



# *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](mailto: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>.

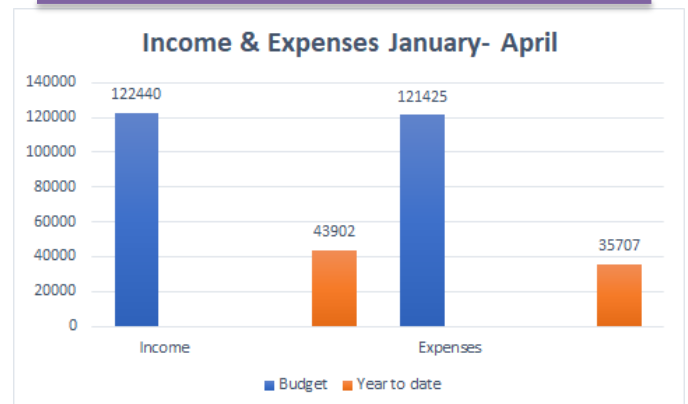


### **Women's Guild**

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 Hultertum 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.







### 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](http://www.ucci.org) for more information.

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### 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 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

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### Hospital?

If you know of someone in our congregation who is currently hospitalized, please contact Pastor Glenn at [SPPastor@yahoo.com](mailto: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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