.

Election of officers for the year was held with results as follows: **Charmaine Duehring – President, Cheryl Fischer- Vice President, and Kay O'Keane Jensen- Secretary.**

Two persons are needed to be **appointed to the Endowment Committee** for 1 year terms. Janene will contact those to be asked and report back to the council in February.

The **Chili Dinner fund raiser was discussed.** Plans are well underway.

The **Lawn Care Proposal was tabled** until next month when Brehmers return.

Easter plans will be discussed with Pastor Bonnie when she begins in March. Facebook advertising will again be used.

Liaison reports: Susan – The **projector has been repaired** and is ready to use. Donna will be asked to set up **ZOOM meetings for services.** Lucy – the **Guild has brochures ready to again be mailed** to new families in the area Charmaine- **Building and Grounds has bids for replacement of basement windows to glass block,** but would like to find a supplier that uses mortar instead of silicone. Lucy will see if she has any contacts. **Cheryl** will become liaison for **Personnel and PPRC,** **Carl** will become liaison for **choir and music.** Other liaisons will be appointed at next meeting and then published in Chapel Bells.

The **next council meeting** will be on **Sunday, March 13 at 10:45** in the Conference Room. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.



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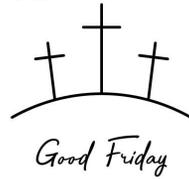
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3 9:30 Worship	4	5 Seniors 11:30	6	7	8 Schaefer Wedding Rehersal	9 Schaefer Wedding Jack Truman
10 9:30 Worship 	11	12 Kyle Green	13	14	15 7 PM Service 	16
17 9:30 Worship Todd Weber 	18 Joe Sutter	19 Emma Ahles-Zignego Mark & Debbie Gettelman's Anniversary	20	21 Guild 12 Noon	22 Fred Dieball	23 Jill Lotzow Betty Pellmann
24 9:30 Worship April Truman	25	26 Steve & Alice Manuell's & Dick & Judy Nell's Anniversary	27	28 Steve Manuell	29 Jay & Heather Little's Anniversary	30