

Heartbeat News



“From dust you have come, and to dust you must return”...those are the words spoken to each person who received ashes on Ash Wednesday a few weeks ago. As a kid I remember thinking “Wow, that’s depressing!” But it’s kind of miraculous too. I remember the day Vanessa was born, I understood all of the biological stuff involved, how this little person was growing inside of me. But to hold that tiny being in your arms for the first time...it is nothing short of a miracle that such a person was created and formed inside your own body. Each of us was born just like that, and one day, whether cremated or buried, our bodies will indeed be returned to the earth. Disney refers to it as the great circle of life.

There are some who intentionally avoid Ash Wednesday services for just this reason: death is not something they want to be reminded of, perhaps it reminds them of someone dear to them who has died, or of an impending death they wish would not come so soon. It’s understandable, it truly is, but then I think these “difficult” services of Lent (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday) and the reminders they bring: of the inevitability of death, of the pain of betrayal, of the emptiness and loss of purpose at losing a loved one. Such challenging reminders of the trials we face set the scene for the triumph of Easter. Talk to a parent who nearly lost a child to illness or accident, or a person who’s found a job and a new home after years of homelessness and hopelessness, or someone who for years felt trapped by addiction but now has stayed alcohol or drug free; each one of them will tell you how much more precious life has become precisely because they have been through the valley and made it to the other side. Easter is a happy day filled with hope and joy, but Easter, after we have traveled through the valleys of doubt, fear, and desperation becomes a life-changing celebration of resurrection.

Through the journey of Lent we discover what it means to have doubts, to have fears, to harbor regrets and resistance, but that joy we experience on Easter morning when we can proclaim those words from 2 Corinthians 4:

“But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;

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perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh." The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is more than just a story; it is OUR story. It is the story of a people who will not take no for an answer, who will not accept the pain, suffering, injustice, and violence in the world around us as "just the way it is" and who will proclaim that death CAN be and HAS BEEN defeated. We live because Christ lives, or in the words of one of the hymns of my childhood "Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone, Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because he lives."

We can face tomorrow with confidence knowing that indeed our Savior lives. I invite all of you, if you haven't had the opportunity to join us for our Lenten services on Wednesday evenings, to consider doing so. Our Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7pm on April 17th at Our Saviour's UCC. The Good Friday Service will be at 7pm on April 18th at St. John. And of course, we hope everyone will join together in celebrating Easter with us on April 20th: First Service at 7am and second service at 10:30am with breakfast served in between the services.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Tara

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

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At its monthly meeting held on March 13th, the St. John Church Council:

- Discussed policies for non-member weddings and facilities use.
- Discussed the office secretary vacancy.
- Discussed the need for repairs to the parking lot.
- Discussed the need for new locks for the church office.

Present: Eric Hillstrom, Andy Boneski, Mary Johnson, Cherie Bersch, Marilyn Boettcher, Donna Tess, Pastor Tetzlaff

Absent: Mike Szymik, Judy Luckow, Sharon Reeder

Next Council meeting: April 10, 2014

ST. JOHN CRAFT FAIR 2014

The 2014 Fair plans have begun! This is the time of year when we focus our effort on getting exhibitors. We've started to get some application already but we need your help in spreading the word. If you know someone who would be interested in exhibiting, please let Mary Ann know or applications can be picked up or e-mailed from the church office.

The internet is also a good way for us to advertise for exhibitors and attendees. If you come across websites that post craft fair events, please let Merry know. Often times these sites will advertise our event for no charge. The more people who know about our Fair, the more crafters and attendees we can attract!

Last year, the Sports Memorabilia that we included on the Silent Auction was quite successful. If there is a particular athlete or team that you'd like us to include in the items we procure this year, please pass along those suggestions!

For those of you getting the newsletter mailed to you, you will see an envelope for the cash raffle. Donations towards the cash prizes for the raffle are greatly appreciated! Please put your number (found on your regular offering envelope) on the cash raffle envelope so your donation can be recorded on your financial statement. If you get the newsletter in electronic form, you can either get an envelope at the church office or simply make one yourself by writing "Raffle Donation" and your offering number on the envelope.

While the cash raffle has been extremely popular, we also gladly accept other raffle items as well. Gift cards for gas, restaurants, fast food, grocery stores and bookstores are popular items but we welcome any donations of new items for this raffle. Don't forget that using Script to purchase gift cards as raffle prizes doubles the benefit to St. John!

If you are interested in donating cash for the youth raffle, there are envelopes on the bulletin board on the landing. We would like to purchase a savings bond or two for the youth raffle. As far as other donations for the youth raffle, gift certificates are always popular. Again, we welcome any items but unisex prizes are best so the winner ends up with a gift that is appropriate for them.

Thank you in advance for your donation, it is greatly appreciated!

RECIPE CORNER

St. John U.C.C. has some wonderful cooks and bakers and during Fellowship or Potluck Dinners 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 send it to Sloan Letman at sloanletman@gmail.com and we will put it in the Recipe Corner.

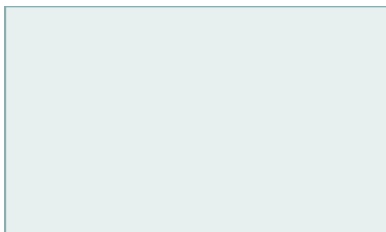
Shoo-fly Pie recipe was donated by Audrey and Gene Dettmann at Our Saviour UCC.

Crumb Mixture

2 cups flour
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup butter
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Syrup Mixture

1 cup molasses
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
1 cup hot water
1 teaspoon baking soda dissolved in the hot water
2 unbaked 8 inch pie crusts



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you to all the members who helped with donating items for the Valentine College / Armed Forces packages. Thank you to those members who helped with packaging of the Valentine College / Armed Forces Care Packages on February 9th, 2014. 10 packages were sent out. Cost for shipping \$81.65. A special thank you to Sharon Reeder and Annaliesa Kubosch who helped organize the event.



The 8th Annual Dart Ball Night was held on Saturday February 15th 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 from St. John U.C.C. and Our Saviour U.C.C. There were 46 members and friends in attendance. Fun was had by all. See you next year at the 9th Annual Dart Ball Night. Finally, a special Thank you to all who helped at Pastor Tara Tetzlaff's Installation on Sunday February 16th, 2014 held at Our Saviour U.C.C.

CONSIDER A LASTING MEMORIAL IN THE ST. JOHN PRAYER GARDEN



As we prepare for Memorial Day 2014, our Worship Service on May 25th will include a special memorial tribute to departed St. John members and friends. If you would like to purchase a lasting memorial stone for someone close to you who has passed away during this past year or before, please contact Bob Lehmann before the May 1st deadline. A contribution of \$50.00 or more to the Prayer Garden Fund in the individual's name will ensure that their stone will be placed in a location of your choice within the St. John Prayer Garden during the May 25th service.

ST. JOHN'S RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Get Ready, Collecting for the Rummage Sale will begin March 30th. All items are welcome; especially baby items, children's clothes, household items, furniture, crafts, electronics, books, etc. Please limit clothing items to gently used. It is very important for you to spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

If you know of anyone who is moving or downsizing their lives let them know that we can alleviate them of their stuff. Please contact the outreach committee if there are items that need to be picked up from a location. The church will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9am to noon or by appointment.

CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

April Birthdays

5-Scott Passineau

6-Walter Krueger, Jr

7-Melissa Luckow

8-Kay Wendt

10- Scott Wolf

11-Charles Krueger and Jill Lemke



14-Janet Robinson and Joe Toth
17-Eric Johnson and Paul Passineau
23-Jodi Schneider
28-Pastor Tara Tetzlaff, Jeff Lehmann and Genny Vriesen
29-Stacie Delain and Blaine Skrober

April Anniversaries

3-Brian and Connie Ellingson (21 years)
5-Rollie and Suzanne Pieper (45 years)
22-Matt and Merry Lison (25 years)
23-Carrie Schaetzel (26 years)

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

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Help beautify our sanctuary for Easter by signing up for Easter Flowers. You may choose between Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths, Daffodils and Mums. (Tulips--red, yellow, pink or white. Hyacinths--pink, purple or white. Daffodils--yellow or white.) The price is \$12.00 per plant, except the mums which are \$14.00 and come in pink, yellow, white or a Daisy Mum yellow/white. You may indicate if you want the flowers in memory of someone, in honor of someone or just because. Please make check payable to St. John UCC, indicate "flowers" in the memo and place in offering plate. Deadline is April 13. Thank you!

WOMENS GUILD NEWS

Easter Breakfast will be served at 8:00 am and 9:15 am. Menu is three different kinds of Egg Bake, French Toast Bake, rolls (sweet & hard) cereal, fruit and beverages. Please sign up so we have a number of how many we are serving. Set up for breakfast will be Sat April 19 at 9:00 am. All hands are welcome to help.

There will be no business meeting for April. We will be helping to set up the rummage sale on April 8. The next business meeting will be May 7 at 7:00 pm. This will be our planning session for next year. If you have a program idea or a program you would like to present to the Guild please see any member.

Shady Lane fundraiser coupons are available from Judy Luckow or Mary Ann Toth. The cost is \$10.00 and can be used towards the purchase of regular priced items through June 30th.



APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Lenten Service Meal 6:15pm Worship 7pm	3	4	5 Church Cleaning 9am-12pm
6 Worship 10:30am Communion by Intinction Fellowship Hour 11:30am Bible Study 12:30pm	7	8 No Guild Meeting- Helping with the rummage sale	9 Lenten Service Meal 6:15pm Worship 7pm	10 Council 7pm	11 Rummage & Bake Sale 9pm-4pm	12 Rummage & Bake Sale 9pm-4pm
13 Palm Sunday Worship 10:30am Fellowship Hour 11:30am Outreach Meeting 11:30am Bible Study 12:30pm Church Renewal 4-6:30pm	14 St. Ben's 4pm	15 Spiritual Life Committee 10am	16	17 Maundy Thursday Service at Our Saviour's UCC 7pm	18 Good Friday Service at St. John UCC 7pm	19
20 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7:00am Breakfast 8 & 9:15am Regular Worship 10:30am Communion No Bible Study	21 Robert's Fund- raiser 3-9pm Craft Fair Meeting 6:30pm	22	23	24	25	26
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GREETERS, USHERS, AND LITURGIST

Sunday, April 6, 2014
Communion by Intinction

Greeters: Sharon Reeder
Ushers: Rich and Cherie Bersch
Communion Ushers: Chris Pickett,
Mary Johnson, and Mike Szymik
Liturgist: Joan Schaetzel

Sunday, April 13, 2014
(Palm Sunday)

Greeters: Romaine Family
Ushers: Greg and Carol Schwartz
Liturgist: Young Person

Thursday, April 17, 2014
(Maundy Thursday)

Our Saviour's UCC, 7:00pm

Friday, April 18, 2014
(Good Friday)

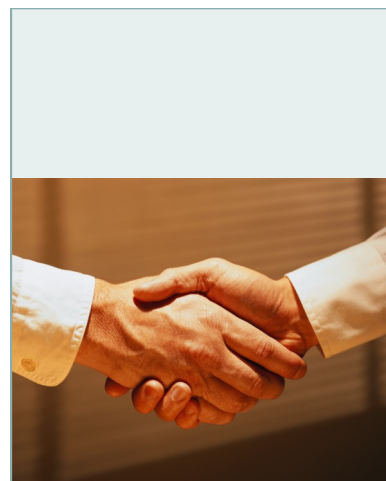
St. John UCC, 7:00pm

Sunday, April 20, 2014
(Easter Sunday)

Sunrise Service— 7:00am
Worship with Communion-10:30am
Greeters: Taylor Family
Ushers: Andy Boneski and Ken Schaetzel
Communion Ushers: Eric and
Susan Hillstrom
Liturgist: Eric Hillstrom

Sunday, April 27, 2014

Greeters: Carol Vanderlois
Ushers: Bob and Jeannie Lehmann
Liturgist: John Schaetzel



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. Everyone is welcome. Any questions contact Sharon Reeder at 262-251-5946.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April/May

“Hills & Valleys: A Journey through the Psalms” Lenten Worship Series every Wednesday until April 9th. Community Meal at 6:15pm; Worship at 7pm.

St. John UCC Rummage and Bake Sale – Start cleaning out closets, basements, garages, for the 2014 Rummage Sale. Friday April 11 and Saturday April 12, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

St. John UCC's Roberts Frozen Custard Fundraiser
Monday April 21st, 2014 from 3:00pm – 10:00pm
N112 W16040 Mequon Rd.
Germantown, WI

“Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” at the Menomonee

Falls Patio Players on Sunday
May 4th, 2014 at 2:00pm. Dinner will served at the church after returning from the event. A signup sheet will be posted in the stairwell.

Ticket prices: Adults/Children \$15.00 and \$20.00 with dinner
Payment is due by April 13th, 2014

For more information contact:
Jeannie Lehmann at 262-251-1756

St. John UCC's SUPER Tuesday, Ruby Tuesday's Fundraiser
Tuesdays in May (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th)

Youth Fundraiser at La Chimenea We will receive the 15% of Gross Sales on Tuesday, May 6, 2014



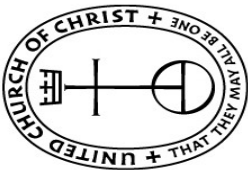
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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these individuals in your prayers: Eric Tess

Please contact Pastor Tara if you have any Prayer Requests.

Please understand that consent from the individual is necessary for the prayer request to be made public.

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.