

# Heartbeat News

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

Every year hundreds of people just like you (members of United Church of Christ congregations in Wisconsin) converge upon the Green Lake Conference Center located upon beautiful Green Lake (just outside of Ripon) for a gathering that celebrates our connection as a denomination and plans for the future of ministry in our congregations, communities, and conference, as well as our participation in the national denomination. It's a weekend of singing and laughter, of meeting old friends and making new ones. There are opportunities for worship, for learning, for service, for discussing and planning the business of the church, and even some shopping. The setting is beautiful, the food is delicious, and there is an atmosphere of love and acceptance. For several years, even prior to becoming a pastor, I have looked forward to this annual event to have my spirit renewed and my mind energized to be involved and engaged in the mission and ministry of Christ as made known in our local churches and conference. This is a joy I want to share with you, our members. Each year our church is invited to send two delegates (in addition to the pastor) to represent our church. Being a delegate is an easy way to get to know and understand more about what is happening in our conference and denomination, to connect with people from other churches and share ideas. You don't have to be a delegate to attend however; all members and friends of the church are welcome. The only difference being that during business meetings only delegates are permitted to address the gathering or vote on any motions.

One of the key items coming before the gathering this year is a resolution that was brought forth at last year's meeting. A resolution to become an Immigrant Welcoming Conference was introduced at the 2016 Annual Meeting. The vote to begin a year of study on this topic passed with strong support at the meeting. The process called for at least 30% of Wisconsin Con-

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SHIFT: Our Unfolding Story

*And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah: 6:8*

**June 9 – 11, 2017**

**WI Conference Annual Meeting at Green Lake Conference Center**

### **Confirmation News**

The confirmation class had a great time at the Youth Faith Formation . The theme was “Journeys.” Among the week-end’s activities were creating and performing skits about the journeys of biblical characters such as Jonah, David, Abraham, and Jesus; learning to “orienteer” with compasses as we participated in a scavenger hunt about church history. We also explored our own spiritual journeys through such activities as walking the labyrinth, prayer stations, music, art, and more. We have three classes remaining for the year:

**April 9th: Noon-3pm**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> Noon-4pm May 7<sup>th</sup> Noon-3pm.**

We will have three of our youth confirmed at St. John during the worship service on **May 21<sup>st</sup>.**

ference congregations to report that they have engaged in a study or have plans to engage in a study of the issue by March 1<sup>st</sup>. This threshold was met so at the annual meeting in June 2017, the vote to formally adopt the resolution will be held. Members and friends of our church are invited to join in a study of the issue on Monday evenings in the Fraederich Education Room on April 24, May 1<sup>st</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will meet beginning at 5:30. Each session is expected to last approximately an hour. The study guide we will be using is “Becoming Welcoming Communities: Immigration in Light of Biblical Faith” which was published by the Wisconsin Council of Churches (an ecumenical community of 13 denominations representing 2,000 congregations and over one million church members in the state of Wisconsin). *Becoming Welcoming Communities* is designed to help congregations respond to immigrants and immigration in light of Biblical faith. The study weaves together Wisconsin history, Bible passages, personal stories and information on immigration policies in order to allow participants to explore who they are as people of faith and how we reflect God’s grace and justice for everyone.

I hope each of you will consider these two opportunities to join with me and others in the faith community digging deeper into our faith story and reaching out further to share the Gospel with others. If you are interested in attending the conference meeting or would like more information regarding either of these opportunities, please reach out to me—I look forward to speaking with you soon!

Grace and Peace,



*Pastor Tara*

## EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

### MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

April 3<sup>rd</sup>-“Saturday” in The Last Week; April 10<sup>th</sup>-“Easter Sunday” in The Last Week. We will be on Break April 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> resuming April 24<sup>th</sup> with a short series of “Theological Dilemmas”, from the book Twelve Theological Dilemmas by Gregory C. Higgins. An excerpt from the preface: “Often in theological discussions there is more than one consistent, reasonable position. Students examining such exchanges must therefore weigh the relative strengths and weaknesses of each position before choosing one from among the various possibilities. The final determination of what one takes to be the right theological position will depend a great deal upon what that person values theologically.” The text we will be reading offers an opportunity for participants to work through several theological dilemmas so that they can identify and scrutinize their own theological preferences. The book was developed by Higgins based on his work teaching theology to high school students and is meant to be accessible for high school seniors, college freshmen, and adults. If interested please contact Pastor Tara by April 10<sup>th</sup> to receive a copy of the readings.

### MORAL MONDAYS

Through a combination of videos, articles, Bible Study and conversation we explore how these important issues affect our lives and how we can respond as people of faith living out the call to be disciples of Christ. A large component of the group is learning to share stories of our own experiences, to hear the stories of others, and seek to find ways to respectfully and meaningfully talk with others even when we may not agree.

We meet **weekly on Mondays, 5:30-7:00pm** in the Education Room at St. John UCC. We are currently working through the UCC curriculum “**White Privilege Let’s Talk; A Resource for Transformational Dialogue**” on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Taking a break April 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. On April 24<sup>th</sup> we resume with a study on immigration.

### BOOK CLUB

We meet at Latitudes Coffee House (corner of Pilgrim and County Line) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Due to a number of scheduling conflicts we will not meet in March. Our next meeting will be: **April 19<sup>th</sup>**—A Grief Observed by C.S. Lewis

### WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS

Thank you to all who helped with Women's Worship and luncheon. And your donations to the Friends or Abused Families and all your delicious recipes. We hope to make them into a booklet. Thank you to all who helped with the kitchen cleaning. Items for the Fall Theme Basket can be brought into church. We made plans for the Easter Breakfast. Programs were discussed for future Guild Meetings. If you have any ideas for programs or have one you would like to present at a meeting please call a Guild member. Shady Lane Coupons will be sold again for \$10.00 each. **Our Next Meeting is Tues April 4.** Come and join us.

### ATTENTION KNITTERS AND CROCHETTERS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is engaged in knitting and crocheting prayer shawls and



lap blankets for those facing physical challenges, the homebound, newly baptized and others. These gifts are meant as tangible signs of God’s love and the prayers of our congregation for that individual.

The group meets at Latitudes Coffee House (corner of Pilgrim & County Line Rd.) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month from 2-4pm. **Our next meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### CRAFTER’S CLUB

Whatever your hobby, bring projects you want to work on and join with other crafters for a day of fun. Drop in for an hour or stay for the day. Coffee, Tea, & Cocoa bar provided. Meets one Saturday a month from 10am-3pm. **Next Craft Day: April 8<sup>th</sup> at St. John**





### **Fellowship**

**“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.”  
Psalm 37:4**

Please consider signing up for Fellowship following church services in our Fellowship Hall ( a clip board with the sign - up sheet is located near the kitchen). Join us after church. All member and friends are welcome. Any question contact Sharon Reeder at 262-251-5946.

***Dates available for members to sign – up for Fellowship:***

**April 30th**

***Dates Committees are serving Fellowship:***

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 – Constitution, Maintenance, & Mission Alive**

**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Council**

### ***Volunteers needed:***

Volunteers will be needed to provide rides to church members who do not have transportation to - from church. Please contact the church office or Pastor Tara Tetzlaff if interested in volunteering at 262-251-0640.

**Outreach Meetings:** Any members wishing to join the committee are welcome. The next Outreach Committee meeting is TBA. We meet in the Fraederich Education room. Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385-1327 for more information.

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

**St. John U.C.C.**

### **Heart Beat Newsletter April 2017**

Report on 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dart Ball Game night – February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dart Ball night was held on Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00pm. Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, vegetable tray, desserts, snacks, milk, coffee, and soda were served. There were three teams that played darts. We had members and friends from St. John U.C.C. and members from Our Saviour U.C.C. There were 38 members & friends in attendance. Fun was had by all.

### **Mark your calendars - Up Coming Events:**

#### **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Adult Fellowship is planning an outing to the Menomonee Falls Patio Players production of the Musical “Spam – a – Lot” **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2:00pm**. Following the play we will meet back at St. John U.C.C. for a meal.

Ticket prices: \$ 15.00 for the ticket and \$ 20.00 for meal, including beverages.

A sign-up sheet will be posted. **Pay in advance by April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. For more information contact Jeannie Lehmann at 262-251-1756.

#### **May 2017**

**~Weed and Feed ~**

**~ Annual church Spring Clean - up ~**

**Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ~ 9:00am – 12:00pm**

This is an annual clean – up day for our church. We will need as many members and friends as possible to help with cleaning inside and outside the church. We will be sprucing up our Community Prayer Garden.

The Outreach Committee will provide donuts, coffee, and juice followed by a light lunch after the clean - up. Please sign up on sign-up sheet which will be located on the bulletin boards.

We will have a drawing for Scrip for 1 child and one adult will be chosen for those who volunteer at the Weed and Feed.



**Roberts Frozen Custard Fundraiser**  
**Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017     3:00pm – 10:00pm**

**Join St. John U.C.C.**

**at Robert's Frozen Custard Restaurant**

**N.112 W.16040 Mequon Rd. Germantown**

We will be having a Fundraiser from 3:00pm – 10:00pm. Invite members, friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives to join you at Robert's Frozen Custard. **St. John U.C.C. will receive 10% of all sales**, dining in or at the drive up window. **No coupon is necessary.** More information at [www.stjohnuccgermantown.org](http://www.stjohnuccgermantown.org). All proceeds from this sale will benefit future Outreach events at St. John U.C.C. See Caroline Romaine for more information on the Robert's Fundraiser.

### Recipe Corner

St. John U.C.C. has some wonderful cooks and bakers and during Fellowship, Potluck Dinners or Vacation Bible School we have had requests for some of the recipes. Each month in the Heart Beat Newsletter the Outreach Committee will enter a new recipe. If you have one you would like to submit, please drop it off in the church office, clearly labeled and we will put it in the Recipe Corner.



### German Baked Beans

*from the kitchen of Merry Lee Lison*

- 1 lb (about 5 links) bratwurst, grilled and sliced to bite size
- 2 (15 oz) cans pork & beans (I use Bush)
- 1 (14 oz) can sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
- 1 c unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 c packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground mustard

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine all ingredients in large bowl. Transfer to 2 qt baking dish coated with vegetable oil spray. Bake uncovered for 30 - 40 minutes or until bubbly. Makes 8-10 servings.

### COLLECTION IS EASY!!!

We are collecting UPC's and Boxtops for Crossroad Child & Family Services, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana, which is a member of CHHSM—the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries of the United Church of Christ. Campbell's UPC codes are also needed. There is a collection box in the lobby.

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS UPDATE

- \* Baked beans
- \* Boxed or bagged potato mix
- \* Canned peas
- \* Canned pasta
- \* Hamburger Helper mixes
- \* Chunky soup
- \* Mandarin oranges, pineapple, mixed fruit
- \* Flavored rice mixes (Rice-a-roni type)
- \* Salad dressing/BBQ sauce
- \* Cookies/snacks
- \* Refried beans
- \* Low sodium vegetables
- \* Dry soup mixes
- \* Sugar and flour
- \* Cake frosting
- \* Pickles and olives
- \* Dish Soap
- \* Stuffing
- \* Chicken Noodle Soup
- \* Lotion, Shampoo, Deodorant

Anything you can donate will be appreciated.

## **APRIL**

### **LITURGISTS**

2 Joan Schaetzel  
9 Mary Johnson  
16 Caroline Romaine  
23 Eric Hillstrom  
30 Vanessa Tetzlaff

### **GREETERS**

### **USHERS**

2 Bob & Jeannie Lehmann  
9 Donna Tess & Carol Vanderlois  
16 Sharon Reeder & Caroline Romaine  
23 Gary & Mary Johnson  
30 Marilyn Gabrielson & Merry Lison

### **FLOWERS FOR EASTER**

**Help beautify the sanctuary for Easter by purchasing flowers. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and provides the information needed. Deadline is April 9th.**

### **EASTER BREAKFAST**

**You are invited to the Easter Breakfast!! We will have two settings at 7:45 and 9:15am on Easter Sunday, April 16th. Please let us know the time you will be attending by signing up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.**

### **2017 SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION OF THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE OF THE UCC ANNUAL MEETING**

Keynote speaker will be Hon. Rev. Everett Mitchell, Circuit Court Judge of Dane County and pastor of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church. This event will take place on **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 9am-3pm at Trinity United Church of Christ in Brookfield, WI. Each church is expected to send two members as delegates. This is a good opportunity to become more engaged in the wider church, meet other UCC people, and participate in the direction of our denomination. If you are interested in attending this, please contact Pastor Tara or Mary Johnson.

### **Youth Group News**

**Noah's Ark Trip:** Our third annual Noah's Ark Trip will be on **Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>**. Cost is \$18 per person which includes your admission and a hot dog lunch (hot dog, chips, pickle & soda). Open to all ages. Youth under 6th grade must have a parent or other adult accompany them. Registration forms (required for all under 18) can be found on the table in the lobby, on the church website, or from Pastor Tara. Sign up sheet is posted on the landing. We will leave Germantown around 8:45 am with a return time around 7pm.

### **CAMP: It's Not Just for Kids**

Our UCC camps offer a wide variety of fun and engaging options for vacation for children, families, and adults. For our families with young children (ages 5+) there are Mom & Me, Grandparent & Me, as well as general family camps. There are short 1/2 week camps for grades 1-3. Grades 3-12 have a wide variety of (mostly) week-long camp options including :MADD (music, arts, dance, and drama), Pilgrim Story, PilgrimCon (for those into sci-fi, Harry Potter, Marvel, etc), Adventure camps, Sailing camps, and more. Adults can get in on the action too with Young Adult Adventure Camp, Golf Camp, Stitch in Time quilting Retreat, Sixties Plus, Active Adult Adventure, Quilting and Crafting Retreat. Work and mission camps are also available for those wanting to donate their time to help with projects around the camp and in the wider community. Check out [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org) for more information or talk to Pastor Tara. There are multiple scholarships available for children, adults, and families to help with cost.

**JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR:** All members and friends are invited to join the confirmation class on Sunday, April 9th, at 2pm in the St. John Fellowship Hall to watch the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar." Popcorn and beverages will be served.

## CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 5 Scott Passineau    | 17 Erik Johnson   |
| 6 Walter Krueger, Jr | 19 Jason Lietzau  |
| 7 Melissa Luckow     | 23 Jodi Schneider |
| 8 Kay Wendt          | 25 Mark Luckow    |
| 9 Meadow Lietzau     | 28 Jeff Lehmann   |
| 11 Jill Lemke        | Pastor Tara       |
| 14 Janet Robinson    | Genny Vriesen     |
| Joe Toth             | 29 Stacie Delain  |



### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Brian & Connie Ellingson  
5 Rollie & Suzanne Pieper  
23 Jay & Carrie Schaetzel



### APRIL CALENDAR

**3rd—11am** Bible Study at Our Saviour's  
**5:30pm** Moral Mondays at St. John  
**4th—7pm** Women's Guild  
**5th— 6:15pm** Light Supper  
- **7pm Lenten Service at OSC**  
**6th—6:30pm** Council Mtg.  
**8th—10am-3pm** Crafter's Day at St. John  
**9th—Noon-3pm** Confirmation Class  
**10th—NO Bible Study**  
**NO Moral Mondays**  
**12th—2pm** Prayer Shawl Ministry at Latitudes  
**13th—MAUNDY THURSDAY —6:15** Meal during Service at St. John  
**14th—GOOD FRIDAY**  
- **7pm Service at Our Saviour's**

**16th—EASTER SUNDAY**  
**7:45 & 9:15am—Easter Breakfast**  
**6:45 & 10:30am**  
**Easter Services**  
**17th—NO Bible Study**  
**NO Moral Monday's**  
**19th—6pm** Book Club at Latitudes  
**23rd—Noon-3pm** Confirmation Class  
**24th—11am** Bible Study at Our Saviour's  
**5:30pm** Moral Monday's at St. John  
**6:30pm** Craft Fair Mtg.  
**29th—9am-3pm** 2017 SE Association of the WI Conference of the UCC Annual Mtg.  
**30th—2pm** Menomonee Falls Patio Players "Spam—A—Lot"

### PRAYER LIST

- ◇ Prayers for Mike Szymik
- ◇ Prayers for our church that it may grow
- ◇ Prayers for Mary Ann Toth
- ◇ Prayers for Kirk (Lois Cozzuli's son) and Nicole (Lois Cozzuli's daughter)
- ◇ Prayers for Laura W., as she battles cancer
- ◇ Prayers for Tim Roskopf, son of Karen Roskopf
- ◇ Prayers for Virginia Wendt
- ◇ Prayers for Stacy C., recovering from injury, daughter of Janet Robinson
- ◇ Prayers for Lois Cozzuli, recovering from surgery
- ◇ Prayers for Kathleen DeWall, recovering from surgery
- ◇ Prayers for Serena, sister of Mary Johnson

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name of Jesus Christ.

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*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

***MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—6:15pm St.***

***John—Meal during Service***

***GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE—7pm—Our Saviour's***

***EASTER SUNDAY***

***7:45 & 9:15am Women's Guild Breakfast***

***6:45 & 10:30am—Easter Services***

*Sunday Worship Service at St. John UCC—  
10:30am*

*Sunday School: 11:15-Noon at St. John UCC*

*Sunday Worship Service at Our Saviour's UCC—  
8:30am*