



# Chapel Bells

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



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## STUFF

Every fall about this time I start stirring in my stuff. There is closet stuff, drawer stuff, attic stuff and basement stuff. I separate the good stuff from the bad stuff, then I stuff the good stuff back in drawers, closets, attic and basement, then I stuff the bad stuff anywhere the stuff is not too crowded until I decide if I will need the bad stuff. When the Lord calls me home, my children will want the good stuff but the bad stuff, stuffed wherever there is room among all the other stuff, will be stuffed in bags and taken to the dump where all the other peoples' stuff has been taken.

Whenever we have company, they always bring bags and bags of stuff and we have to move all our stuff that's stuffed in every nook and cranny that's full of our stuff so they can come and stuff their stuff.

When I visit my son he always moves his stuff so I will have room for my stuff. My daughter-in-law always clears a drawer of her stuff so I will have room for my stuff. Their stuff and my stuff...it would be so much easier to use their stuff and leave my stuff at home with the rest of my stuff.

This spring I had an extra closet built so I would have a place for all the stuff too good to throw away and too bad to keep with my good stuff. You may not have this problem, but I seem to spend a lot of time with stuff...food stuff, cleaning stuff, medicine stuff, clothes stuff and outside stuff. Whatever would life be like if we didn't have all this stuff?

Now there is all that stuff we use to make us smell better than we do. There is the stuff to make our hair look good. The stuff to cover a bad complexion, stuff to make us look younger, stuff to make us look healthier, stuff to hold us in and stuff to fill us out. There is stuff to read, stuff to play with, stuff to entertain us and stuff to eat... We stuff ourselves with all the food stuff.

When my neighbor said something about finding some of his daughter's stuff when he moved, I thought, Oh! How I would hate to move all my stuff. There is the stuff in the house, attic stuff, basement stuff, garage stuff and patio stuff. STUFF-STUFF-STUFF!!

Well, our lives are filled with stuff...good stuff, bad stuff, little stuff, big stuff, useful stuff, junky stuff and everyone's stuff. Now – whenever we leave all our stuff and go to Heaven, whatever happens to our stuff won't matter. We will still have all the good stuff that God has prepared for us in Heaven.





### **Extending the Table October 6**

We will be “Extending the Table” to our neighbors in need by collecting goods for area food pantries again on World Communion Sunday, October 6. Here are the items currently most needed: canned carrots, canned port & beans, pasta sides, boxed potatoes, canned mandarin oranges, applesauce, jelly/jam, pasta (shells, mastaccioli, farfalle), pasta sauce, toilet paper, canned chicken, canned tuna, chunky soups, canned pasta (ravioli, beff-a-roni, spaghetti), Hamburger Helper.



### **Sunday School Care Packages**

Sunday School will be packing Care packages for kids attending college and one Marine in training on October 13th! We invite the

congregation to donate as they please! For ideas, pick up a flyer from the Jr SPY room!



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Calling all  
Confirmands

### **Confirmation Orientation October 6<sup>th</sup>**

A Confirmation Orientation will be held on Sunday, October 6, from 11 am to 12 pm in the upstairs conference room. This orientation is for all parents and 8th and 9th grade students who wish to be confirmed. At least one parent is required to attend this orientation with their confirmation student. The purpose of this orientation is to get better acquainted with one another, clarify confirmation class schedules, curriculum, and expectations. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or e-mail Pastor Glenn at (414) 550.1553 or [SPPastor@yahoo.com](mailto:SPPastor@yahoo.com).



### **Fall Bible Study Continues October 9**

Pastor Glenn is leading a fall lectionary-based Bible study that will meet again on Wednesday, October 9, from 11 am-12 noon in the upstairs Conference Room. No Bible knowledge or experience necessary. Start the new church year off on the right foot and join us—and invite a friend!





### **Neighbors In Need Special Offering October 6**

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. **We will receive this special offering for our Neighbors In Need during worship on World Communion Sunday, October 6. Checks can be made out to "St. Paul's UCC" with a memo for "NIN."** Thank you for giving as generously as you can!



### **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](mailto:SPPastor@yahoo.com) or (414) 550.1553.



### **October Liturgist Schedule**

October 6 - Bernice Dieball  
October 13 - Jill Paddock  
October 20 - Brett Miller  
October 27 - Bernie Chase

### **Greeters for October:**

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Bill & LouAnn Evert  
October 13<sup>th</sup> – Cindy Cain & Bernie Chase  
October 20<sup>th</sup> – Norb & Barb Brehmer  
October 27<sup>th</sup> – Dan & Joyce O'Keane

### **Coffee & Conversation Hosts:**

October 6<sup>th</sup> - Cheryl Fischer & Marilyn Dieball  
October 13<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Schlafer & Janene Kluever  
October 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - Guild

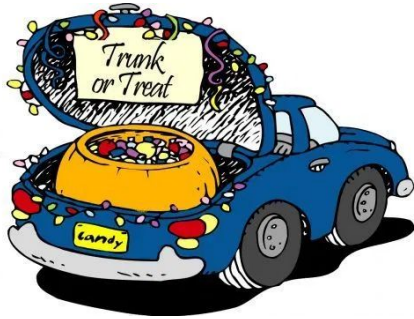


### **October 19 Serving Day at Sussex Food Pantry**

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, October 19 (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. Thank you for your continued support of what we are doing here at SOS. This summer we provided all of these services for children:

- \*1103 free lunches to kids in Village Park
- \*300 brown bag lunches to Summer Opportunities students
- \*Over 200 children received a backpack and school supplies through Operation Backpack
- \*160 pairs of shoes went to 139 children with our New School Shoes program
- \*847 Bonus Bags were distributed over the course of the summer to help feed kids

## Trunk or Treat at St. Paul's



Saturday October 26th  
3-6pm in the Upper Parking Lot  
Decorate your Trunk!  
Bring your Treats!  
Tell your neighbors and tell your friends  
You won't want to miss this Spooktacular Time!



## Chili Dinner

The Chili Dinner, St Paul's fall fundraiser, will be Sunday November 10th. Members will be asked to donate the food items needed to prepare the chili. Donation slips will be handed out by mid-October. Chili items will need to be at church by Sunday November 3rd.

We are also looking for:

**Bakers** – This year we are expanding the holiday pie sale and are looking for bakers. If you would be willing to bake an apple, pecan, pumpkin, apple or cherry pie, please see Jill Paddock.

**Candy Makers** - We will also continue the homemade candy sale as part of this fundraiser but we plan to limit the amount due to the limited space for the candy & pie sale. A sign-up sheet for making candy will be posted in the fellowship hall.

**Volunteers** – Volunteers are needed to help serve, do dishes, clear tables, etc will be needed. A sign-up sheet for making candy will be posted in the fellowship hall.

Advertising posters will be available on the greets stand to share with your neighbors, co-workers, etc. Watch to Facebook Posts to share as well.

Please contact Connie Johnson if you have any questions on this fundraiser.



The next Book Club meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24 at 6:00 pm

Title: Simplicity of Cider  
Author: Amy Reichert  
Host: LouAnn Evert, N90 W27433 Red Fox Run  
(262-628-2883)



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## Women's Guild

We don't know yet the cash proceeds from this year's Homemade Bread and Soup Lunch and Bake Sale, but with a lot of hard work by many wonderful volunteers, the event was successful. Shoppers snapped up the beautiful array of professional looking homemade baked goods donated by the bakers who once again answered our call. The soups were delicious thanks to the nine cooks who prepared them. (12 quarts is a lot of soup to make!) We had very little left at 3 PM closing. Thanks to all who helped on Saturday—rain or shine. Special kudos to the kitchen crew for washing all those dishes and keeping the hot soup rolling out. Thanks also for placing street signs, business posters and helping advertise our event. To the Friday night set-up and pricing crew, the Nutty Knitters, and basket raffle volunteers, donors and local businesses who support our event – thanks so much!

Debbie Schlafer organized the basket raffle, proceeds of which will go to St. Paul's Mission Committee and Vacation Bible School along with sales from Jill Paddock's beautiful arrangements of Japanese lanterns which were sold and also decorated the fellowship hall.



Comments heard on Saturday from our customers: "This is becoming a tradition for me. I just love it," "We look forward to this every year," "This is the best cheesy broccoli soup I've ever had, and I have cooked at several resorts." We had shoppers and diners from California and a couple who came from Florida and enjoyed their lunch and the friendly atmosphere.

Our next Guild meeting will be Thursday, October 17, beginning with a noon potluck. Please feel welcome to come join us at a meeting.

**Late breaking news: The final figures are in from our event: Luncheon sales \$1,089, Bake Sale \$1,806.25, Basket Raffle and lantern sales \$710. Total is \$3,605.25.**

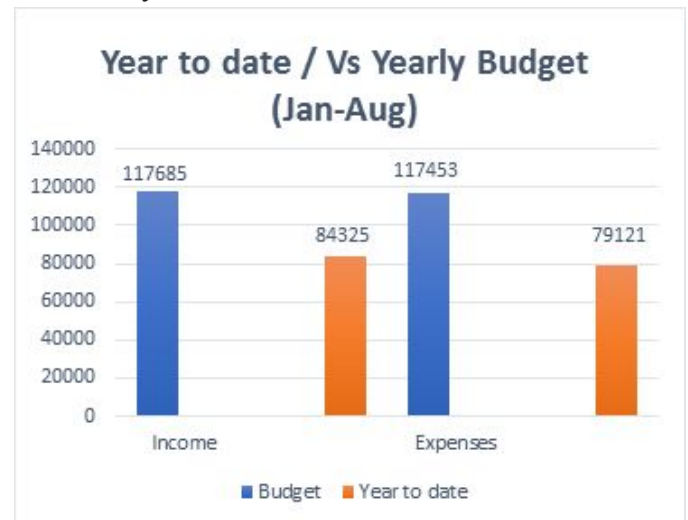


Do you have a loved one you would like to Honor for St. Paul's Veterans Day Tribute? Please email pictures along with Names, Titles and Branch of service to [jodischuppel@yahoo.com](mailto:jodischuppel@yahoo.com). You could also bring a picture to church! We are looking forward to honoring our Heroes on this Special Day!

The kids have chosen to support the Milwaukee VA Medical Center! After talking with the clinic, their Major need all winter is New/Gently Used Jackets (Greatest need is size XL,2XL,3XL,4XL) and New Hats & Gloves.

The kids have been learning that while you can do great things as one, you can do even greater things as a group. So they would like to invite you to contribute as you would like! If you are interested, from October 13 until November 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be collecting those above items or cash to put toward New Jackets! Sunday school has purchased a jacket and are STUFFING it FULL! Thank you for all your support with this great event!

The Sunday School Team





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

\*Ron Perschon, undergoing treatment for prostate cancer

\*Kathy Hermanson, recovering from stomach surgery

\*The Truman family as Jeff continues to battle brain cancer

\*Lois Winkler, now home in LaCrosse after completing physical therapy

\*Ron & Smith, now home after several months of physical therapy

\*Sheila Anderson, battling COPD and recovering from a recent car accident

\*Annette & Dave Miller and their family, as they grieve their mother,

Carol Miller's loss and celebrate her life

\*All those recovering from Hurricane Dorian & Tropical Storm Imelda

\*Peace with Iran

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**Pastor Glenn's Contact Information & Schedule:**

Cell phone: (414) 550.1553 E-mail:

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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.



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**St. Paul's UCC**  
**Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 12, 2019**

**Attendance:** Pastor Glenn Danz, Jill Paddock, LouAnn Evert, Sue Miller, Connie Johnson, Adam Staus, John Duwell **Absent:** Curt Hulterstrum, Wanda Dieball,

- 1) **Opening prayer.**
- 2) **Approval of July minutes** – July minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved (Sue moved, Jill seconded)
- 3) **Approval of July Financials** – July financials were reviewed, discussed and unanimously approved. The church is currently ahead of budget YTD (John moved, Pastor Glenn seconded)
- 4) **Pastor's Report-** Written report presented and reviewed with Council. Report included July through August ministry highlights, upcoming events and prayer needs. No motion needed for Pastor's report.
- 5) **Erin School Partnership Evaluation** – Postponed until next meeting due to attendance.
- 6) **Committee Liaison Reports** –
  - a. **Guild** – New Blinds are on order
  - b. **Bldg & Maintenance** – Budget for Steeple/Cross repair - any other year end 2019 expenditures – postponed until next meeting
- 7) **Brat Fry Fundraiser Report** – Approximately \$2900 - \$3000 is recorded depending on the cost of the banners.
- 8) **Membership Review** – Closed session. Will continue next month.
- 9) Next meeting date – September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Sue, Jill seconded

Written by Adam Staus. Submitted by Wanda Dieball

## LET'S TAKE A WALK: THE MINISTRY OF ACCOMPANIMENT

Walking alongside someone in a time of need can be vastly reassuring. The ministry of “accompaniment,” often provided by churches in support for immigrants facing deportation, takes the metaphor of “walking alongside” to mean a commitment to be present and bear witness to the struggle for fair treatment. With a little imagination, the accompaniment model could be stretched to include a ministry of presence to anyone who struggles, whether due to immigration woes, poverty, or addiction. Accompanying someone who feels vulnerable or threatened can offer something intangible—the gift of reassurance.

### With Immigrants

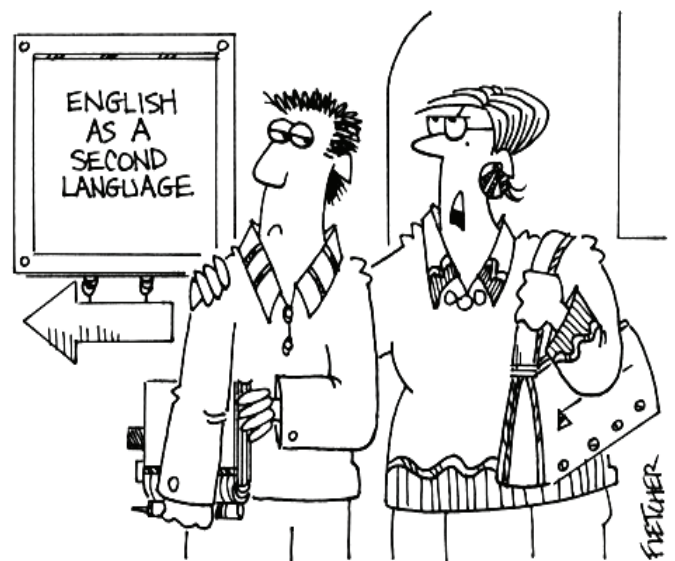
Some churches have begun recruiting volunteers to accompany immigrants faced with the possibility of deportation by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). These friends of the detained are typically not lawyers and do not offer legal advice. Instead, they provide something more simple and intangible—a ministry of presence and of bearing witness for individuals who might be forced to face government attorneys alone, given that the Sixth Amendment does not guarantee immigrants the right to a lawyer. The experience can be daunting, and it is complicated by the fact that many immigrants lack basic English proficiency. Walking with such a person may not provide all the answers for them, but it may render the process a bit more humane.

Church leaders can be present with immigrants: (1) at check-ins required by ICE, (2) at court hearings for individuals who have not been detained, and (3) at court hearings for those who have already been detained. According to Sara Gozalo, an organizer who trains volunteers, accompaniment involves “advocacy without confrontation. Even if you feel like you’re not doing anything, your presence there means a lot. I promise you. It’s much harder to deport someone when people are watching.”<sup>1</sup>

In addition to being present at court hearings, church leaders can support immigrants by accompanying families with children to school and assisting with enrollment, or sponsoring an open house for parents, teachers, and administrators to discuss ways to help. Beyond this, build a relationship with the Department of Homeland Security office by attending Community Relations Meetings sponsored by the agency. Finally, help immigrants find lawyers by holding information sessions about reputable immigration service providers.<sup>2</sup>

### With Prisoners

Accompaniment methods can be used in support of ministry with prisoners. For instance, St. Anne’s Catholic Community, thirty-two miles northwest of Chicago, became involved in a program for mothers in prison that allows these mothers the opportunity to visit with their children. Sponsored by the Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, the “Visits to Mom” program provides free transportation to children whose mothers



I'LL WALK WITH YOU THROUGH THIS...  
BUT, BE AWARE THAT I'VE ALWAYS STRUGGLED  
WITH THE "TO"... "TOO"... AND... "TWO" DILEMMA.



are incarcerated. For volunteers from St. Anne's, this typically translates into an eleven- or twelve-hour day due to the drive required to and from the Decatur and Logan Correctional Centers. That's a three-hour round trip from Barrington to Chicago and a five-hour round trip to and from the two prisons. These visits often represent the only chance for many of these mothers, a number of them serving time for drug offenses, to see their children.<sup>3</sup>

### With Others in Need

Likewise, a ministry of presence and support can be achieved through mentoring or advising for persons struggling with poverty or addiction. The West Side Campaign against Hunger (WCAH), located in the basement of the St. Paul and St. Andrew United Methodist Church in upper Manhattan, offers a supermarket-style food pantry that allows customers to choose which foods they will receive. Every new customer can receive the aid of a social service counselor who explains how to shop, how to apply for a health plan, how to find a doctor, and how to determine eligibility for federal programs such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program); Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); and Free and Reduced Price School Meals, as well as the pantry's own programs. Mentoring may also lead customers to job training and classes in General Educational Development (GED) and English as a Second Language (ESL). WCAH's social service counseling metaphorically "walks with" customers who might be confused by the complicated web of services available.

### Taking the First Steps

To get started with immigrant ministry, consider offering training for volunteers using online resources from the New Sanctuary Coalition of New York City, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops campaign, or Justice for Immigrants.<sup>4</sup>

For prison ministry, consult with a prison chaplain before visiting a state or federal facility or read the article, "Six Rules of Thumb for Prison Ministry: Advice for Pastors and Ministry Leaders" available from the United Methodist Church's General Board of Discipleship. For a deeper dive, explore online resources for church leaders on in-prison, re-entry, family, and mentoring ministries as well as justice reform offered by Prison Fellowship, founded by Chuck Colson.<sup>5</sup>

For persons struggling with poverty, sponsor nutrition and cooking workshops to educate food pantry or lunch program patrons on the importance and availability of fresh food. Give referrals to free or low-cost health care and social service benefits in the area. Recruit and train patrons to become volunteers in running the program. Start community discussions on hunger, poverty, and food security using resources from organizations such as WhyHunger and Bread for the World, both of which focus on empowering individuals and changing public policy related to food.<sup>6</sup>

### "A Purpose to Being a Christian"

Accompaniment can have a profound impact for both the accompanist and the one accompanied. Grace Yukich, a sociologist, documents this in her study of the New Sanctuary Movement's earlier work with immigrants in New York City in 2008. One woman, a member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Brooklyn, testified to a group of immigrant support activists about her newfound faith that resulted from an accompaniment experience. She had been accompanying a Chinese couple to check-ins for several months. Though she had little prior experience with immigrants, she found her faith commitment deepening as she attended church with the couple, met occasionally at a restaurant to check on the couple's situation, and also went with them to periodic check-in meetings with immigration officials. Though never particularly committed to immigrant rights before, she began to experience a newfound sense of faith. "This is the first time I have felt there was a purpose to being a Christian."<sup>7</sup>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:30 am Senior Group Bernice Dieball Marv & Kathy Schlarfer's Anniversary	2	3 Vern Guetzke Mason Weber	4	5
6 9:30 am World Communion Sunday worship w/ communion, Neighbors In Need special offering +Extending the Table; 11 am Confirmation Orientation	7 6 pm Church Council mtg.	8	9 11 am-12 noon Bible Study  Jacob Staus	10	11	12 Funeral, visitation 10:00, Service 11:30 Jeff & April Truman & Neil & Debra Weber's Anniversary
13 9:30 am worship	14	15	16	17 Guild Meeting 12 Noon	18	19 9:30 am-12 noon Serving Day at Sussex food pantry Neil Weber Mike & Shirley Janicheck's Anniversary
20 9:30 am worship	21 Haleigh Yesko	22 Kenley Bruckbauer	23	24	25 Tommy Klemmer Jean Sutter	26
27 9:30 am worship w/ Revs. Tom & Debbie Payden preaching  Jane Herte	28	29	30 Louie Callen	31 Lewe Jossart		