

# Heartbeat News



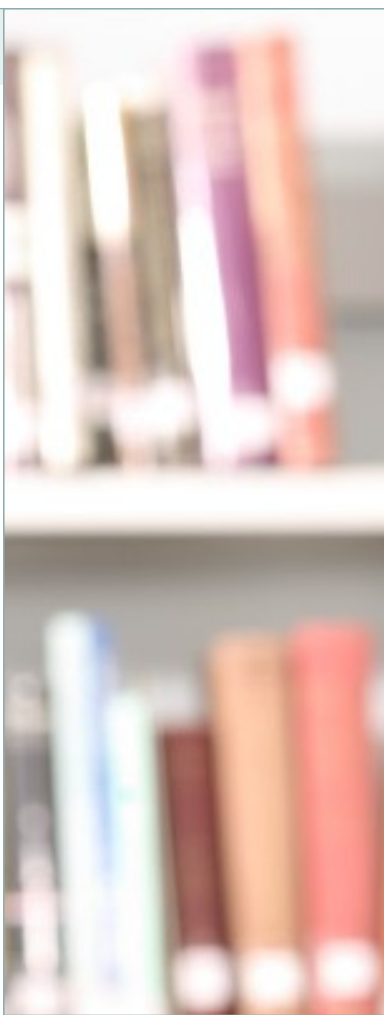
Greetings in the name of Christ,

Early in December I met with the Church and Ministry Committee of our Association to discuss my upcoming installation. One of the questions I was asked was why I felt called to these two churches in Germantown and what my goals and visions were for the future. I want to share with you my response: "When you leave seminary there is a lot of talk among your classmates about where you will serve and many envision themselves in large multi-staff churches with big budgets and huge crowds. And there were opportunities out there like that but I think in our worries over shrinking congregations and dying churches we forget the incredible vitality and gift that is the small church. We are challenged here in Germantown with some bigger, newer churches that have moved into town and sometimes there can be this feeling that to be a good church you need to be a mega-church....but ministry isn't about being the biggest or the best, it is about embracing who we are and then seeking to live that out most fully as we seek to participate in God's vision for the world. I felt called to these two churches in Germantown because I believe that God's spirit is there, that they each have an unbelievably rich past, I see beautiful expressions of faith in the present, and I believe that when they embrace who they are and claim that, beautiful things will happen."

This is an amazing church with an amazing past...and, I believe, an even more amazing future. The mission statement of this church says that we exist "to welcome, enrich, celebrate, and reach out in the name of Jesus Christ." This year, as your pastor and in cooperation with our council, I have set some goals and am working on some initiatives for us to embrace the heart of that mission statement. These efforts will allow us to celebrate who we are, to continue to provide enrichment opportunities to grow and transform our faith, to welcome others who believe in our vision of God's will, and to reach out with hands ready to serve a hurting world.

Watch for an article in our newsletter each month that will spotlight one or more of our initiatives in each of these areas. In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians we are reminded that through our baptism we each became members of the one body of Christ. Each member of the body (the church) is different but each has a different gift and function within the body. Without the participation of each, there is something missing...each of us is called to participate in the body. (1 Cor. 12:12-31). So it is with our church, each one of you is valuable and contributes to the greatness of this body, and without each one of you, we are incomplete. This year I invite you to share in the vision with me, prayerfully considering the different aspects and initiatives of our mission statement and finding those areas where God is calling you.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Tara



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## SECRETARY VACANCY

St. John currently has a vacancy for the position of church secretary. Sloan Letman will be assisting with clerical duties (bulletins, newsletter, etc.) in the interim. Please continue to send any information for the church bulletin or newsletter to the church email address or leave on the secretary's desk.

If you are aware of a non-church member who might be interested in the position, please communicate the following to them:

Applicants should possess a love for the vision and mission of the Church.

Basic office skills, including proficiency with Microsoft Office products required.

Qualified individuals with an interest in the position are encouraged to contact the Pastor or a member of the Church Council or Staff Relations Committee.

*Just one more reminder that committee reports that are to be included in the Annual Report are due to the church office by January 17, 2014, so that the Annual Report can be prepared and distributed to members in time for our Annual Meeting on February 9th, 2014.*

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Outreach Committee – Sunday,  
Jan. 5th, after service

Worship Committee – Sunday,  
Jan. 5th, 11:30am

Spiritual Life Committee – Tue.,  
Jan. 7th, 10:00 am

Women's Guild – Wednesday,  
Jan. 8th, 7:00 pm

Church Council – Thursday, January 9th, 7:00 pm

Congregational Annual Meeting –  
Sunday, Feb. 9th

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At its monthly meeting held on December 12th, the St. John Church Council:

- Approved the 2014 budget for final action by the congregation at the Annual Meeting.
- Discussed policies for non-member weddings and facilities use.
- Discussed the need for a new website hosting service.

Present: Eric Hillstrom, Andy Boneski, Mary Johnson, Mike Szymik, Judy Luckow, Marilyn Boettcher, Donna Tess, Pastor Tetzlaff

Absent: Cherie Bersch, Sharon Reeder  
Next Council meeting: January 9, 2014

## CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

### November 2013 Income

Offering	4011.01
Other	484.10
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Total	4295.11

### November 2013 Expenditures

Personnel	2,804.29
Operations	941.65
Program	89.00
Benevolence	0.00
Earmarked	600.00
Total Disbursements	4,434.94

### Current Account Balances

Checking	9,636.11
Savings	31.28
Total Available	9,667.39

Earmarked for Parking Lot	2,300.00
Available to General Fund	7,367.39
Disbursements Due 12-31-2012	4,705.02

Detailed copy of Treasurer and Financial Secretary's reports available by request in church office.

### POINSETTIAS GIVEN BY:

Ken & Joan Schaetzel  
in memory of Harold and Edith  
Schaetzel

Dorothy Peterson in memory of  
Harold Peterson

Andy Boneski in memory of  
Betty Boneski

Ned & Caroline Romaine in  
memory of Curt and LaVerne  
Romaine

Emily & Elliot Romaine in  
memory of Anthony and Delores  
Miller

John & Sheila Schaetzel in  
memory of Bill and Bette Kaiser

Richard Wallander in memory  
of Michael Wallander

Donna Tess in memory of Larry  
and Ellen van Maastricht

Pastor Tara Tetzlaff and Family  
in memory of Larry Tetzlaff and  
Roy Ulrich

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Robert's Frozen Custard – Fundraiser was held on Monday September 23rd 2013 3:00pm – 10:00pm. No coupon was needed. Members enjoyed a meal with friends and family. Total profit from the Fundraiser was \$275.00, earmarked profit for purchasing a projector or license for copyright to show movies at Movie night. 10% of the proceeds will go to Mission Alive \$27.50. Thank you to all who supported the Fundraiser.

A special thank you to all the members who helped put Christmas decorations for the Christmas season.

On December 1st, 2013. A small group of joyful Christmas carolers, members from St. John U.C.C went Christmas caroling to Serenity Villa in Slinger, WI to sing to a church member from Our Saviour UCC and then to sing to Jeanette Leicht and residents at the Arboretum in Menomonee Falls. A special thank you to Karen Roskopf for accompanying us on the piano. The residents who attended the performance were given a Christmas ornament with a welcome from St. John UCC for the Christmas season and a 2014 book mark.

## RECIPE CORNER

St. John U.C.C. has some wonderful cooks and bakers during Fellowship or Potluck Dinners. We have had request 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 give it to our church secretary A.J. and we will put it in the Recipe Corner.

**Butter Horns**  
Recipe donated by Polly Weber  
This was served during Fellowship on October 13th, 2013

### Ingredients:

4 cups flour  
1 cake of yeast, only! (purchase in refrigerated section in store)  
4 eggs yolks  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 tsp. salt  
1 ½ cup butter  
1 cup sour cream  
Powder sugar for sprinkling board

### Filling:

4 egg whites; beaten  
1 cup sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 ½ cup finely ground nuts

Sift flour, salt, and crumble the yeast together. Cut in butter with cutter. Blend in egg yolks, sour cream, and vanilla. Divide dough into fifths and chill one hour. Sprinkle rolling pin and board with powder sugar. Roll out thin; into circular shape size of round dinner plate, cover with filling and cut into 8 wedges and roll up into the shape of a horn.

Bake @ 375 degrees for 15 minutes.  
Frost with a butter frosting.

## NEW BIBLE STUDY BEING OFFERED!

Whether you have been attending Bible study groups for years or you haven't cracked a Bible since that Sunday school class as a kid, The Present Word study series offers an easily accessible means of jumping into biblical passages. The class is designed to allow participants to drop in for a single session or come every week. No preparation necessary! Studying the Gospel of Luke and the book of James, the winter quarter of The Present Word explores the birth of Jesus, how Jesus advocated for God's reign among all people, and the challenges we face today to live justly in the reign of God.

Sessions will be held at St. John on Sunday evenings from 6pm-7pm. A daytime session will be held at Our Saviour's UCC on Monday mornings 9am-10am. Participants are free to drop in to any of the session....pick the time/location that works best for

you!

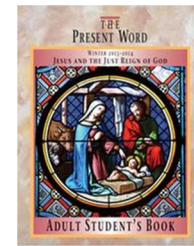
Topics in Unit II: Jesus Ushers in the Reign of God

January 5 Honoring the Sabbath:  
Luke 6:1-11

January 12 How to live as God's People: Luke 6:17-31

January 19 Jesus Teaches about Relationships: Luke 14:7-18a, 22-24

January 26 Jesus Teaches Compassion for the Poor: Luke 16:19-31



*The Present Word*

## WOMENS GUILD

Sixteen members of the Women's Guild had a wonderful time at our annual Christmas Party. Food, fun and fellowship, along with Take-away were the highlights of the evening. We spent quite a bit of time "stealing" Pastor Tara's prize. Thank you to everyone that donated cookies for the cookie trays. Our next meeting is January 8, 2014 and we will be planning the Women's Sunday Worship for February. Come and join us.

## CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Lisa Hillstrom who graduated from U.W. Oshkosh on December 14th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

### January Birthdays

5 Dorothy Peterson  
6 Bryce Thomas  
8 Eric Hillstrom  
11 Ned Romaine  
13 Jeff Wendt  
14 Caroline Romaine  
16 Rich Bersch

17 Annaliesa Kubosch  
18 Marge Wundrock  
Scott Maly  
23 Suzanne Pieper  
24 Greg Schwartz  
25 Polly Weber  
31 Gayle Johnson  
Debbie Biddle

### January Anniversaries

7 Greg & Chris Pickett (35 years)

If someone's birthday or anniversary is missing or if the date is incorrect, please notify Mary Ann Toth.

## GREETERS, USHERS, AND LITURGIST

Sunday, January 5, 2014  
Altar Communion

Greeters: Greg Pickett Family  
Ushers: Eric and Sue Hillstrom  
Liturgist: Eric Hillstrom

Sunday, January 12, 2014

Greeters: Sharon Reeder  
Ushers: Bob and Jeannie Lehmann  
Liturgist: Joan Schaetzel

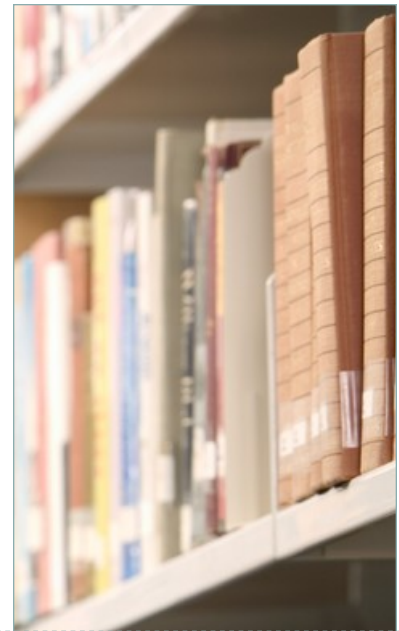
Sunday, January 19, 2014

Greeter: Romaine Family  
Ushers: Matt and Merry Lison  
Liturgist: Matt Lison

Sunday, January 26, 2014

Greeters: Donna Tess  
Ushers: Rich and Cherie Bersch  
Liturgist: John Schaetzel

NOTE: If you cannot make your commitment: please call Mary Ann Toth at (262) 251-0365. Thank You!!



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 2014

On Sunday January 5th, we will be taking down the decorations in the sanctuary following service. Please sign up and participate.

On Sunday January 12th, 2014 we are going to a Milwaukee Admirals game. The game starts at 5pm and we have reserved seating right behind the Admirals goal! Tickets are \$12 for youth 14 years or under and \$17 for adults. Permission slips for youth under 18 are available at church or on our Facebook page. All monies and forms due to the church by Wednesday January 8th. Youth younger than 6th grade are welcome to attend, but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Transportation details are pending. There are a limited number of seats available so please sign up quickly to reserve a spot. Sign up on the clipboard in the stairwell or contact the church office.

### February 2014

8th Annual Dart Ball Night – Date and time to be announced in next month’s newsletter.

Video Game Tournament/open play event will be held in February. Let Pastor Tara what games you are most interested in. Lots of options available! Watch for announcements on date and time soon!

### March/April 2014

Rummage Sale – Start cleaning out closets, basements, garages, for the 2014 Rummage Sale. Date TBA.

Bucks Game—Saturday March 8th at 8pm. Watch the Milwaukee Bucks play the Washington Wizards at “Faith & Family Night”. All youth 14 and under will receive a free Bucks miniball. After the game there will be a free Christian concert . Tickets are \$15 each.





## ST. JOHN UCC

The Little church with a big heart ...historically rooted branching toward the future.

## PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Please keep in your prayers, Matt Lison who is home from hernia surgery, Jim Koedinger who is recovering from gall bladder surgery, and Polly Weber who fractured her wrist.

Our Sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Bill Kaiser, who was called to his Eternal home on November 30, 2013. His service was held here at St. John UCC on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Very special thanks to everyone who helped make the Sunday School Christmas program so special!

### In The Event of Severe Weather

Any cancellations of worship services or other activities at St. John can be found by watching local television channels 4, 6, 12 & 58 (they also post this information on their respective websites), as well as by accessing the St. John website – [www.stjohnuccgermantown.org](http://www.stjohnuccgermantown.org).



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

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