

# Chapel Bells

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



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January, 2020

### A Prayer for Epiphany

*"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." ~Matthew 2:11*

Radiant One, every day is an epiphany in which I, too, can pay you homage. Every day I can kneel before you and open the treasure chest of my life. In there, I find unending gifts of every kind to offer you. Every day I bring my gratitude for you, my desire to grow more loving, my longing to be true. Every day I reach into that treasure chest and offer my trust that you are near, my hope for all you promise, my belief in what is unseen. Every day I offer my desire to live justly, my commitment to be generous, my struggle to be whole.

Divine Light, I give these gifts and so much more. The treasure chest is boundless. Each time I reach within I see you smiling at my gesture, for you, great Giver of Gifts, have placed each treasure there. You greet my gift with welcoming pleasure when it returns back home to you.

Bestower of Gifts, thank you for all that my treasure chest of life holds. I will look daily for my persistent star of recognition. May it stand boldly over the house of my heart where you dwell, so that I will be aware of your presence and pause to give you homage.

~by Joyce Rupp, from Out of the Ordinary



#### **Pastor Glenn's Contact Information & Schedule:**

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At the church office Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 am to noon

Thursday: I work at home writing sermons and making calls

Friday: Pastor's day off

\*Available other times by appointment—just give me a call!

\*\*Schedule subject to change depending on evening meetings, weddings, funerals, SE UCC clergy meetings, etc.



### **Extending the Table January 5**

We will be "Extending the Table" to our neighbors in need by collecting goods for area food pantries again on Communion Sunday, January 5. Here are the items currently most needed: canned carrots, Canned peas, canned chicken, applesauce, jelly/jam, pasta sides, rice sides, potato sides, mac & cheese, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, jello and pudding, Hamburger Helper.



### **Towards a More Accessible Sanctuary**

As you enter worship you will notice the first step to finding a solution to accommodating members and guests with disabilities in our Sanctuary. A small team of our members have volunteered to remove the front pew on the northeast side of the Sanctuary and replace that seating area temporarily with folding chairs. That pew will be re-positioned to an alternate location until the Annual Meeting on February 2. The folding chairs can be re-positioned or removed, as necessary, to accommodate our guests and members with disabilities. In the meantime we can watch the flow of our guests and members to determine whether a permanent change in the front pew seating area is the best long term solution.



### **2020 Offering Envelopes**

2020 Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up near the Greeter's Stand in the Sanctuary. Please pick up your box soon.



### **Women's Guild**

Happy new year all! The Guild's 2019 was a year filled with enjoyable times together and many blessings. We have several new members; served some Sunday coffee and conversations; thanked the congregation with a memorable Pi day; saw "The Power of a Dream" at Dancing

Horses Theater for our summer adventure; heard about Pastor Glenn and Stephanie's Sierra Club trip to Hawaii; hosted area fellowships at a salad luncheon with Broadway Civic Singers performing and the free will offering going to area food pantries; installed new wooden blinds to replace the aging blinds in the Fellowship Hall and throughout the church; helped the Sunday School distribute flyers at the Richfield parade; and, with lots of help from the whole congregation, held a successful Soup and Bread/Bake Sale and a wonderful Cookie Walk which generate profits to help support our church, its missions, and present an opportunity to welcome St. Paul's friends and neighbors who look forward to these events.

We are thankful for these blessings and pray the coming year will bring new blessings and opportunities for St. Paul's Guild.

All women are welcome to join us for a potluck lunch and our first meeting on January 16.





**Save the Date: National Youth Event 2020**

**July 22-25, 2020**

**Purdue University**

**Theme: Unite!**

When? July 22-25, 2020

Where? Purdue University

Who? Youth who have finished 6th grade through 12th grade; Young adults 18-22; Youth leaders and chaperones

What? This 4-day event is celebrated as the largest denominational gathering. Often bringing in 4,000 participants, this time together is centered on faith, leadership, service and social justice to empower our youth and young adults.

Cost? \$375\*...includes housing, meals and program (\*need-based scholarship available)

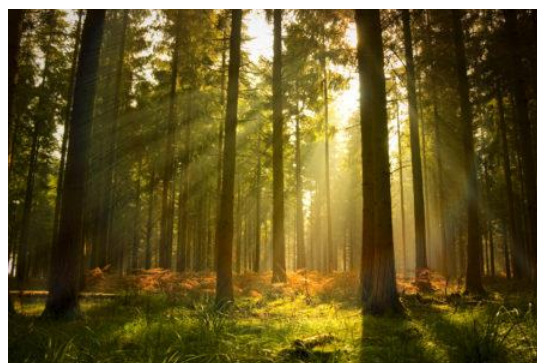
\*The Wisconsin Conference UCC will organize bus transportation to and from Purdue. Cost to be determined. More information will be available in January.

Interested? Contact Pastor Glenn

View the agenda and confirmed speakers at the [National Youth Event website](#)



*Children's Christmas Program December 15th*



**Claiming Your Life As It is: Soul of Aging**

**A Circle of Trust retreat**

**Cedar Valley Retreat Center**

**January 31-February 2, 2020**

Are you yearning to explore the joys, challenges, and gifts of the aging process; wishing to be transformed as you grow, hopefully, into a wise old human? Two facilitators trained by the Center for Courage & Renewal, Winton Boyd and Kirsten Anglea, will create the space for reflection on how to age well, with dignity and integrity.

Please consider joining us at Cedar Valley Retreat Center in West Bend in January 2020 for this first of two Soul of Aging retreats, inspired by the work of Parker Palmer.

"To ripen--not just grow up, but to keep on maturing through our entire lives--takes great courage and great vulnerability. We can end up unripe, bitter, not able to reap the fruits of this life, or as elders, we can explore and share the tender, bittersweet and ferocious truths of growing old." ~ Sherry Anderson

[More information and registration](#)

Questions - Contact [Winton Boyd](#)



**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](mailto:SPPastor@yahoo.com) or (414) 550.1553.





### **January 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 next serving day is scheduled for Saturday, January 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.



### **January Liturgist Schedule**

January 5 Steve Manuell  
January 12 Carl Roock  
January 19 Elias Gravelle  
January 26 Stephanie Danz

### **January Greeters:**

January 5<sup>th</sup> – Bill & LouAnn Evert  
January 12<sup>th</sup> – Fred & Wanda Dieball  
January 19<sup>th</sup> – John & Poly Edgar  
January 26<sup>th</sup> – Jim & Jacquie Branchford

### **Coffee & Conversation Hosts - \*\*NEEDED\*\***



Mark your calendars for January's Book Club meeting:

Title: The Handmaid's Tale  
Author: Margaret Atwood  
Date: Thursday, January 30  
Host: Norma & Karrie Hultstrum  
1075 Oconobanks Dr.  
(262-623-6526)

### **Future Book:**

Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Educated (Tara Westover) (Host Needed)



### **Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls & visits:**

\*Camden Norbert Brehmer, born December 16 at 7.2 lbs. & 19"; parents: Christy Dederich & Andy Brehmer; grandparents: Barb and Norb Brehmer  
\*Tyler Runte, who graduated Magna Cum Laude on December 14 from UW-Parkside with a Bachelor's Degree in Business  
\*Ron Perschon, battling prostate cancer  
\*Ron & Diane Smith, as Ron recovers from brain surgery  
\*Lois Winkler, in LaCrosse

### **FINAL 2019 MISSION COMPLETED!!!**

This St. Paul's community has yet again gone above and beyond to give so much more than what was asked of you! Our St. Paul's Giving Tree was a huge success!

Here's the breakdown, we had 4 children to buy for and a baby on the way....each child is receiving about 9 presents on Christmas Eve!! Baby Gracelyn, who arrived early, is set to be quite the stylish & warm little princess. And even Mom & Dad are off to a better start for 2020!!

Your heartfelt donations were very graciously received! Mom was speechless and couldn't quite explain how thankful she was while we were unloading. Afterwards, she told us how difficult it was to make this decision... but she did it for the kids. They used to be the ones helping others, but right now in this season of life, they need to lean on others for a little help. Our little church gave this family more than just a little help or Christmas gifts... we gave this mom & dad back their legs to stand on, a renewed sense of hope & a reminder that there's still some good left in this world! What you all did was so much more than you could ever know for this family!! Thank you all so much!!!

**St. Paul's UCC**  
**Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 11, 2019**

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

**1) Opening Prayer**

**2) Approval of October minutes** – October minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved (Glenn moved, Curt seconded)

**3) Approval of October Financials** – October financials were reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved. (Wanda moved, Sue seconded)

**4) Pastor's Report-** Written report presented and reviewed with Council. Report included October through November ministry highlights, upcoming events and prayer needs. Vacation requested for November 26 – December 1 (Rev. Russ Knoth preaching on Dec. 1) and December 16 – 30 (Alan Timm preaching on Dec. 29) John motioned, Jill seconded. Unanimously approved.

**5) Stewardship Campaign** – Two letters have been sent. Speakers and sermons regarding stewardship have been performed.

**6) Nominating Committee** – Reviewed list of possible candidates for the nominating committee. John will contact the candidates to determine who will accept. A note will be put in a December bulletin to ask if people are interested in the open positions at the church.

**7) Identify Positions that require Nominating Committee Action** – This was discussed & will confirm before next meeting.

**8) Committee Reports –**

**A) Personnel Committee** – They asked for surveys to be completed from some committee members for Pastor Glenn & Jill L. This information has been collated to review with Pastor Glenn & Jill. PPRC has also reviewed.

**B) Bldg & Maintenance** – Steeple information. Reviewed options & discussion regarding finances, implementation, etc. Need to determine structural soundness of steeple. Curt will continue to work on this.

**9) Photo copier replacement** – It is indicating that a drum replacement is needed. We have already replaced this once. The cost of a new copier is approximately \$500 - \$600 and a drum is approximately \$300 - \$400. Jill made a motion to spend up to \$600 out of ear-marked funds that have to be used by the end of the year for a new copier. LouAnn seconded. Unanimously approved. Becky will assist in determining which brand & model to get.

**10) Handicap Entrance Signs** – One was put up by the lower parking lot to direct to the upper area.

**11) Info needed for Budget meeting** – Committees have been contacted to get their financial requests/budgets in. Connie will contact the committee chairs again to remind them.

**12) Budget/Council meeting** – Set for December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn made by John, Glenn seconded

Submitted by Wanda Dieball

# St. Paul's UCC Erin – Greeters 2020

## **January**

January 5<sup>th</sup> – Bill & LouAnn Evert  
January 12<sup>th</sup> – Fred & Wanda Dieball  
January 19<sup>th</sup> – John & Polly Edgar  
January 26<sup>th</sup> – Jim & Jacquie Branchford

## **February**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Connie & Gavin Johnson  
February 9<sup>th</sup> – Roy & Carol Kaisler  
February 16<sup>th</sup> – Rick & Vicki Guetzke  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jason & Becky Duehring

## **March**

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Bonnie Hanrahan & Cheryl Fischer  
March 8<sup>th</sup> – Adam & Jess Staus  
March 15<sup>th</sup> – Dave & Betty Zimpelman  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rachel Schuppel  
March 29<sup>th</sup> – Dick Ahrens & Judy Nell

## **April**

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

## **May**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bill & LouAnn Evert  
May 10<sup>th</sup> – Norb & Barb Brehmer  
May 17<sup>th</sup> – Allan & Sharon Schlafer  
May 24<sup>th</sup> – Jill Paddock & Cheryl Fischer  
May 31<sup>st</sup> – Dick & Judy Nell

## **June**

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Bill & Peggy Ahles  
June 14<sup>th</sup> – John & Polly Edgar  
June 21<sup>st</sup> – Dave & Betty Zimpelman  
June 28<sup>th</sup> – Jason & Becky Duehring

## **July**

July 5<sup>th</sup> – Jack & Charmaine Duehring  
July 12<sup>th</sup> – Cindy Cain & Bernie Chase  
July 19<sup>th</sup> – Mark & Debbie Gettelman  
July 26<sup>th</sup> – Tom & Mary Guetzke

## **August**

August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bonnie Hanrahan & Cheryl Fischer  
August 16<sup>th</sup> – Jill Paddock & Kathy Schlafer  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> – Shirley Janichuk & Brenda Klemmer  
August 30<sup>th</sup> – Jerry & Vicky Lubbert

## **September**

September 6<sup>th</sup> – Dan & Joyce O'Keane  
September 13<sup>th</sup> – Carl Roock & Bernice Dieball  
September 20<sup>th</sup> – Eugene & Vicki Dost  
September 27<sup>th</sup> – Larry & Dawn Raether

## **October**

October 4<sup>th</sup> – Norb & Barb Brehmer  
October 11<sup>th</sup> – Steve & Alice Manuell  
October 18<sup>th</sup> – John & Polly Edgar  
October 25<sup>th</sup> – Brett & Sue Miller

## **November**

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Fred & Wanda Dieball  
November 8<sup>th</sup> – Kim Weber & Boys  
November 15<sup>th</sup> – Kim, Payton & Mason Weber  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Kluever Family  
November 29<sup>th</sup> – Cindy Cain & Bernie Chase

## **December**

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Curt & Karrie Hultstrum  
December 13<sup>th</sup> – Carl Roock & Donna Runte  
December 20<sup>th</sup> – Bill & LouAnn Evert  
December 24<sup>th</sup> – Volunteers Needed  
December 27<sup>th</sup> – Dick & Judy Nell

*If you cannot greet on your Sunday, please arrange to switch with someone and notify Bernice Dieball 262-538-1519 or beafarmin@gmail.com so that it is indicated correctly in the bulletin.*



# January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bram Miller	2	3	4
5 Epiphany Sunday, 9:30 am worship w/ Communion + Extending the Table; 10:45 am Confirmation Class Bill Chase	6	7 11:30 am Senior Group	8	9	10	11  Payton Weber
12 9:30 am worship w/ Rev. Russ Knoth preaching Becky Duehring Katelyn Runte Jack & Charmaine Duehring's	13 6 pm Church Council mtg.	14	15	16 12 Noon Ladies Guild	17  Jim Swanson	18 9:30 am-12 noon Serving Day at Sussex Food Pantry
19 9:30 am worship; 11 am PPRC mtg.  Cliff Braden Polly Edgar	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (church office closed) Rebecca Kluever John & Polly Edgar's Anniversary	21  Chapel Bells items due	22  Tyler Runte	23	24	25
26 9:30 am worship	27	28  Jennie Harvey	29  Elliott Bruckbauer	30	31	