



Chapel Bells

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What is Pastor Bonnie up to these days? My stock answer is 5' 4". LOL (laugh out loud).

In the last month, I completed a course on Boundary Training. Boundary training is a requirement of all UCC pastors every four years. I usually dread what can be a boring subject. Not the case this time. The subjects included were: What is boundary training, pastoral relationships with adults, finance, self-care, pastoral relationships with children and youth, and social media. I completed the online portion which included reflection pieces on each subject and a final paper. I was signed up for the in-person piece as part of attending the Annual Meeting. I canceled my spot due to my father's passing. I will be making this up this coming fall at the Southeast Association meeting.

I attended the Southeast Annual Meeting on May 7th via zoom. As I look back at my notes now "faith calls you to not give up", "we have to be bigger and broader than our building" and "push beyond our comfort zones to adapt to new ways to serve God" stand out from Rev. Laura McLeod's introduction. The keynote speaker, Professor Thomas Thibodeau, spoke of the power of the word...a word of prayer...a word of hope, etc. These are the words that make the church a safe place for all. "The way we talk to and with each other with appreciation and acknowledgement are simply a different way of saying, 'I Love You'." Professor Thibodeau was a very dynamic speaker and moved away from the pulpit, which meant his voice was not picked up on zoom. I regret not being able to listen to the rest of his presentation.

Finally, I have enrolled in a course of study utilizing the book *Grace and Gigabytes* written by Ryan Panzer through the UCC Damascus Project. This is a five-week course which utilizes a platform similar to Zoom. We meet once a week and discuss what we have read. To date, we have covered a section on questions and the power of questions.

At some point in the near future, my hope is to integrate all this learning into a sermon, or sermon series, and/or a discussion group. There is so much to learn!

Council Notes from our June Meeting

Please be sure that all garbage that is placed in the large garbage cans located behind the church are put in plastic garbage bags. The Kluever family takes the garbage and places it in their dumpster at home. They need to have everything bagged since the cans are too large to transport easily. Garden refuse should not be placed in these cans.

As you might have noticed, the envelopes this year are undated. If you do not use an envelope each week, you may not need envelopes next year! Please let Rachel Hoch (rschupple4@gmail.com) if you won't need a new box of envelopes next year so the correct amount can be ordered. If you have used your "holiday" envelopes, you can write the holiday on any of the envelopes and use that instead of a special envelope.

A committee is being formed for the Brat Fry on August 27. This is an all church fund raiser so please be generous with your time and attendance.

The next council meeting is Monday, July 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room. Please let someone on the council know if you have an item for discussion that should be put on our agenda.

THANK YOU. Those two timeless words don't come close to expressing my appreciation for your support during the time of my father's passing. Your kind thoughts and prayers, hugs, cards, the donation to the memorial fund in his name, the Peace plant and the folks who attended Dad's visitation touched my heart. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Pastor Bonnie

Something To Share

While this selection may seem more like a tongue twister, it is something to think about. If you would like to share your thoughts with me, I'm more than open to hearing from you.

Parker Palmer wrote in his book *Let Your Life Speak*: The God I know does not ask us to conform to some abstract norm for the ideal self. God asks us only to honor our created nature, which means our limits as well as potentials. When we fail to do so, reality happens – God happens – and the way closes behind us.

The God I was told about in church, and still hear about from time to time, runs about like an anxious schoolmaster measuring people's behavior with a moral yardstick. But the God I know is the source of reality rather than morality, the source of what *is* rather than what *ought to be*. This does not mean that God has nothing to do with morality: morality and its consequences are built into the God-given structure of reality itself. Moral norms are not something we have to stretch for, and moral consequences are not something we have to wait for: they are right here, right now, waiting for us to honor or violate, the nature of self, other, world.

One dwells with God by being faithful to one's nature. One crosses God by trying to be something one is not. Reality – including one's own – is divine, to be not defied but honored.



Our Pastoral Search Committee continues our work and has completed our Church Profile which has been approved by our Church Council and published for potential pastoral candidates to see. When the Church Council hired Pastor Bonnie as our interim pastor, Pastor Bonnie and our Search Committee each expressed a desire to be able to potentially consider her as our settled pastor. Normally the UCC prohibits a congregation from considering an interim pastor for the settled pastor's role, however, when the interim pastor and Search Committee are open to it from the beginning, the UCC makes an exception and deems the interim pastor a "Designated Interim Pastor." In our case, Pastor Bonnie was hired by the Church Council as a Designated Interim Pastor, which allows Pastor Bonnie and our Search Committee to consider whether we are the right fit for each other.

Over the last few months, we have received nearly twenty pastor's profiles, and, for various reasons, none of them have been a good fit for our congregation. We have also observed and met several times with Pastor Bonnie and, based on that experience, Pastor Bonnie and the Search Committee have agreed that we will move forward in a sort of "on the job interview" over the next two months. In the interim, we will regularly meet with each other and listen to the feedback of the congregation. We have shared this plan with the Church Council as well and they are on board with the process. During this time, we will not be looking at other pastor's profiles.

If you ever have any comments or questions, and particularly any feedback for us and/or Pastor Bonnie through this process, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Bonnie or one of our committee members: Brett Miller, Steve Manuell, Cindy Cain, Debra Weber, Tom Pahnke, Peggy Ahles or Betty Zimpelman.



Women's Guild

The Guild's June "meeting" was lunch at the 5 O'Clock Club on Pewaukee Lake...almost... Ten hungry women arrived at the restaurant to find it closed and dark. A power outage occurred just before we arrived. Restaurant staff kindly made us reservations at the Delafield Brew Pub and off we went. Lunch was delicious and we even took care of a little business.

We will be having a brat fry at the Fox Bros. Piggly Wiggly in Hubertus on Saturday, July 16, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Guild members plan to bake homemade treats and offer a little bake sale as well. Please plan to attend and invite friends and neighbors.

The next Guild meeting will be held at church on Thursday, July 21, at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch and Carol will provide dessert. Debbie Braden will have the devotion. All St. Paul's women are invited and encouraged to join us.

Greeters for July:

July 3rd – Carol Roock

July 10th – Allan & Sharon Schalfer

July 17th – Cheryl Fischer & Jill Paddock

July 24th – Mark & Debbie Gettelman



July 3rd - Jill Schaefer

July 10th - Brett Miller

July 17th - Steve Manuell

July 24th - Alice Manuell

July 31st - Bernice Dieball



**Please remember in
your prayers, cards,
calls and visits:** Pastor
Bonnie, Marilyn
Dieball, Ron Smith,

Beulah Timm, Russell Dieball, Joyce O'Keane and
James Leifer.



UPDATE



Please update your directory:

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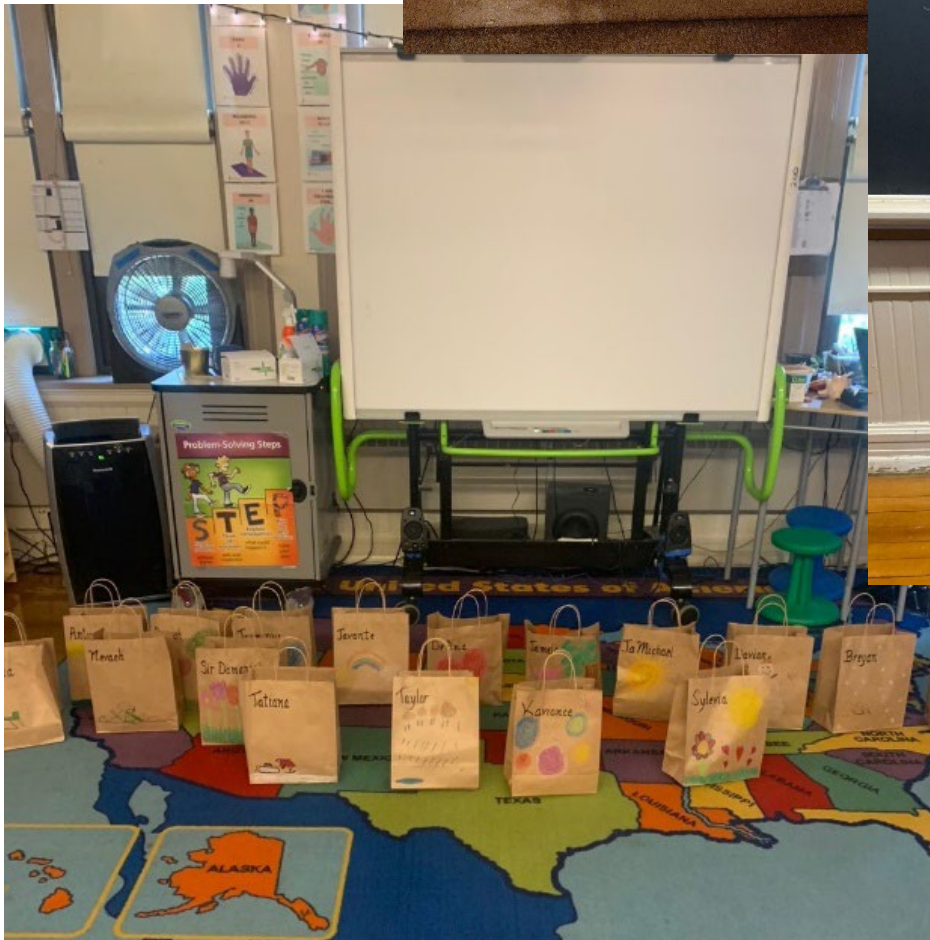
Please let Donna Runte know if you have changes that should be noted in the Church Directory. Also please let me know if I am missing your Birthday or Anniversary on our monthly calendar.

Summer Bags for Brown Street

Mission accomplished with our most recent project for Brown Street Academy. The generous donations from the congregation enabled us to fill 24 bags with fun and educational material and games for the kids to use over the summer. We included writing books, flash cards, pens, pencils and a few yummy treats. Their teacher, Jessica Ornborg, said, *"The bags were a huge hit. The kids started using the flashcards right away. I even saw them quizzing each other at recess! I am confident that they will use them this summer and the benefits will be huge. I can't thank the congregation enough"*.

Our thanks to everyone for your enthusiasm and generosity.

The Mission Committee



Church Council Meeting Minutes
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
May 9, 2022

The Council meeting was called to order by President Charmaine Duehring at 6:08pm. In attendance were: Carl Roock, Kim Kersten, Janene Kluever, Cheryl Fischer, Pastor Bonnie Jacque and Kay O'Keane. Absent were Lucy Krapfl and Connie Johnson.

The April meeting minutes were amended and approved.

Financial Report: Jill Lutkow, organist, and Blondie, cleaner, will now be included on the church payroll. Conference dues were paid for 149 members.

Jackie Branchford has told us she will be putting Jim Branchford's Memorial Fund to the St. Paul's Christian Education and the Spy Group.

The septic pumping will be done in late May. Carl will check with Jill to see if there is a contract for organ maintenance and if we need to renew it. The first coat of painting the Pastor's office was completed by Eugene Dost and the second coat will be done on Friday, May 13th. The office furniture has been delivered and it is being paid for by the endowment committee.

Pastor Bonnie brought up the subject of a bible study in the prayer garden. She will put it in the Chapel Bells and pick a date.

Connie is waiting for a call from Pilgrims Press regarding a large print hymnal. We don't think this will be available. We could make copies of the hymns and enlarge them along with the bulletins.

The lock for the lower door has been replaced and new keys were handed out to those whose key no longer fit.

Vacation Bible School has been set on the 7th of August. We need greeters to sign up. We will check with the Altar Committee.

The projector operator list is: Connie Johnson, Dave Zimpleman, Susan or Brett Miller, Charmaine Duehring, Cheryl Fischer, Donna Runte and Sharon Schlafer.

The Guetzke family are wishing to plant a tree or two somewhere in the cemetery or near the church, with the Memorial Fund from her father, Vern Guetzke's funeral. Kim will work on the details.


The next Council meeting will be Monday, June 13th at 6:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Kevin Staus</i> <i>Fred & Wanda Dieball's Anniversary</i>	2
3 9:30 Worship <i>LouAnn Evert Kevin & Jodi Staus' Anniversary</i>	4 	5 Seniors 11:30 <i>Vicki Lubbert</i>	6 <i>Amanda Nell</i>	7 <i>Jill Schaefer</i>	8	9 <i>Vicki Guetzke</i>
10 9:30 Worship <i>Lee & Sheila Anderson's Anniversary</i>	11 Council Meeting 6PM	12	13	14	15 <i>Mary Guetzke</i>	16 <i>Brat Fry 9-3 Piggly Wiggly Hubertus</i>
17 9:30 Worship	18 <i>Dan & Bonnie Hanrahan & Dan & Joyce O'Keane's Anniversary</i>	19	20	21 Women's Guild <i>Beulah Timm</i>	22	23
24 9:30 Worship <i>Jodi Dupras</i>	25 <i>Curt & Karrie Hulterstrum's Anniversary</i>	26	27 <i>Charlie & Janene Kluever's Anniversary</i>	28 <i>Alice Manuell Donna Runte</i>	29	30
31 9:30 Worship						