

Chapel Bells

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

May, 2024

PASTOR'S MESSAGE



June, the month of new beginnings. Summer begins on June 22nd. School ends for some for a few months, but for others it's a time of graduation and a whole other set of new beginnings ie. a new job, continuation of education be it technical or book knowledge, or perhaps a vacation.

St. Paul's has always been extremely proud of our youth and it is no different this year. Together we celebrate those who graduate from high school - Mason, W. Kim's son, whose new beginning includes attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison; and Pastor Bonnie's grandson, Joshua J., who is following in his father's footsteps and attending the Milwaukee School of Engineering this fall. Both of these young men have academically excelled and received several scholarships. CONGRATULATIONS!

The Gettleman's grandson, Luke M. graduates from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and will be extending his education as he aspires to be a veterinarian. Arianna M., daughter of Susan and Brett M. graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Arianna will be working toward her master's degree. Payton W., Kim's son, graduated with a business degree in actuarial science from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. His new beginning is working at United Healthcare. The Evert's grandson, Logan L., received his Master's degree and began post graduation employment as a software engineer. Pastor Bonnie's granddaughter, Jessica, graduated from The University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse and is continuing her studies toward her Master's Degree in physical therapy. CONGRATULATIONS!

I may have missed someone and for that I apologize in advance. Please let me know, so we can celebrate as a church family.

What kind of new beginning are you looking forward to? I, for one, would love to begin a suntan. Will you begin to dedicate more of your time and talents in your church community? Will you, for the first time, say no to more commitments? Remember, you can do anything but you can't do everything. Now, I need to take my own advice!

What first time experiences are you planning? How about setting a goal to get more exercise, read a book from the church library or any library, go fishing, take a bike ride., etc. June is a month of new beginnings. Congratulations to you who try something new, something different, confront a fear or maybe make a new friend. June is a month for CONGRATULATIONS!

SOMETHING TO SHARE

Eckhart Tolle wrote, "There is a sacredness to everything you perceive when you are Present. The more you live in the Now, the more you sense the simple yet profound joy of Being and the sacredness of all life."

DRIVER NEEDED Diane and Ron S. are in need of someone to volunteer to drive their wheelchair van to and from church on 5/26, 6/9, 6/23, 7/7 and 7/21. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. This could be the "something new" you begin to do in June!



PASTOR BONNIE'S MONTH OF JUNE

I will not be in the office on June 6th. I will be attending a worship workshop at Green Lake as part of the Conference Annual Meeting. I will not be spending the night and should be available via phone 262-416-5094 if the cell service works (sometimes it can be iffy in the woods).

I will be on vacation Sunday June 23rd and 30th. Rev. Meredith Anderson will lead worship on the 23rd and Dr. Rev. Tim Perkins on the 30th. Rev. Perkins was with us for Creation Sunday last year and is a member of Plastic Free Milwaukee. He will be sharing some of his Creation Care experiences. Please plan to attend these services in person or online.



While I am on vacation, please call Charmaine with any concerns and Rev. John Helt will cover in case of an emergency.



WOMEN'S GUILD

Our May meeting was short and sweet. Our trip to Watertown on Thursday, June 20, to tour The Octagon House and have lunch at Two Sisters Restaurant is on track. All are welcome to join us—members, friends, etc. We will carpool from church at 10 AM and should be back about 3 PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the coffee table in the Fellowship Hall. It should be a fun day!

The Guild will be having a brat fry and plant sale at the Hubertus Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, June 22, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Fresh grilled brats, burgers, and hot dogs along with chips and soda is on the menu. Spread the word, plan to come, and invite friends and neighbors to help make the sale a success.

If you are thinning or dividing indoor or outdoor plants you could donate to the sale, please pot them up, mark them with the name and info such as color, sun/shade, etc. Drop them off in the church rooster entrance on Friday, June 21. We would appreciate it.

The next regular Guild meeting will be on Thursday, July 18, at noon. All St. Paul's women are invited. Hope you can join us.



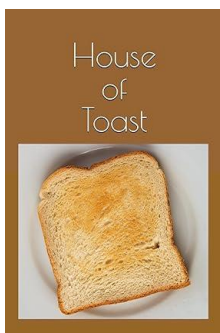
COUNCIL NOTES

St. Paul's council is currently reviewing and updating the by laws of our church. The process will take several months and then any changes will need to be approved by the congregation at either a special congregational meeting or the annual meeting. If you have an interest in this process, you are welcome to attend the next few council meetings or speak to any council member about changes you would like to see discussed. Copies of the by laws are available by asking Pastor Bonnie for a copy.

The council wishes to thank St. Paul's member, who wishes to remain anonymous, for donating the cost of reshingling the steeple this summer. Your generosity will ensure that our lovely steeple stands proudly for many years to come.

Our next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10 at 6:00 p.m in the conference room. Members of the congregation are always welcome to attend.

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB



St. Paul's Book Club was delighted to have a “real” author in attendance at our last gathering on April 25. Retired Rev. Don Niederfrank attended to discuss his book “*House of Toast*” and to answer our questions about the process of writing and publishing a book. For those who are newer to St. Paul's, Don was St. Paul's pastor in the 1990s.

The book is about a retired pastor who decides to open a restaurant that only sells toast. Although the restaurant doesn't do very well, the characters that frequent the restaurant and the pastors' involvement with them make for a delightful and sometimes surprising tale.

The book club members greatly enjoyed reading the book and Don freely discussed how the characters and story evolved over the years of writing and rewriting. He himself didn't know how it was going to end when he started writing! The process of getting the book published involved hiring an editor, sending out many manuscripts, and eventually using Amazon to self-publish.

No, he hasn't become rich or famous from selling his book, but has accomplished something he always wanted to do. He is currently working on a book that takes place in the same small town as the first book. The book club is awaiting it's publication to add it to their next reading list. *House of Toast* is available to purchase from Amazon.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOOD DRIVE

St. Teresa of Calcutta in North Lake is sponsoring a Versiti blood drive on Thursday, June 27, from 1:30 to 6:30 PM. Blood donations are a quick simple way to give back to your community and save lives, taking only about an hour of your time. St. Teresa Parish has ample parking, friendly volunteers, and cucumber sandwiches. Call Rita at 262-719-2815 to schedule an appointment.



THANK YOU!
We couldn't do it without you.

Special Thank You to Carol K., Betty Z., Jill P., and Lynn D. for polishing up the pews. They look so nice!

Thank You to the Dieball family for the lovely deep purple lilac bush placed in honor of Russell who loved lilacs and often took some to school/work with him.

Thank You to Cindy C. for volunteering to attend the Wisconsin Annual

Conference Meeting in Green Lake on June 7th through the 9th.

Thank you to those who keep all the garden areas around the church filled with blooms and home to creatures of all kinds (even the mice, but more like the bees and the butterflies and birds).

Thank you to the Green's who donated a roaster to the church kitchen.

Thank you to Jill L. and the choir for filling worship with song.

Major thank you to Dave Z. for his technology skills, and the rest of that committee.

Thank You to the Evert's for volunteering to give a guided hike to Loewe's Lake.

Thank You to Connie J. for replacing the printer drum.



POP-UP CRAFT NIGHT BRACELETS IN THE BASEMENT Tuesday, June 11 at 6 PM

Join us for a bling-filled evening of fun and bonding in the church basement. \$5 includes supplies to design and make one bracelet. Friends and children welcome. Snacks will be served.



Sign-up sheet on coffee table in the Fellowship Hall or call Betty Z. at 414-507-8330.

Welcome

we're so happy you're here!

June Liturgist:

June 2nd - Eugene D.
June 9th - Polly E.
June 16th - John E.
June 23rd - Charmaine D.
June 30th - Katie G.

June Greeters:

Gerald & Vicki L. G, C, O, Com. Peggy & Bill A. Com.
Steve & Alice M. G,C, O
Judy N. & Kay O'K. G, C, O
Brett & Susan M. G, C, O
Laura & Tom P. G, C, O

Greeters List for July - September 2024

Thank you for volunteering to serve your church as a greeter. If there are only 2 persons assigned for a Sunday you will be expected to greet, light candles, take offering, and distinguish candles. If 4 people are assigned, some may only be greeters and others will do the offering and candles. On communion Sundays, 2 other persons help serve communion

If you cannot serve on your date, please switch with someone else. Dates of serving are published in each weeks bulletin for the next week and the monthly list will be in Chapel Bells. Persons serving this quarter will also receive the list by email. Please mark your calendars!

G- greeters C-candles O-offering Com-communion

July 7 Jill P. & Jill S. G,C, O, Com
Jack & Charmaine D. Com

July 14 Betty P.& Jean S. G
Allan & Sharon S. C, O

July 21 Debbie S. & Kathy S. G
Bernice D. & Donna R. O, C

July 28 Kevin & Jodi S. G, C, O

Aug. 4 Dave & Betty Z. G, C, O, Com
Neil & Debra W. Com.

Aug, 11 Bill & Peggy A. G, C, O

Aug. 18 Chelsea B. & Debbie B. G
Cindy C. & Jacquie B. C, O

Aug. 25 Fred & Wanda D. G, C, O

Sept. 1 Bernie & Bill C. G, C, O, Com.
Cheri & Corey J. Com.

Sept. 8 Eugene & Vicki D. G, C, O

Sept. 15 John & Lynn D. G, C, O

Sept. 22 John & Polly E. G, C, O

Sept. 29 Jerry & Vicki L. G, C, O

Church Council Meeting Minutes
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
April 15, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Charmaine Duehring at 6:00pm. Those in attendance were Pator Bonnie Jacque, Connie Johnson, Fred Dieball, Cindy Cane, Vicki Dost, Kim Kersten, Charmaine Duehring and Kay O'Keane and Janene Kluever.

The March meeting minutes were approved. The financials, we are doing good on the envelopes. The electric bill was zero, but previous months were more, so we are getting caught up. We are having trouble keeping the Pastor's office warm. This will be checked. Financial report was approved. Pastor Bonnie's report was reviewed. We discussed Maundy Thursday church service. We had a very good attendance for the service. There was a suggestion that the basket to receive the nails should have been closer to the main floor, as the lights were dim and some had trouble using the steps and that was noted and will be reviewed next year. Pastor Bonnie is looking to take vacation Sunday, June 23rd through Saturday, July 6th. This was approved and Pastor Bonnie will seek the substitutes for June 23rd and June 30th. The Creation Care Committee will receive a line item on the budget for \$300 to be added in next year's budget, but in the meantime, they will be able to spend money and they will be reimbursed. Pastor Bonnie will not attend the Southeast Association meeting scheduled April 27th, but she will watch the video. The Annual Association Meeting will be June 6th through June 8th. Cindy Cain said she was interested in going and Pastor Bonnie will ask the congregation if anyone else is interested in going. The Creation Care Committee members, Obie and Neal Oberholzer will be cleaning the solar panels. It was suggested that the Care Committee could do a lesson on what can be recycled and in what condition, etc.

We have received the lawn mowing contract and it is \$408. There will not be a vacation Bible School this year. May 19th will be the last day of Sunday School and we will provide a small gift for the teachers, which Kim Kersten will purchase. The Brat Fry in the fall will be September 8th and they are working on it. The wooden offering plate was repaired by Charmaine Duehring and we will check on the other one to see what condition it is in. Jack Duehing is working on repairing the front steps and railing. Christian Education will have pizza for after church on Sunday April 21st, using the vegetables they planted this past summer. The flowers that decorated the altar area for Easter had cost \$500, which was paid for by the congregation. The Dieball family will plant a lilac bush in memory of Russell.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm. Our next meeting will be May 13th.



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship	3	4 Seniors	5	6 Kay O'K.	7	8
9 9:30 Worship	10 6 PM Council Meeting Cheryl F.	11 Allan & Sharon S. Anniversary	12	13	14 Jeff & Tracy M.'s Anniversary	15 Carol R. & Jill L.'s Anniversary
16 9:30 Worship HAPPY <i>Father's</i> DAY	17 Vicki D.	18 James L.	19 Madelyn M. Nate W.	20 Women's Guild Isabel H.	21	22 Shirley J.
23 9:30 Worship Knox J.	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 Worship						