



Chapel Bells

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



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Pastor's Message

What is this singing bowl stuff all about? The singing bowl originated from pre-Buddhist culture in the Himalayas and is often referred to as a "Tibetan" Singing Bowl. The bowls were made in various countries such as Bhutan, Nepal, India and Tibet.

Traditionally, the bowls were made of seven sacred metals, corresponding to the seven planets: GOLD- Sun, Mercury- Mercury, Iron- Mars, Lead- Saturn, Silver- Moon, Copper- Venus and Tin- Jupiter.

The sound or vibration of a singing bowl is pure and universal. It helps the body to relax, slows down the busy mind, to calm oneself and induce a sense of inner peace. Singing bowls are used as part of a meditation practice or help with relaxation.

I have been experimenting with the singing bowl as a part of worship. If there is one thing, (and I agree), I hear all the time, it is that St. Paul's is such a friendly church. They are right, we are. The murmurs of folks saying good morning and/or inquiring how they are doing, is a sign of a healthy church. Amen to that.

However, there have been times when it has been brought to my attention, we might be confusing how friendly we are in fellowship hall at coffee and conversation

versus in what is considered the sacred space of the church.

If you have been in church recently, you will notice we added some meditative-style music before church and the singing bowl. Both are intended to help us enter a time of personal prayer or meditation. Perfect silence is not necessary, in fact, it's uncomfortable.

We will try ringing the bowl from the back of church, instead of me ringing it from the front. Why? Because I felt like the schoolteacher shaking her/his finger and saying sit down and be quiet. Not my intention at all.

This is what I envision: We continue the meditative music; the singing bowl is rung from the back of church; the ushers will proceed to the front to light the candles and I will follow them – also from the back. Nothing is written in stone. Ok the ten commandments were written in stone.

As always, I welcome feedback from this friendly church.



Please keep Nate Weber and his father, Neil, in your prayers as they begin their confirmation journey together. I

have often thought confirmation should be open to already confirmed adults as a refresher. If that idea appeals to you, speak to me.

Something to Share

An Indian Prayer

O' GREAT SPIRIT,
*Whose voice I hear in the winds,
And whose breath gives life to all the
world,
hear me! I am small and weak, I need
your
strength and wisdom.*

LET ME WALK IN BEAUTY, and make my
eyes
ever behold the red and purple sunset.

MAKE MY HANDS respect the things you
have
made and my ears sharp to hear your
voice.

MAKE ME WISE so that I may
understand the
things you have taught my people.

LET ME LEARN the lessons you have
hidden
in every leaf and rock.

I SEEK STRENGTH, not to be greater
than my
brother, but to fight my greatest
enemy – myself.

MAKE ME ALWAYS READY to come to
you with
clean hands and straight eyes.

SO WHEN LIFE FADES, *as the fading
sunset,
my spirit may come to you
without shame.*



If you shop at any Fox Brothers Piggly wiggly Lucy Krapfl is collecting the cash register receipts to assist The Seeds of Hope pregnancy center in West Bend.



This Month

October begins with World Communion Sunday in the life of the church. We are asking for breads (either homemade or purchased of different ethnicities or from your ethnic tradition) to include in both communion and at Coffee and Conversation. You might want to include a note about the bread and a recipe.

We will also be collecting Neighbors in Need offerings on October 2nd. NIN is one of five special offerings of the United Church of Christ. If you would like to contribute, please use a pew envelope clearly marked NIN. Your offering will be a blessing to those in need.

October 9th is access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week. I will be sharing my experiences with those less able.

Children's Sabbath is celebrated on October 16th. Do I need to say more?

Our October 23rd worship will center around The Parable of the Pharisee and The Tax Collector. You might want to read it ahead of time. Luke 18: 9-14.

And the fifth Sunday of October is the date of our Special Congregational Meeting.

Greeters for October:

October 2nd – Ken Snow

October 9th – Dave & Betty Zimpelman

October 16th – Carl Roock

October 23rd – Cheryl Fischer

October 30th - ****NEEDED****



2nd - Curt Hultersturm

9th - Eugene Dost

16th - Polly Edgar

23rd - John Edgar

30th - Charmaine Duehring

Stewardship Campaign 2023



The Stewardship Committee will be meeting soon to launch the 2023 Stewardship Campaign. This is a great time for us to reflect upon our commitment to church and it's importance in our lives.

Thank you for your support of our church and it's mission! Thanks also to our newest member, Connie Johnson, for her commitment to Stewardship Committee.

The Stewardship Committee: Vicki and Eugene Dost, Connie Johnson, Pastor Bonnie



Maniacs are helping out the Mission Committee!!! The kids are excited to PACK BOXES this year!! If you would like, please drop off donated items to fill the boxes or

you can also donate money and we will do the shopping for you!! We are collecting these items or money Oct 1st thru Oct 31st!!!



Thanks from Building and Grounds to Roy Kaisler, Bill Ahles, for their help installing new signs on County Line Q at St. Augustine rd. and Monches rd. Also Church Council for funding and Kevin

Staus for gravel to set posts. We hope to place a sign on corner of State highway 164 and Monches road pending approval of Richfield. Thanks to all, Jack.

Council Notes

Thank you to all who worked on or attended the Brat Fest on August 27. The church netted nearly \$1,800 in profit and everyone enjoyed themselves on a lovely late summer day. If you have any suggestions on how to make this event even better next year, please let Lucy Krapfl or Eugene Dost know your ideas.

Our Chili Luncheon will be held in late February of 2023 as it was last year. This just seems a better time of year for attendance, so please tell your friends who have been asking when it will be.

All committees should have their 2023 budgets to the Church Council by October 3. Budgets can be given to any council member or emailed to Charmaine Duerhing at jkduehring@hotmail.com. The council will begin working on the 2023 budget at their October meeting.

Dates to remember:

October 10 - our next council meeting 6 p.m.

October 30 - Special Congregational Meeting to approve the calling of Pastor Bonnie as our settled pastor

December 18 - Children's Christmas Program during worship

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service 4 p.m.

December 25 - Christmas Day Service 9:30 a.m.



Congratulations to Devon and Sara (Goose) Riederer on the baptism of their son, Bo David. What a joy!

Keep in your thoughts and prayers: Ron Smith, Beulah Timm, Tom Cain, Bill Chase, Norma Hulterstrum, and James Leifer

Letter to the Congregation

September 2022

Re: Special Congregational Meeting,
Sunday, October 30, 2022

Dear St. Paul's Member:

Our Church Council is calling a Special Congregational Meeting after our regular church service on Sunday, October 30, 2022 (at approximately 10:30 am). The sole purpose of this Special Congregational Meeting is for the congregation to consider our Pastoral Search Committee's recommendation, and the Church Council's approval of that recommendation, to call Pastor Bonnie Jacque-Gorecki as our congregation's next settled pastor.

Sincerely,

Charmaine Duehring, Council President

WOMEN'S GUILD



A group of thirteen attended September's meeting. We discussed plans and cookie baking for the September 17 brat fry at Hubertus Piggly Wiggly. Sounds like we will be having many delicious homemade cookies to sell.

Speaking of cookies....at the 2021 Cookie Walk, we ran out of cookies long before we ran out of enthusiastic cookie customers. This year Guild members will be baking their hearts out making family favorites in their home kitchens and also baking and decorating cookies at church with ideas and supervision from Peggy Ahles. We will ask

congregation members to bake and donate cookies for this popular fundraiser and hope this can be our biggest and best ever Cookie Walk! Please be thinking of cookies you can donate. We already have some beautiful items donated for this year's silent auction. Following our meeting, Charmaine Duehring, showed us a picture presentation and described the trip she and Jack made to Paris, Normandy and London. We even took a trip through the Chunnel and a ride on The Eye. Thanks Charmaine!



BRAT FRY AT PIGGLY WIGGLY

Our brat fry was a big success and a good time for all. Thanks to everyone who came to support us, to the cookie bakers, and to everyone who worked—especially Betty Zimpelman who led the effort and to Barb and Norb Brehmer who were the grill masters, They make it very hard to walk past the aroma of perfectly charcoal grilled brats and burgers without indulging!



Church Council Meeting Minutes
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
August 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Charmaine Duehring at 6:00pm. In attendance were: Charmaine Duehring, Pastor Bonnie Jacque, Kay O'Keane, Lucy Krapfl, Connie Johnson, Cheryl Fischer, Kim Kersten. Brett Miller was also in attendance. Carl Roock and Janene Kluever were unable to be with us.

Brett was there to start putting a package together for calling Pastor Bonnie. He had received good references and looking at vacation days to offer Pastor Bonnie.

Minutes of July's meeting were approved. The financial report was reviewed. The income is coming in good from the offering envelopes. Electric company has still not made their adjustments. The budget is in good shape. Rachel is to get new envelopes. Financial report was approved. Two Sundays were part of Pastor Bonnie's vacation and we had substitute ministers.

The building and grounds have noted that we have two water sensors and one has been going off very often. They did not need to be going off and trying to fix by relocating one off the cement floor. The air conditioner has been repaired. Two directional signs to St. Paul's have been knocked down and need to be replaced. The one at St. Augustine Road and Q needs the post replaced and the sign is somewhat weathered. The one at Monches Road and Q needs a new post. The new posts for both would be \$316 and a new sign would be \$505. We would like to add a new sign at Highway 164 and Monches Road. This would total around \$1000, which is not in the budget. We voted to approve the funds from Building and Grounds. We will check with Roy Kaisler to order the signs.

Vacation Bible School was canceled for lack of children. Sunday School will be starting on September 11th with a Pot Luck luncheon, calling it Reunion Sunday. Ten people attended the Peck and Bushel Meeting. The Brat Fry is all set and in control. The Fall Stewardship will consist of Eugene Dost and Vick Dost and Connie Johnson..

Kim Kersten will get a quote for planting the tree from Breezy Hill Nursery. Jack Duehring will call the hotline for digging. The Bench may be purchased from Sister Bay.

The committees should be reminded that we need their 2023 budget by October.
The Christmas services will be Saturday, the 24th at 4:00pm and Sunday, the 25th at 9:30am.

The St. John's Grant is a maximum of \$5000. They need a detailed description to be put in writing to May Gross who is in charge and to be submitted by September 30th. Ideas are needed for the proposal. We will need to see if there is more information by next month. We changed the letter that will be sent to those people who may wish to be or not to be members of this church. The membership roll was reviewed and letters will be sent out.

Our next meeting will be September 12th. Meeting was adjourned.



October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Bernice Dieball Marvin & Kathy Schlafer's Anniversary</i>
2 9:30 Worship <i>World Communion & Neighbors in Need Sunday</i>	3 <i>Committee Budgets due Mason Weber</i>	4 <i>Seniors</i>	5	6	7	8
9 9:30 Worship <i>Jacob Staus</i>	10 <i>Council Meeting 6 PM</i>	11	12 <i>Neil & Debra Weber's Anniversary</i>	13	14 <i>Christy Dederich</i>	15
16 9:30 Worship <i>Karl Roock</i>	17	18	19 <i>Neil Weber Mike & Shirley Janichek</i>	20 <i>Women's Guild</i>	21 <i>Haleigh Yesko</i>	22
23 9:30 Worship	24 <i>Chapel Bells articles due to Donna</i>	25 <i>Tommy Klemmer Jean Sutter</i>	26	27	28	29
30 9:30 Worship 10:30 <i>Congregational Meeting</i> <i>Louie Callen</i>	31 <i>Lewe Jossart</i>					