



Chapel Bells

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



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Wisconsin Conference
United Church of Christ

Message from Conference Minister Franz Rigert (May 23, 2020):

Despite yesterday's Presidential proclamation declaring churches an essential service and ordering Governors to allow for immediate re-opening, the scientific data and facts on the ground here in Wisconsin do not support this. New Covid-19 cases are still on the rise and we are bracing for potentially devastating health consequences following a wide re-entry to public life with no government mandated phasing requirements and little guidance in place.

In consultation with the Wisconsin Council of Churches and our Jewish and Muslim Interfaith partners, we continue to urge UCC congregations to follow the Badger Bounce Back Plan. Please be patient and prudent, for your sake and for the sake of your beloved faith community. I urge all of our congregations to resist worshiping in person until it is safer. Churches are particularly vulnerable to severe cases of the Coronavirus because we have a large percentage of high risk people.

Friends, the time will come when we can gradually re-engage in person. God's highest calling is that we love our neighbors even as we love ourselves. This necessary social distancing is an act of love and a commitment to our faith.



St. Paul's Plan for Returning to Church

At their meeting on May 11, the Church Council approved St. Paul's Plan for Returning to Church based on recommended plans from the Wisconsin Conference UCC and the Wisconsin Council of Churches. Here is a link to the plan: <https://www.wichurches.org/2020/04/23/returning-to-church/>.



Calling All Graduates!

If you have someone in your family who is graduating from middle school, high school, college, or trade school this spring, please email Pastor Glenn at SPPastor@yahoo.com so he can send them a letter of congratulations. This is a difficult time to be graduating, so let's do our best to honor our graduates! We will be holding a Graduate Recognition Sunday to honor our graduates later this summer.



Sunday On-Line Worship

In order to keep members safe during the pandemic, we are worshipping on-line using Zoom. Please join us for on-line worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Links to the service each week will be emailed to our members and can also be found on our church website at <http://www.stpaulserin.org>.

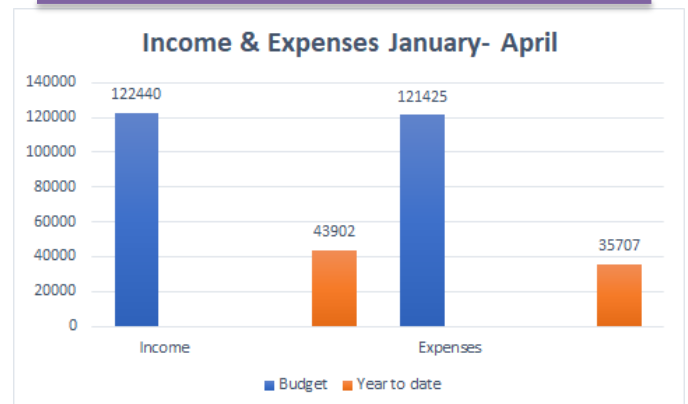


Women's Guild

The Women's Guild held its May 21 meeting outdoors on the church parking lot—our first meeting since February 20. We brought masks, chairs, brown bag lunches, sat at a safe distance and enjoyed being together. Jacquie and Bernice led devotions. We read a thank you card from Norma Hultertrum and discussed our Spring Fellowship and Guild outing, both of which have been cancelled.

We considered creative ideas to hold a Homemade Bread and Soup Lunch and Bake Sale or similar fundraiser in case by September that might be a safe possibility. Curbside pick-up; limited menu; drive-by at the rooster entrance; pre-packaged cookie bake sale, etc. etc. Anyone with an idea, please pass it along to Betty Zimpelman, Lynn Duwell or Jill Paddock.

Our June meeting date is on the 21st. Hopefully, by then we can hold our regular meeting, but we all enjoyed our parking lot get-together so much that perhaps summer picnic meetings will become a new tradition.

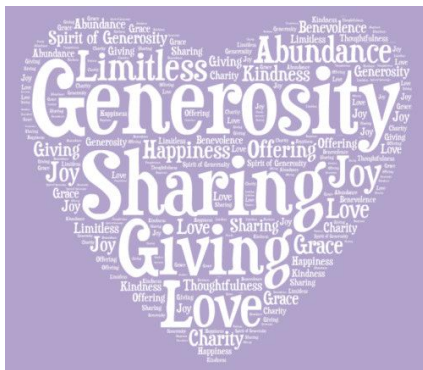




Delegates Needed for Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting

The Wisconsin Conference Annual Meeting will be held online via Zoom on Saturday, June 6, from 8:30 am to noon. We need 2 delegates from our congregation to attend. Please contact Pastor Glenn if you're interested. Here is a link to more information about the Annual Meeting: <https://www.wcucc.org/about-wcucc/annual-meeting/>.

Giving to the Church During the Pandemic



We expect this to be a very challenging year financially for our congregation due to the pandemic. Please continue to practice good stewardship by mailing your weekly offerings and pledges to the church office at: St. Paul's UCC, attn: Financial Secretary, 495 St. Augustine Road, Colgate, WI 53017. Gifts can also made online on our church website (<http://www.stpaulserin.org>) or by electronic transfer from your bank. Thank you for continuing to give as generously as you can!



Zoom Available for Virtual Church Meetings

Thanks to a generous grant from the Wisconsin Conference UCC, we are able use Zoom for not only on-line worship, but other church meetings. If anyone would like to schedule a committee meeting or meeting for other groups using Zoom, please contact Pastor Glenn (SPPastor@yahoo.com) and he would be happy to assist.



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.



Sussex Food Pantry Update

Our Serving Day on the 3rd Saturday morning of each month at the Sussex Food Pantry has been temporarily suspended due to the pandemic. Jennifer Waltz, SOS Director, will let us know when volunteers are needed again.



United Church Camps Update

Summer camps at Pilgrim Center have been cancelled due to the pandemic. Summer camps at Moon Beach will still be held. Summer employment opportunities are still available. Visit www.ucci.org for more information.



June Liturgist Schedule (*TBD depending on pandemic status)

June 7: Brett Miller and Carl Rook
June 14: Elias Gravelle
June 21: Stephanie Danz
June 28: John Duwell

Greeters for June:

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



Hospital?

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



Please remember with your prayers, cards & calls:

- *Rachel Schuppel and John Hoch, married on May 29
 - * Marvin Schlafer, recovering at home after recent hospitalization for pancreatitis
 - *Dick Ahrens, recovering at home after hip replacement surgery
 - *Steve Manuell, going through radiation treatments for prostate cancer
 - *Vern Goetzke, being treated for lip cancer
 - *Ron Perschon, battling prostate cancer
 - *Wanda Dieball's mother, Gail, as she begins treatment for lung cancer
 - *Ron & Diane Smith, as Ron recovers from brain surgery
 - *Lois Winkler, in LaCrosse
 - *A cure for and healing from the coronavirus
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 8:30 am-12 noon, Wisconsin Conference UCC Annual Meeting, online Kay O'Keane
7 9:30 am Online Worship w/ Communion Bill & Jane Herte's Anniversary	8 6 pm, Church Council mtg.	9	10 Cheryl Fischer	11 Max Bruckbauer Glenn Danz Allan & Sharon Schlafer's Anniversary	12	13
14 9:30 am Online Worship	15	16	17 Vicki Dost	18 Guild meeting 12 Noon (TBD)	19 Nate Weber	20 Isabel Horn
21 9:30 am Worship (TBD)	22 Shirley Janichek Chapel Bell items due	23 Michael Harvey	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 am Worship (TBD)	29	30				