



Chapel Bells

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

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Lenten Psalm of Awakening

Come, O Life-giving Creator,
and rattle the door latch
of my slumbering heart.
Awaken me as you breathe upon
a winter-wrapped earth,
gently calling to life virgin Spring.

Awaken in these fortified days
of Lenten prayer and discipline
my youthful dream of holiness.
Call me forth from the prison camp
of my numerous past defeats
and my narrow patterns of being
to make my ordinary life extra-ordinarily alive,
through the passion of my love.

Show to me during these Lenten days
how to take the daily things of life
and by submerging them in the sacred,
to infuse them with a great love
for you, O God, and for others.
Guide me to perform simple acts of love and prayer,
the real works of reform and renewal
of this overture to the spring of the Spirit.

O Father of Jesus, Mother of Christ,
help me not to waste
these precious Lenten days
of my soul's spiritual springtime.

~Edward Hays





FEED THE HUNGRY

Extending the Table March 1

We will be “Extending the Table” to our neighbors in need by collecting goods for area food pantries again on Communion Sunday, March 1. Here are the items currently most needed: canned mandarin oranges, canned peas, canned mixed vegetables, chunky soups, canned chili, baked beans, refried beans, Manwich, gravy, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, body wash, toilet paper, applesauce, jelly/jam, pasta sides.



Faith Flix Presents “Chocolat” March 18

Join us in the sanctuary for a Lenten matinee movie and discussion of “Chocolat” on Wednesday, March 18, from 1 to 3 pm. Nominated for 5 Academy Awards and starring Juliette Binoche, Johnny Depp, and Judi Dench, “Chocolat” is a beautiful and captivating comedy that tells the story of Vianne, who arrives in a tranquil, old-fashioned French village at the beginning of Lent with her six-year-old daughter, Anouk. There she opens a very unusual chocolate shop and her mouth-watering confections almost magically inspire the straitlaced villagers to abandon themselves to temptation... and happiness! But it is not until another stranger, the handsome Roux, arrives in town that Vianne is finally able to recognize her own desires. Free and open to the public—just bring your own popcorn and beverage. Join us—and invite a friend!



Lenten Simple Suppers March 10 & 25

Our Lenten Simple Suppers will be held once again on Tuesday, March 10, and Wednesday, March 25, from 6:00-7:30 pm. A simple meal of homemade soups and breads will be served in Fellowship Hall from 6:00-6:30 pm with a free will offering. If you’d like to bring a pot of soup or a loaf of bread for one of these meals, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker on **March 10** will be **Rev. Doug Pierce**, a retired UCC Pastor and former Conference staff member who lives in the area and is a founding member of **Okoa Toto** (www.okoatoto.org), a non-profit organization rooted in community and inspired by compassion seeking to provide shelter, food, and education for children in Kenya living in especially difficult circumstances. On **March 25** our guest speaker will be **Rev. Jim Schleif**, Pastor of St. John’s UCC in Hartford/Slinger, founder of the Washington County chapter of **Warrior’s Journey Home** (www.warriorsjourneyhome.org), an organization whose mission is to provide spiritual healing and soul repair from the invisible wounds of veterans, families and the community. It takes a community to heal the invisible, moral injuries and wounds of war. Join us for either or both of our Lenten Simple Suppers—and invite a friend!



Title: *Educated*

Author: Tara Westover

Date: Thursday, February 27

Time: 6:00pm

Host: Charmaine Duehring
430 St. Augustine Rd.
(262-628-1192)

Future Books:

March 26th *I Am the Messenger* (Markus Zusak)

April 30th *The Wives* (Tarryn Fischer)

May 28th *The Woman in Cabin 10* (Ruth Ware)

June 25th *Where the Crawdads Sing* (Delia Owens)



March 15 Prospective Members Orientation

We are blessed to have many regular visitors here at St. Paul's UCC and we're glad you're here! If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's or are simply interested in learning more about our congregation, you are encouraged and invited to attend our Spring Prospective Member Orientation that will be held after worship on Sunday, March 15, from 10:45 am to 12 noon in the conference room next to the sanctuary. We will be receiving new members during worship on a Sunday in late March or early April. If you are interested or for more information, please contact Pastor Glenn at SPPastor@yahoo.com or (414) 550.1553.



One Great Hour of Sharing March 22

One Great Hour of Sharing is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports partners in countries with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response. It is administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources. We will receive our One Great Hour of Sharing special offering during worship at 9:30 am on Sunday, March 22. Checks can be made out to "St. Paul's UCC" with a memo for "OGHS." Thank you for giving as generously as you can!



Women's Guild



Cindy Cain presented a Technology 101 session about computer and smart phone use, functions and security. She fielded many questions and suggested ideas for making sure security is up to date on our devices. Thanks for your visit and all the helpful information Cindy.

The Guild designated some funding for the upcoming year. We voted \$1,500 to the church for use in General Fund and OCWM; \$1,500 to St. Paul's Mission Committee; and \$1,000 to Christian Education.

As thanks for the wonderful support from the congregation for our Guild events, we will have Pie Day (the day after Pi Day) on Sunday, March 15. Look forward to flaky crust and many flavors—Cherry, English Walnut, Pecan, Blueberry, Pumpkin, Peanut Butter, Grasshopper and Apple with more TBA! Oh yes, there will be ice cream.

Ideas for a Spring Fellowship Salad Luncheon and our annual Guild outing were discussed. Red hearts and arrows were packed away and the Fellowship Hall is sparkling with green shamrocks, clovers and leprechaun coins to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

The next Guild meeting is March 19. All St. Paul's women are invited. Potluck lunch is at noon and is always bountiful.



***Reminder: please do not leave purses or other valuables unattended in the Sanctuary or in Fellowship Hall.**



Please join us on March 15th
During Worship For a very special
“Bible Presentation” to
our jr SPY class.

We are having a very special
“Bible Presentation” to our
jr SPY class during worship on MARCH 15TH!

We will be presenting the jr SPY class with their very own Bibles. By giving the kids their Bible now, they are able to learn how to read it and make it their own, before entering into Confirmation Class.

March 21 Serving Day at Sussex Food Pantry

We are responsible for providing a team of 4-5 people to serve at the Sussex Food Pantry from 9:30 am-12:00 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Our next serving day is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 (friends are welcome, too!). Please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall or let Pastor Glenn know if you are interested in serving. The Sussex Food Pantry is located in the new Sussex Civic Campus at N64 W23760 Main Street, Sussex, WI.



March Liturgist Schedule

- March 1: Bernie Chase
- March 8: Charmaine Duehring
- March 15: Jo Swanson
- March 22: Curt Hulterstrem
- March 29: Brett Miller

Greeters for March:

- March 1st – Bonnie Hanrahan & Cheryl Fischer
- March 8th – Adam & Jess Staus
- March 15th – Dave & Betty Zimpelman
- March 22nd – Rachel Schuppel
- March 29th – Dick Ahrens & Judy Nell

Coffee & Conversation Hosts:

- March 1st – Cheryl Fischer
- March 8th – Lynn & Jill
- March 15th – Guild Pie Day
- March 22nd – Guild
- March 29th - ****NEEDED****



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.





Save the Date: National Youth Event 2020

July 22-25, 2020
Purdue University
Theme: Unite!

When? July 22-25, 2020

Where? Purdue University

Who? Youth who have finished 6th grade through 12th grade; Young adults 18-22; Youth leaders and chaperones

What? This 4-day event is celebrated as the largest denominational gathering. Often bringing in 4,000 participants, this time together is centered on faith, leadership, service and social justice to empower our youth and young adults.

Cost? \$375*...includes housing, meals and program (*need-based scholarship available)

*The Wisconsin Conference UCC will organize bus transportation to and from Purdue. Cost to be determined. More information will be available in January.

Interested? Contact Pastor Glenn
View the agenda and confirmed speakers at the [National Youth Event website](#)



Know of Someone in the

Hospital?

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



Please remember with your prayers, cards, calls & visits:

- *Marilyn Dieball, recovering from recent hospitalization
- *Dick Ahrens, preparing for hip replacement surgery on March 16
- *Ron Perschon, battling prostate cancer
- *Ron & Diane Smith, as Ron recovers from brain surgery
- *Lois Winkler, in LaCrosse
- *The people of Puerto Rico, recovering from recent earthquakes
- *A cure for and healing from the coronavirus

Pastor Glenn's Contact Information & Schedule:

Cell phone: (414) 550.1553 E-mail:
SPPastor@yahoo.com

At the church office Monday-Wednesday: 9:00 am to noon
Thursday: I work at home writing sermons and making calls

Friday: Pastor's day off

*Available other times by appointment—just give me a call!

**Schedule subject to change depending on evening meetings,

weddings, funerals, SE UCC clergy meetings, etc.



March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am worship w/ communion +Extending the Table; 11 am PPRC mtg.	2	3 11:30 am Senior Group	4 Carol Kaisler Roy & Carol Kaisler's Anniversary	5 Gary & Cathy Brushaber's Anniversary	6 Confirmation Retreat at Pilgrim Center in Green Lake 6th—8th Shelia Anderson	7
8 9:30 am worship w/ Rev. Tom Payden preaching Lee Anderson	9 6 pm Church Council mtg.	10 6:00-7:30 pm Lenten Simple Supper Nick Hahn	11	12 Kim Weber	13	14 Joyce O'Keane
15 9:30 am woship w/ jr SPY Bible Presentation; 10:45 am Prospective-Member Orientation	16 Eugene Dost	17	18 1-3 pm Faith Flix movie & discussion of "Chocolat"	19 Women's Guild 12 Noon	20 Tom Guetzke	21 Brenda Jung-Konrath
22 9:30 am Worship w/ One Great Hour of Sharing special offering Alan Schlaefer Eugene & Vicki Dost's Anniversary	23 Russell Dieball	24	25 6:00-7:30 pm Lenten Simple Supper	26	27	28
29 9:30 am Worship Jay Little Heather Little	30	31 Christopher Duehring Curt Hultstrum Dawn Raether				