

Heartbeat News



From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings to you in the name of Christ,

June is an exciting time in the life of the United Church of Christ. Did you know that on June 25th our denomination will be celebrating its 58th anniversary? June 25, 1957 was the historic day that the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Christian and Congregational Church merged to form the United Church of Christ. The merger came about in the midst of the ecumenical movement, drawing from John 17:21 "that they may all be one". Each of the four precursor denominations brought their own distinct style and focus to the new denomination, and it is in the variety of gifts that the UCC finds its greatest strength. Of course, for E&R churches, one of the great advantages of the merger was the new autonomy that the Congregational structure offered. Each church has the right to govern itself as it sees fit. But, despite how it is sometimes presented, this doesn't mean that we get to do whatever we want. The United Church of Christ is an entity that exists through the covenantal relationships of its member congregations.

At this year's confirmation retreat the youth and adult leaders participated in an activity where about 100 of us sat in a circle and created a giant web made of string, with each of us holding on to the string. Then we had an adult lay down in the center of the web. In unison, we all lifted the strings up, and we were able to lift the person off the ground. But when people began to let their string go slack, dropped it, or it broke, the person began to fall until they eventually were back on the ground. Each of us holding onto those strings represented one of the churches in our denomination. Some of us were bigger, others smaller; some were strong, others of us not so much; but it took each of us pulling our own weight to make it work. When our connections

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY

At its monthly meeting held on May 14th, the St. John Church Council:

- Discussed the Wisconsin Conference capital campaign for the church camps.
- Reviewed maintenance issues regarding parking lot and retaining wall.
- Discussed Memorial/Endowment Association policies.

Present: Eric Hillstrom, Mary Johnson, Andy Bone-ski, Marilyn Boettcher, Cherie Bersch, Judy Luckow, Donna Tess, Pastor Tetzlaff

Absent: Sharon Reeder, Jim Koedinger

Next Council meeting: June 11, 2015



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to the others broke or weakened the larger "Church" faltered and fell. It was a really great visual for how our denomination works (or doesn't). An individual congregation "works" when all of its members are involved, participate and help to do the work of the church. Our Southeast Association (of which we are a part) and the Wisconsin Conference works when all of its member churches work together in the decision making, mission, and ministry. St. John participates in the Association through my work on the Southeast Association Mission Team, through our participation at this year's annual association meeting in Kewaskum (Thank you Eric & Sue Hillstrom for serving as delegates), and through our financial contributions to the ministry and mission of the Association. We also have the opportunity to participate in the Conference level decision making, mission and ministry by sending delegates to the Annual Meeting (St. John is allowed 2 delegates in addition to the pastor), and our financial contributions to Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM). From the Annual meeting, individuals are nominated for the opportunity to serve as delegates at the General Synod (our national meeting held every two years) to represent and be the voices for the Wisconsin Conference. All of these points of connection offer us ways to both strengthen and be strengthened by our covenantal partners.

Sometimes, points on that web need encouragement or places are identified where new points on the web are needed. That is when all of the other points need to step up. On June 21st, the Sunday before our denomination's anniversary we will be collecting a special "Strengthen the Church" offering. Monies collected from this offering are split between the conference and nation levels. These funds support youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard. As God calls our congregations to be the "church" in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

We are part of an amazing thing happening in the world. We are invited to participate in God's work of justice and righteousness in the world. Let's remember to answer a resounding YES! to the mission and ministry of God through the work of the Church.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tara

EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

GARDENING WITH GOD

On Tuesday, **June 9th**, the weekly Gardening with God will resume. From 9:30-11:30am. Devotions and refreshments are at approximately 11:15. Please join us for part or all of this activity.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The theme for 2015 Vacation Bible School is "Make a Joyful Noise" and will focus on praising God through music and dance. VBS will be held **Mon.-Thurs July 13-16th from 9am-3pm** (early and/or late childcare may be available). Cost is \$10 per child and will include a t-shirt, meals, and all activities. Open to ages 2-1/2 to 12 (teens are welcome to sign up as junior leaders). Watch for your VBS packets in the mail. If you know of a family that might be interested in VBS, please give us their information.



NOAH'S ARK OUTING



Mark your calendars for Thursday **June 18th** as the 2nd Annual Our Saviour's UCC/ St. John UCC Noah's Ark trip. \$18 per person will get you admission to the waterpark and a hot dog lunch. Transportation will be provided. We will leave at 8:30am and re-

turn at 6pm. Open to all ages, however anyone under 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Adults willing to chaperone are also needed. Sign up forms will be posted at each church. Registration fees are due June 10th!!

STRESSING OVER FINAL EXAMS?

Let us help. All high school students are invited for an open study night Sunday **June 7th** from 5-10pm. Invite your friends---you do not have to be a member of our church to attend. Plenty of space, wi-fi, snacks, soda, Keurig machine, etc. If desired, we can order out pizza/subs for dinner.

Break out Your Shorts and Flip-flops—It's Camp Sunday!

Join us for a special worship service on **June 7th**. Not only will we be recognizing and celebrating our graduates and our Sunday School Teachers, but we will also be learning more about the great UCC Camps in Wisconsin, how we can participate and support our camps. After church fellowship will feature great "camp" snacks. Be present to hear of a great scholarship opportunity for first time campers. You won't want to miss this!

THE CAPUCHINS' RUN/WALK FOR THE HUNGRY

Join the St. John Team on Friday, **July 24th, at 7pm** in Lakeshore State Park. Teams of 10 or more runners, walkers or both are eligible for a \$5 discount per person. Team name on shirt sleeve if registered by deadline, July 12th.

5K Run—A certified and chip timed/scored race. \$20 Adult, \$10 Child (\$30 & \$20 after July 12). Child must 12 or younger on race day.

2 Mile Walk—Non-competitive walk in Lakeshore State Park. Not eligible for scoring or awards. \$15 Adults, \$5 Child (\$25 & \$15 after July 12th)

Participants receive free entry into German Fest, \$5 food/drink card, a 2-for1 coupon to return to German Fest, and are eligible for a variety of prizes—must be present to win..

Any questions, contact Karen Becker: 414-759-8123 no later than July 12th.





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 Committees are serving Fellowship:

June 7th, 2015 – Christian Education and Staff Relations Committee's

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 will be Sunday, June 7th We meet in the Fraedrich Education room. Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385-1327 for more information.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Report on Robert's Frozen Custard Fundraiser Monday April 20th, 2015.
\$250.00 Profit from Robert's Frozen Custard. No coupon was needed. 10% of sales will go to Mission Alive. Money will go toward plantings and mulch for the Community Prayer Garden at St. John U.C.C.

Thank you to all the members who volunteered to help during the church "Weed and Feed Spring clean - up" on May 2nd, 2015. The weather was wonderful. 12 members were in attendance. We focused our efforts outside in the Community Prayer Garden. The outside flower gardens were cleaned and spruced up, bushes were trimmed. Lucky winners for the Brewer Tickets for the August 17th, 2015 game are Chris Pickett and Vanessa Tetzlaff. A light breakfast and lunch was provided by the Outreach Committee.

June 2015

**St. John U.C.C. Brat Fry Day's - Pick n' Save in Menomonee Falls
Saturday June 6th -2015 & Saturday August 1st, 2015**

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00pm

*****Note location change.** Located at Pick n' Save in Menomonee Falls N.77 W.14435 Appleton Ave. (Across from Menomonee Falls High School and North of Lilly Rd.).

Volunteers needed. A sign – up sheet will be posted for those who would like to volunteer at the Brat Fry's during the summer.

Brat Fry proceeds will benefit future Outreach events and 10% of our sales will be donated to Mission Alive

July 2015

Church Picnic - Sunday July 19th, 2015 following the church service.

Please join us for this Fun Family Event – Church Picnic to be held Sunday July 19th, 2015 following church service. Food will be provided by the Outreach Committee. We will have a variety of games and a special guest musician. There is no cost to members or friends of St. John U.C.C. or Our Saviour U.C.C. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Look for a sign – up sheet posted on the bulletin board on the stairwell landing.

August 2015 -

Mark your calendars-

Miller Brewer's Game is scheduled Monday August 17th, 2015. Brewers vs Miami Marlins – 50 tickets are on reserve. We will have a sign-up sheet posted for St. John U.C.C. Cost of the ticket is \$10.00 which includes tail gate food / snacks and \$ 5.00 toward parking. We will tail gate at 4:45pm from St. John U.C.C. Game time is 7:10pm.

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.



Recipe donated by: Betina Chaon / Emily Romaine

Dutch Babies

This recipe is great to serve for Breakfast or Brunch.

Ingredients:

3 Tbsp. butter

2 eggs

½ c. flour

½ c. milk

confectioners' sugar (powder sugar) – to sprinkle on top

Lemon juice of ¼ of lemon – to sprinkle on top

1 tsp. Sugar

Dash nutmeg

¼ tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 425 degrees

Use 18" cast iron pan. Melt 3 tablespoons butter in cast iron pan while preheating. Mix together 2 eggs, flour, milk, sugar, nutmeg, ¼ tsp. salt. Pour above in greased cast iron pan. Bake at 425 degrees for 18-20 minutes. Remove from oven. Sprinkle with lemon juice and confectioners' sugar. May be eaten as above or serve with cooked apples or cooked cherries. *Serves 1 – 2 person*

CALL YOUR PASTOR!!!



Just a reminder that to protect your privacy federal HIPAA laws prevent doctors, hospitals, and nursing homes from contacting or sharing information with anyone (including your church or pastor!) when you are a patient. If you or a loved one is hospitalized or needs pastoral care PLEASE call the church office or Pastor Tara directly (or request the hospital to do so). If you don't call, we have no way of knowing of your situation. By informing us of these events, you are helping us to provide you with the spiritual care needed in these often difficult times. Business cards with Pastor Tara's contact information are available in the church lobby or can be obtained from the church office, a handy way for you to have the numbers you need in an emergency.

Writers in our Midst!

When our Monday morning Bible study group was studying the Psalms this spring, many of the participants wrote their own psalms. In this column we highlight their work.

“Birds, Trees and Honeybees”

Praise the Lord! Let all peoples respond to the Holy One with shouts of joy! May the words of the young and the old speak of the glory of the Creator who made us out of nothing. We, the very dust of the earth, have our being in God, and God alone. The birds in the trees, the flowers of the field all coexist because of God’s gracious love. Let all peoples and nations, young and old, speak of God’s wisdom and give glory to God in their care of God’s creation. Come people, and animals, apple trees and honeybees; may all that is bring honor to God, justice to God’s people, righteousness to all that God has made. Praise the Lord!!

WOMEN’S GUILD



Caroline Romaine was our hostess serving an Eclair Torte and sharing a devotion. Communion volunteers are assigned through September. We will be baking desserts for the Kubosch funeral. Shady Lane coupons are available for \$10.00 and can be used until June 30, 2015. Our Bingo Bash is set for Wednesday, **August 12th**, with dessert at 12:30pm. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 7:00pm.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

- 7—Mike Szymik & Dick Wallander
- 14—Donna Tess & Polly Weber
- 21—Marilyn Boettcher & Marilyn Gabrielson
- 28—Bob & Jeannie Lehmann

GRADUATES

Congratulations to Kelly Wallschlaeger and Jordan Schaezel, in their graduation from college. Best of luck in their future.



**We
were made
for
WORSHIP!**

SUMMER WORSHIP

Just a reminder that St. John will have summer worship every Sunday at 10:30am. Even with our busy schedules, we hope to see you there. *God doesn't take summers off!!!!*

CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Hannah Schaetzel | 17 Todd Dettmering |
| 8 Lucas Schaetzel | 22 Susan Hillstrom |
| 9 Shirley Fraedrich | Sarah Hillstrom |
| 14 Griffin Lietzau | 30 Megan Dettmering |
| 15 Ken Schaetzel | |
| John Schaetzel | |

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Rich & Cherie Bersch
10 Gayle and Dennis Johnson
14 David Klemish & Sherry Palmer
Jim & Jean Koedinger
17 Bob & Jeannie Lehmann
20 Mike & Corrine Szymik
25 Mark & Judy Luckow



Our
Prayers
and
Sympa-
thy to



the family of Annaliesa
Kubosch, who passed away
on May 12th. The Funeral
was held at St. John on
May 16th.

JUNE EVENTS

1st—6pm Fresh Looks at
Old Stories

6th—10am-3pm Brat Fry
Men. Falls Pick & Save

7th—9am Outreach Mtg.
- 10:30am Worship

Collage Graduation & Teacher
Appreciation Day/Camp Sun-
day

-5-10pm—Open Study
for Exams

8th—4pm St. Ben's
4:30pm Christian Bd.
Of Education Mtg.

9th—9:30-11:30am Gar-
dening with God

11th—7pm Council Mtg.

12th-14th—Pastor at Annual
Conference

16th—NO Gardening with
God

7:30am-5:30pm—
Day Trip to Manitowoc

18th—8:30am—6pm
Noah's Ark

21st— Father's Day and
Strengthen the Church Sun-
day

23rd—9:30-11:30am Gar-
dening with God

30th—9:30-11:30am Gar-
dening with God

**PLEASE NOTE: Pastor
Tara will be out of the of-
fice from June 22 thru
July 5.**



**MARK YOUR
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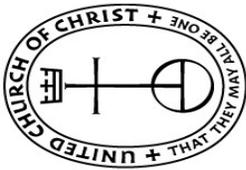
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Our Mission is to Celebrate, Reach
Out, Enrich, and Welcome in the
name of Jesus Christ.

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

No Sunday School during summer months

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