

Chapel Bells

February, 2023

Pastor's Message

OMG short for Oh, My God. I came across a TED (technology, entertainment and design) Talk (nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas) that really made me think about OMG. It was produced on April 18, 2014 and features a time-lapse photographer, Louie Schwartzberg. The title is Nature, Beauty Gratitude. You can google it, in fact, I encourage you to do just that.

My mother used to scold me when I said, "Oh My God". Somehow, she felt it was almost like swearing to say, "Oh my God, what do you think you are doing?" when my son got into something he shouldn't have as a preschooler. Perhaps she was right. What did God have to do with his inquisitiveness or desire to explore something or even doing something

Testament was written in Hebrew) to define deity.

Jesus called God Abba or Father. Adonai is translated as Lord or Master. Jehovah comes from the Middle Ages as a term for the God of Israel.

There are folks today who speak of God as Holy One in prayers, etc. Therapists will ask you if you have a higher power.

The next time you text or write say OMG or Oh, My God, ask yourself if you mean it is about something that caught your attention, connected with something deep inside you, and feels like you are connected to a universe that gives life.

No matter what, know that you are a beloved child of God. Amen (which means Let It Be So).

Louie speaks about Oh, My, God. Here are some of the phrases he uses.

Oh: Caught your attention

Makes you mindful
Makes you present.

My: Connects with something deep inside you – in your soul

Creates a gateway for your inner voice to rise up and be heard.

God: That personal journey we all want to be on
To be inspired
To feel like we are connected to a universe that gives life

he knew was wrong and did it anyway. At confirmation this week, we are going to check out different names for God. Did you know someone counted and there are over 1,000 different terms used to address God? El or Eloah is reportedly used some 2,500 times in original Hebrew (the Old



The Annual Meeting of St. Paul's U.C.C. Erin will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 10:45 AM

PASTOR'S HOURS

Pastor Bonnie will be in the church office on Thursdays from noon to 6 PM. Stop by for a visit! Friday and Saturday are Pastor's weekend. In an emergency, please call **262-416-5094**.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS:

saint-paulserin.pastor@gmail.com for church related e-mail correspondence.



Women's Guild

The January meeting was well attended and after lunch and a tasty dessert we discussed the 2022 Cookie Walk and Silent Auction. We agreed it was successful and floated ideas to make even more improvements in future years. Planning and ideas for this coming year were discussed including some kitchen improvements, updates and replacement of appliances and equipment.

The Pie Sale at St. Paul's February 26 Chili Dinner has a good selection of delicious sounding pies being donated. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to work at

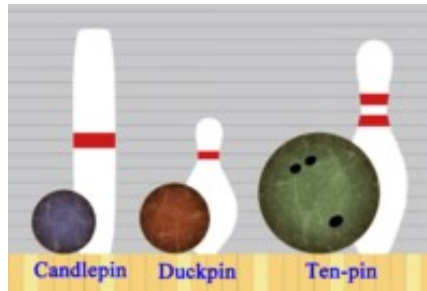
the dinner is on the coffee table in the fellowship hall. Everyone can help make the dinner a success by talking it up

The old plastic coffee carafes are being replaced with new stainless-steel ones. The old ones are free for the taking and would work well for plant watering, pet areas, etc. Please take one...or several.

and inviting friends and neighbors to attend. They will not be disappointed.

We are looking into some volunteer opportunities to partner with another local church which makes warm sleeping bags for homeless people. Debbie B. volunteered to connect with Cheryl F. and see if our Guild can join in the effort to keep homeless people warm in winter weather.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16. Alice M. will lead the devotion and Judy N. will furnish dessert. All St. Paul's women are invited to bring a bag lunch and join us at noon.



The fellowship committee is planning Duck Bowling on February 18th, 1:00. We need a rough count to make a reservation. Please let Betty Z know if you're interested.

The annual Chili Dinner fundraiser will be Sunday February 26 from 11 am to 2:00pm (those attending church can eat after service that morning).

Flyers are available on the greeters stand to post at a local business. You can also share the event on Facebook. Invite your friends and family to come enjoy a bottomless delicious bowl of chili or pick-up a To Go

and buy a homemade pie!

Donation slips were handed out (mailed) in late January asking each member for a food donation to make the chili and sides.

Please have all canned goods needed to make the chili to church by Sunday, February 19th. Other donations can be brought the morning of the 26th.

Please see Betty Z. if you are willing to bake a pie. We also need people to work the event. A sign up sheet can be found in the fellowship hall.

lovmydiesel@yahoo.com, 414-507-8330.



Council Notes

Do you know where the AED defibrillator is located? Everyone attending church should. It is located outside the Pastor's office and can be used by anyone, even if you are not trained - the directions are very easy to follow. Also look around the building sometime to see where we have fire extinguishers.

Please sign up to help with the Chili Luncheon on Sunday, February 26. This is an all-church fund raiser and the proceeds go directly towards the general

budget for 2023. Many hands are needed to make this event successful.

Pastor Bonnie's formal installation service will be held on Sunday, March 5 at 2:00 in the afternoon. There will a reception afterwards organized by the Search Committee. Clergy from the area and the UCC Southeast Association will be in attendance. Members of St. Paul's are encouraged to also attend and support Bon-

nie as the settled pastor of our church.



Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room. You are always welcome to attend or give the council any ideas for discussion.

Camp is for Everyone!

There is truly a camp for anyone! AND, just speak to Dave Zimpelman or Pastor Bonnie about scholarship money.

Hello UCCI Community,

Thank you for being so patient as we put some final touches on the plan and process to sign up for a camp this season. We are pleased to share that registration for **UCCI camps and events taking place on April 1, 2023, or after will open on Monday, January 30, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.**

Registration for **Camp AweSum Family Camps will open on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.**

UCCI will be using a new, online registration system. New and returning guests will create a new account. In preparation for this, we encourage you to allow plenty of time to complete your registration. Technical support will be available and the UCCI team can assist you with questions about the events. In the

meantime, here is a list of information to gather:

- Name, address, phone, email, and birthday of the primary contact person for your online account
 - Name and contact information for an alternate emergency contact
- Names, birthdays, and grade levels of youth participants

In preparation for making your event selections, please take note of the following:

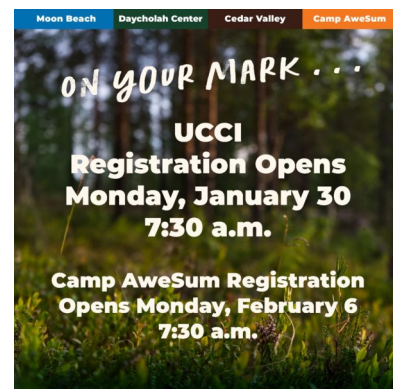
- Payment of the deposit amount for multigenerational events or total program costs for adult events will be required to complete your registration and hold your place
- Abbreviations for the site hosting the event are: Cedar Valley=CV, Daycholah Center=DC,

Moon Beach=MB

- Know the name of camp/event you want to register for
- Know the dates of the camp/event you want to register for

Bookmark [our 2023 events page](#) for opening day and watch for more helpful hints about the online registration system to be shared soon.

Looking forward to seeing you!



Greeters for February:

2/5—Cheryl Fischer & Jill Paddock

2/12—Bernie Chase & Cindy Cain

2/19—John & Polly Edgar

2/26—Curt & Karrie Hulterstrum

Liturgist

2/5—Jacquie Branchford

2-12—Curt Hulterstrum

2/19—Eugene Dost

2/26—Polly Edgar



*No matter who you are or
where you are on life's
journey, you are welcome
here.*

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Something to Share

Reflection Written by Brother David Steindle – Rast

May you grow still enough to hear the small noises earth makes in preparing for the long sleep of winter, so that you yourself may grow calm and grounded deep within.

May you grow still enough to hear the trickling of water seeping into the ground, so that your soul may be softened and healed, and guided in its flow.

May you grow still enough to hear the splintering of starlight in the winter sky and the roar of earth's fiery core.

May you grow still enough to hear the stir of a single snowflake in the air, so that your inner silence may turn into hushed expectation.



Peaceful Winter is a painting by Vickie Wade

Legacy Fund

Many of you will remember the St. John's Hartford Legacy Fund and how unfortunately we were unable to place an adult changing table at the YMCA in West Bend. Well, the fund still exists. I would like to have us do some brainstorming and perhaps apply for a new project. Anyone interested in this, let me know. Pastor Bonnie

Church Council Meeting Minutes
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
December 12, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Charmaine Duehring. Those in attendance were Connie Johnson, Pastor Bonnie Jacque, Lucy Krapfl, Kay O'Keane, Charmaine Duehring, Cheryl Fischer, Janene Kluever, Carl Roock and Kim Kersten.

November Council Meeting minutes were approved. The envelopes and income are still doing well. The current electric bill is looking better, they and we are catching up. The November financials were approved. Pastor Bonnie has requested vacation for one week, 2/13 through 2/21. Pastor John Helt will cover on Sunday February 19th. Pastor Bonnie's Installation service will be March 5, 2023, at 2:00pm. Charmaine will find out who is responsible for the invitations and programs for the Installation. Pastor Bonnie will have a gmail account that will be separate from her personal account. She will use the account which we have for the church. Pastor Bonnie will have a separate cell phone account, which she has set up and found out the cost would be \$20. The discussion for the Relational Covenant will be tabled at this time.

The light on the outside sign needs to be replaced. We have some nativity scene items that need to be staked into the ground. A "Thank You" letter will be sent to those who have sent in their pledges. The Stewardship Committee will send out reminder letters to those who may have forgotten to reply. The Internet needs to be updated and Spectrum service has not been helpful. We need to increase to 300 MBytes, which should start in January, 2023.

The background check on Blondie, the cleaning person, will need to be completed. We will go through Church Mutual for this completion. The Altar Committee will get the flowers for Christmas and they will ask the congregation to donate \$5.00 for honor and remembrance of family and friends. We still need the nomination committee of three. We will ask Sue Miller and Jo Swanson to work with Steve Manuell. We will put an announcement in the Erin NewsLetter for the Chili Supper and Pastor Bonnie's installation. Pastor Bonnie suggested that we need one or two signs to distinguish the bathroom and elevator doors. The noise level in the sanctuary before church has been much too loud, for those who might be praying. We discussed what we might do to help keep the noise low, such as keeping ourselves quiet, once Jill has started playing, as one idea.

The Faith Foundation Book Studies classes must be registered by the end of December. Money may be used from the Endowment Fund. Chili Supper will be February 26th. The charge will be increased from \$9.00 to \$10.00. Betty Zimpelman will handle the pies.


Budget is now \$1123 less than the Income, as we work on it.

Our next meeting will be January 9, 2023. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm..



February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:30 Worship Annual Meeting following Worship	6	7 Senior Fellowship Julia Kluever Anna Kluever	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 Worship	13 Council Meeting 6 PM	14 	15	16 Women's Guild 12 Noon Jacquie Branchford Betty Zimpelmann	17	18 Duck Bowling 1 PM Polly Edgar Danny Harvey Nolan Weber Jeff Gorecki
19 9:30 Worship Katie Green	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM Bonnie Hanrahan Debra Weber	23	24 Marysa Hoch Bill & Bernie Chase's Anniversary	25
26 9:30 Worship Chili Dinner 11-2	27 Wanda Dieball Jack Duehring	28				