

# Chapel Bells

June, 2023

## Pastor's Message

### Adult Changing Table

Yes, God works in mysterious ways. After a failed first attempt at placing an adult changing table at the YMCA in West Bend, it felt like we did our best, but it was not going to happen. Remember this is a height adjustable changing table that lowers for ease in transferring other-abled adults from a wheelchair to the table. Then, the table can easily be raised to a height comfortable for the caregiver. Without these tables, caregivers often need to place their loved one on a public bathroom floor or on the ground. Yuk!

A second opportunity presented itself at the Tri-County YMCA in Menomonee Falls. They do have space for a table and folks who would benefit from it. Once again, we applied for the Legacy Grant for \$5,000. We had already raised over \$600 in one Sunday! We would need about another \$1,000 to purchase the table, if we received the full \$5,000.

It was heartbreaking to read the e-mail stating our request had been denied. We would not receive any monies from

the grant. It's hard to describe how I felt. Defeated, but not completely without hope. There is a Walmart grant that we might qualify for. We could give that a try. Kim Kersten and Neil Weber and I make up the committee for this project and we needed some time to process what to do next.

I will never agree with anyone who says God doesn't answer prayers. I received a phone call from Rev. Elizabeth Hazel the following Monday morning. Rev. Hazel is on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ. She is also the liaison from the Board of Directors to the grant committee. She was as disappointed as we were regarding the denial of our request for grant money to provide the adult changing table. She stated she was going to give us \$5,000 personally with the stipulation it be placed in memory of Phil and Kent Markley, sons of a friend's daughter who had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Imagine that!

There is a call and response that goes: "God

is good" – "All the time." "All the time – God is good." That is how I felt. God is so good, all the time. (That covers bad times and good times.) God does answer prayers. Happy tears this time.

With your support, we will raise the needed funds and there will be an adult changing table placed at the Tri-County YMCA. Hallelujah! Amen!

**Why did the cookie go to the doctor?**

*It was feeling crumby.*

**Father's Day** is June 18<sup>th</sup>! We all have heard some pretty good Dad jokes in our lives. Let's share them in honor of Dad! My favorite image of Jesus is with his head tilted back and his face full of laughter.

### Wisconsin Conference

#### Annual Meeting

Pastor Bonnie and Cindy Cain will be attending the annual meeting at Green Lake from June 8<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. In case of an emergency, you can reach Pastor Bonnie at 262-416-5094.



HAPPY  
**Father's**  
DAY

### PASTOR BONNIE'S OFFICE 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.

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## WOMEN'S GUILD



### **Hubertus Piggly Wiggly is Saturday, June 10, from 9 AM to 3 PM**

At our May meeting, Debbie B. presented a devotional about the importance of expressing gratitude. She brought lovely note cards for us to use and shared ideas about conveying our gratitude. Debbie G. provided a delicious peach dessert. Thanks Debbie!

The Guild Brat Fry and Plant Sale at Hubertus Piggly Wiggly is Saturday, June 10, from 9 AM to 3 PM. If you have any plants to donate for the sale, Betty Z. asks that you label them with name, shade/sun, etc. and bring them to the church fellowship hall on Friday, June 9, between 9 AM and noon. Of course, we hope you will plan to stop and have a brat or burger. It will be grilled to perfection!

Our annual Guild outing will be to The Germantown Historical Society's Bast Bell and Christ Church Museums in the Dheinsville Settlement followed by lunch at Asian Buffet in Menomonee Falls on Thursday, June 15. We will car-pool from the church parking lot at 9:30 AM. Non-members and friends are welcome to join us, please call Carol K. (262-628-0656) by June 12 so museum and lunch arrangements can be made. You can visit [www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.germantownhistoricalsociety.org) and select Museums for more Dheinsville Settlement information.

The next regular Guild meeting will be on Thursday, July 20, at noon. Hope you will join us!

## LITURGY

The word liturgy in Greek means "the work of the people". It includes the words we say aloud in worship, such as the Call To Worship and the liturgist reads scriptures. We have been following a liturgical calendar that is held in common with other Protestant church. In other words, your friend in Florida may very well be listening to a sermon based on the same set of scriptures as you are. The calendar is setup around key dates in the life of the church. It works on a three-year cycle – once every three years the same set of scriptures are read.

The downfall of this is we never get to read an entire Old Testament story or stick with one of Paul's letters. Given that, there is something called a narrative lectionary. It follows a story and incorporates holy days as normal. As a trial, I am going to work with the narrative lectionary for the summer. We can give it a thumbs up or thumbs down before September.



## MISSION COMMITTEE

Thank you to Katie Green who recently joined the mission committee. She volunteered her ideas, time, and talent. Is there a committee you have been thinking about? Do what Katie did, volunteer.

## COUNCIL NOTES

The council will be working on devising a system for handling all the paper we have accumulated over the years in our church and hopefully getting started on the process. If you have an interest or expertise in helping with this sort of organizing, please contact any council member. The next council meeting will be on June 12 at 6:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Bram Miller graduated from Carnegie Mellon with a Master's Degree in Engineering. Congratulations Bram!

Ari Miller graduated from UWM with a dual degree in Economics and Healthcare. Congratulations to Ari!

Charles Kluever, Jr. graduates from Slinger High School

Tory Raether graduates from The University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science, Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems. We are so proud of you!



## **Greeters for June:**

6/4—Jack & Charmaine Duehring

6/11 – Bernice Dieball & Cheryl Fischer

6/18—\*\*NEEDED\*\*

6/25—Cheryl Fischer & Jill Paddock

## **Liturgists:**

6/4—Jill Paddock

6/11—Jacquie Branchford

6/18—Curt Hulterstrum

6/25—Eugene Dost

## SOMETHING TO SHARE

### Notes to myself

Notes to myself. I have them in a stack on my desk at home. For example, one says, [WorshipWords.org](http://WorshipWords.org) and [carolynshymns.com](http://carolynshymns.com). Another says, Dr. Fitzsimmons – 11:20, be there at 11. I can cross that one off, it was already. Many of us have sticky notes placed where we can see them. I have one just to the right of my laptop that I have used several times and most likely will again...AppleCare 1-800-275-2273... it's a help line.

There are other notes we use as reminders to ourselves to be positive. My mother had one on her refrigerator that said, "We can disagree without being disagreeable." You can even buy socks that have positive affirmations on them like I Am Strong, or I Am Amazing. A daily dose of positivity right there on your toes. Once or twice, I have seen the word HELP on the bottom of a groom's shoes...not so positive but certainly brings laughter.

Do you leave yourself notes of encouragement? Why? Why not? I love the videos that show a little girl repeating after her mother as she says, "I am brave. I am kind. I am smart. I am beautiful. I can do hard things. I am loved." Imagine repeating that every day to yourself.

I have been told to write things that didn't go my way on one side of a piece of paper and the good things on the opposite side. Amazingly, even though the negative seemed to control my mood most of my day, there were many more positive things that I brushed aside.

We display trophies out in the open for everyone to see and know you have made a hole-in-one or some athletic trophy as a reminder that you excelled at a sport. They also are visible reminders for yourself that you have achieved a goal. You may have ribbons from a fair for best in class or best apple pie. These are notes to yourself.

How about this quote for example: ***"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."*** – Oscar Wilde ***Try this one "To accept ourselves as we are means to value our imperfections as much as our perfections."*** – Sandra Bierig. Maybe "Just Do It", the Nike quote, is just what you need.

Self-note quotes are important reminders which constantly remind us of what we need to do in our life. Read them every day till it sinks in your heart, mind, and soul.

I have adapted Celeste Marlowe's *A Note to Myself* as follows: "What is my purpose in life?" I asked God. "What if I told you that you fulfilled it when you took an extra hour to talk to that kid about his life?" said the voice. "Or when you paid for the young couple in the restaurant? Or when you saved the dog in traffic? Or when you tied your father's shoes for him?" "Your problem is that you equate your purpose with goal-based achievement. God isn't interested in your achievements... just your heart. When you choose to act out of kindness, compassion, and love, you are already aligned with your true purpose."

My note to myself this week is a quote from Rev. Bob Ullman, "Your purpose in life is to be God's Beloved and to let that flow from you into the world." Amen.

I AM KIND.  
I AM SMART.  
I AM IMPORTANT.  
I AM LOVED.



Church Council Meeting Minutes  
St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
April 17, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Council President, Charmaine Duehring, at 6:00pm. Those in attendance were Cheryl Fischer, Carl Roock, Lucy Krapfl, Kay O'Keane, Charmaine Duehring, Connie Johnson, Kim Kersten and Janene Kluever. Pastor Bonnie Jacque was not available as she was attending a ministry conference in Dubuque, Iowa. We had visitors, Neil and Nate Weber, who came to understand the business of the church for Confirmation studies.

The March meeting minutes were approved as corrected. The church is doing well regarding the envelopes and loose offerings. The Financial report was approved. The Congregational meeting was held to get the approval to pay off our loan on the Solar Panel project to the Endowment Fund. There was no discussion or questions. The request was approved. Dave Zimpelman will provide the exact amount and the money will be taken out of the general fund.

The Legacy Fund request was sent in. Cincy Cain will go with Pastor Bonnie to the SE Association Annual Meeting. Confirmation of Nate and Neil will be May 7th. The front sign lighting and needs to be repaired. We might need an electrician to repair it. The lawn mowing will cost the same as last year, the amount of \$408 per month. There will not be any Vacation Bible School this summer. The children are too busy and there are not enough of them. We are trying to get bids for repairs on the steeple. There are not many who are willing to go that high. We have received one bid and are looking for another one. Clean-up Day will be April 29th, at 8:00 to 11:00am. Sunday School will be ending and we would like to get a gift for the Sunday School teachers. Cheryl Fischer will get the gift. The Guild is planning to paint the kitchen, in order to update and freshen it up. The piano has been tuned.

The nursery is being used to store the food items that we collect for the food pantries in the area. This is not appropriate for the nursery. We will need to have carts or another area to store the products. We will need to check with the Mission Committee to see what they need. The Hymn singing for the third Sunday of the month is not being received well. We should review again. There was a suggestion for next Easter that we have a pot luck Easter Breakfast..

We will meet again on Monday, May 8, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.



# June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30 Worship	5	6 Senior Fellowship Kay O'Keane	7	8	9	10 Brat Fry 9-3 Cheryl Fischer
11 9:30 Worship Allan & Sharon Schlafer's Anniversary	12 Council Meeting 6 PM	13	14	15 Women's Guild 9:30 AM	16	17 Vicki Dost
18 9:30 Worship James Leifer HAPPY Father's DAY	19 Nate Weber	20 Chapel Bells items due to Donna Isabel Horn	21	22 Shirley Janichek	23 Knox Jackopin	24
25 9:30 Worship	26	27	28	29	30	