

# Heartbeat News



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Many of us come from the generations where memorization meant everything. In school we were taught to recite our addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division tables, the elements of the periodic table, know the states and their capitols, and the list of presidents. In church we were taught to recite the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments. Saying something made it true, it signified our understanding and assent to it. It is with some great interest then that some time ago I read an article on parenting from a pastor who was troubled at the realization that his son could recite the Pledge of Allegiance but not the Apostle's Creed. Two different texts that most of us were expected to memorize, both pledging our allegiances, but to often contradictory things.

How often have you considered the Apostle's Creed as a "pledge" or realized just how counter-cultural, anti-imperial and politically subversive it is? In the Apostle's Creed we claim that it is the Father who created the world—meaning then that our nation, our existence, and our freedoms are not ultimately created or sustained by human will. When we claim that Jesus Christ is Lord, we declare that everyone and everything else is not our

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## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCT.

At its monthly meeting held on October 8th, the St. John Church Council:

- Set the annual Board of Trustees meeting for Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- Authorized the Treasurer to open a charge account for use by the Pastor and Treasurer.
- Discussed proposal from Insurance Board and agreed to invite the Wisconsin Conference agent to the November meeting.

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

Absent: Sharon Reeder, Greg Schwartz



Next Council meeting: November 12, 2015—6:30pm

Lord and cannot demand our allegiance. Our Creed declares that we are brothers and sisters with others in faith, regardless of political or geographical boundaries. In claiming that Jesus was resurrected from the dead, we announce to the world that neither death, nor those who deal in death, can hold or demand anything from us. By saying we believe in the forgiveness of sins, we do not only state a belief that God has forgiven us, but that God has likewise given us the ability and the command to forgive others, including those who live on the other side of the fence. In affirming the communion of saints, we assert that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to connect across cultures, races, political agendas, and national boundaries. As we declare our belief in eternal life, we maintain that God's politics and people will out-serve the temporal nation in which we live.

None of this is to say we should not recite the Pledge of Allegiance, but to recognize that as Christians, if we say what we mean and mean what we say, then we must wrestle with this notion that when we are true to our faith we will find it is often at odds with our culture and our country. This is where we must keep our hearts and minds open, carefully, thoughtfully and faithfully considering how our faith is lived out in our lives and how it must affect our decisions and our governance. As we enter into this election season I urge us to be good citizens of our community and our country, but to be even better citizens of the kingdom of God of which we are members forever and to which our allegiances must ultimately be proclaimed.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tara

## EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES



**Monday Morning Bible Study: The Stories You Don't Hear on Sunday Morning.** Join us for a weekly Bible Study as we explore biblical texts that are not included in the Revised Common Lectionary (the 3 yr. cycle of readings we read on Sunday morning). Topics for the fall will include Proverbs, Hebrews and an Advent Study. **Meets at Our Saviour's UCC, W172 N12533 Division Rd., Germantown, WI, on Monday's, from 11am-12:30pm.**

### NEW OFFERINGS:

**Slowing with the Spirit-** Feeling overwhelmed and exhausted, yet wanting something more in life? Want to deepen your spirituality and expand your prayer life? Then this might be the group for you!

"Slowing with the Spirit" will be a casual gathering time to explore and practice different spiritual disciplines. Possible topics and activities include: labyrinths, mandalas (a.k.a. coloring for grown-ups), guided meditation, and various other prayer techniques. There will be an emphasis on utilizing stress-reduction techniques to help participants open themselves to the movements of the Holy Spirit. Date and time to be determined based upon participant's interest/availability. Contact 262-251-0640 to sign up or for more information.

**You and the UCC--**Designed for both life-long members and those new to the denomination, this class will explore exactly what it means to be a member of the United Church of Christ and how we as individuals, and as a faith community can live into this identity. Sessions will explore topics related to: covenant, sacraments, how we read the Bible, our work in the world, and understanding our rich historical legacy and what it means for today. Date, time, and location to be determined based upon participant availability. Contact 262-251-0640 to sign up or for more information.

### WOMEN'S GUILD

October was our first meeting of the 2015-2016 year. (September's meeting was cancelled) We discussed the Shady Lane Coupons, Bingo Bash and our theme basket for the Craft Fair. We will again make a Fall Basket for the 2016 Craft Fair. Who is bringing Communion Bread and when was assigned. We will again be making Thanksgiving Basket for our shut ins. A sign up sheet is posted for bringing items. We are making seven baskets. Next month we will be planning our Christmas Party. If you have any ideas please pass them on ie: should we go out to eat, have potluck or a catered meal. The Christmas Cookie Sale is December 6 after church. Our next meeting date is **November 4th**. Come and join us.

### PEW BIBLES

"Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey." (psalm 119:105. Help light the way in our sanctuary by sponsoring a Pew Bible today! We have recently purchased new CEB (Common English Bible) Pew Bibles for the sanctuary. This is the translation that is typically read from during worship. To defray the cost of the Bibles, we are asking for a donation of \$10 per Bible. There are forms in the lobby if you are interested in sponsoring a Bible, or call the office and we can help you out.



### BOOK CLUB

Upcoming Books for Book Club at Starbucks:

- November 18**-A Christianity Worth Believing by Doug Pagitt
- December 16**-Mudhouse Sabbath by Lauren F. Winner
- January(tba)**-The Shack by Wm. Paul Young

If you would like to reserve a copy of any of these books, please contact the church office.

### CRAFTERS DAY

**Please make note that we will be adding a Crafter's Day during the week. The date for this is Nov. 11, from Noon to 3pm at OSC.**

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Crafter's Day for November will be moved to **November 28 at St. John.**



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 members and friends are welcome. Any question contact Sharon Reeder at 262-251-5946. **Dates Committees are serving Fellowship: November 1st, 2015 - Church Council**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 –** Constitution, Maintenance, & Mission Alive

**December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 –** Christian Board of Education

**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 Nov. 22, at 9am. 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 September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. \$300.00 profit from Robert's Frozen Custard. No coupon was needed. 10% of sales will go to Mission Alive. Money will be use for future Outreach events.

World Communion Sunday – Pot Luck Dinner was held on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 . A pot luck dinner was served in the Fellowship Hall. Tables were set with various fall decorations. Members and Friends attend the pot luck dinner. Thank you to all the members who provided the delicious dishes, salads, bread / rolls, and desserts.

### Mark your Calendars: Upcoming Events

#### November 22<sup>nd</sup> - *Christmas tree - set – up.*

Please help by volunteering. Many helpers will be needed with setting up the Christmas tree in preparation for Advent and the Christmas season. We will be setting up the tree in the church, the entry way, and the Fellowship Hall following worship service. *Please look for the sign – up sheet and Volunteer.*

**November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 –** First Sunday of Advent “Hanging of the Greens” – Service

#### December 20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Caroling

We will be meeting following the service in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am. Those who wish can join us at Cousin's Subs on County Line Road and Pilgrim Rd. for lunch on your own. Car pooling will be available.

We will be caroling at:

1:30pm—Virginia Highlands Health and Rehab Center, W 173 N10915 Bernies Way, Germantown

2:00pm - Ellen's Home N113 W16358 Sylvan Circle – Germantown

3:00pm - Ellen's Home W150 N11127 Fond-du-lac Ave. - Germantown

A sign – up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board on the landing toward the Fellowship Hall.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

This year's theme for the Hanging of the Greens service on **November 29th** is "Remembering Christmas, Anticipating Christ". The service will be much like a holiday tree-trimming party, complete with cocoa and cider, and will feature stories of Christmas memories and reflections. Do you have a story to share of a Christmas past that one of the decorations or hymns calls to mind? In addition to any stories of Christmas past, we are also looking for individuals reflections on how one or more of these "decorations" or elements of the Advent/Christmas season help you to prepare your heart for the birth of Christ. **Please submit your reflections/memories in writing to the church office by November 15th.**

## 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.



### Individual Cheesecakes

**Mary Ann Toth** – Recipe also in the *St. John U.C.C. 75 years of Pot Luck Cookbook*

#### Ingredients:

3 – 8oz. packages of cream cheese – softened	3 eggs
2/3 cup sugar	1 Tbsp. vanilla extract
24 – vanilla wafer - cookies	

Topping : 20oz. Cherry pie filling (or) 20oz. Blueberry pie filling

Directions: Beat until smooth and creamy ; 3 – 8oz. pkgs. cream cheese, sugar, eggs, & vanilla. Put paper baking cups in muffin tins. Put 1 vanilla wafer in bottom of each. Fill half full with cheese mixture. Bake 25 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool. Top with one 20 oz. can of either cherry or blueberry pie filling. Makes 24. Enjoy!!!!

## 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!

The book of Psalms is one of the most beloved books of the Bible precisely because it offers such heart-felt expressions from ordinary everyday people of God sharing their praise, their complaints, their cries for justice, their expressions of faith and trust, hopes, fears, angers, and more. The psalm below was written by one of our members during last spring's Psalms Class.

#### **A Psalm of Praise to Our Creator**

**I look to the hills to where my help comes from.**

**My Lord helps me - He protects me. He watches my comings and goings.**

**He never sleeps. He guards me from the elements and those who may want to harm me.**

**He guards me both now and forever.  
Amen**

## **NOVEMBER**

### **USHERS**

**1 B. & J. Lehmann**  
**8 C. & R. Bersch**  
**15 Eric & Sue Hillstrom**  
**22 Gary & Mary Johnson**  
**29 Matt & Merry Lison**

### **GREETERS**

**1 Marilyn Boettcher**  
**8 Ashley Skrober**  
**15 Andy Boneski**  
**22**  
**29 Polly Weber**

### **YOUTH NEWS**

Be on the lookout for a special Youth Newsletter being sent to families in the coming week---information about upcoming events and details on a trip to Disneyworld will be included!

### **CHILI SUPPER**

"All You Can Eat" chili supper with homemade bread and desserts! (Ham sandwiches available) Tues., **Nov. 3rd**, from 11am-7:30pm at Our Saviour's. Carry outs and deliveries are available. Tickets are \$8 for adults, children under 6 are free. Please see Pastor Tara for tickets.



### **ADVENT READERS WANTED**

Looking for individuals/families to sign up to light the advent wreath and read a short prayer. Dates available: **Nov. 29, Dec. 6th, 13th, 20th and 24th** (this is an evening service) Please call or email Barb in the church office to sign up.

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH CRAFT FAIR PLANNING**

Some of the committee members are interested in changing roles so we're looking for people who would be interested in the following areas:

**Committee Chair** (or Co-Chair if you'd like to share the role)

**Advertising** (Requires reviewing ad proofs and sending documents as email attachments)

**Booth Coordinator** (Requires sending documents as email attachments)

**Treasurer**

If interested in volunteering or nominating someone else for any of these roles, please contact Merry Lison at: [merrymatt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:merrymatt@sbcglobal.net)

## CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Richard Wallander	19 Dana Lemke
8 Marilyn Boettcher	21 Colten Thomas
13 Karen Roskopf	25 Merry Lison
14 Patrick Lemke	28 Audyn Skrober
18 Jim Hansen	30 Kenneth Ramthun



### NOV. EVENTS

**1st—10:30am All Saints**  
**2nd—11am-12:30pm Bible Study (OSC)**  
**3rd—11am-7:30pm Chili Super (OSC)**  
**4th—7pm Women's Guild**  
**8th—Stewardship Sunday**  
**9th—11am-12:30pm Bible Study (OSC)**  
**4pm St. Ben's**  
**11th—Noon-3pm Crafter's Day at OSC**  
**12th—6:30pm Church Council**  
**14th—Church Cleaning Day?????**  
**15th—6:30pm Bd. Of Trustees Mtg.**

**16th—11am-12:30pm Bible Study (OSC)**  
**18th—6pm Book Club at Starbucks**  
**22nd—9am Outreach Mtg.**  
**- Christmas Tree Set-up following worship**  
**23rd—11am-12:30pm Bible Study (OSC)**  
**26th—9am—Thanksgiving Service—Our Saviour's**  
**28th—10am-3pm Crafter's Day—St. John**  
**29th—Hanging of Greens**  
**30th—11am-12:30pm Bible Study (OSC)**

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES**

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**PRAYER REQUEST FORMS** can be found in the lobby of the church. Please fill out the form if you would like to include someone on the Prayer List.



### **PRAYER LIST**

- ◇ Prayers for Mike Szymik
- ◇ Prayer for our church that it may grow
- ◇ Prayers for Mary Ann Toth

### **SYMPATHY**

Our sincere sympathy to Shirley Fraederichs on the loss of her husband, Warren, who passed away Oct. 18th. Please keep Shirley and the family in your prayers.

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

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE



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

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

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

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



**THANKSGIVING DAY SER-  
VICE—Thurs., Nov. 26—9am—Our  
Saviour's Church**