

Heartbeat News



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Got Milk?

Can you believe this enduring slogan has been around for 23 years?! Developed for the California Milk Processors Board, it has been used across the country to promote the consumption of milk and other dairy products. While milk is a staple that most of us probably take for granted, for those living in poverty and in developing countries, milk becomes a symbol of hope. The possession of milk-producing livestock means more than just a steady supply of nourishment. Excess milk can become a source of income providing the economic means for families to gain access to healthcare and education. Milk-producing animals such as water buffalos, heifers, and goats also produce quality fertilizer that can be used to enrich the soil and grow crops for food and as a source of income. In areas where tractors and trucks are hard to come by or impractical, livestock such as water buffaloes also help in the working of the land and hauling of crops to markets.

As people of faith, milk plays a role in our story as promise of blessing and nourishment, a sign that provision will be made for our needs. In fact, over twenty times God's people are promised a land "flowing with milk and honey". Unfortunately, not all of God's children have the same opportunity and access to the life-giving qualities of milk. This year, our special Lenten offering collection will go to the Heifer Project, an organization that specializes in providing livestock, training, and support to families and communities in need around the world to help them become self-sustaining and to give every child access to nourishing food and the means to a productive and fulfilling life. At the start of Lent special "milk carton" banks will be available at church for you to pick up and use to contribute to this important and life-saving endeavor. We will then collect the banks on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR JAN.

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

- Discussed the proposed 2016 budget.
- Appointed Jeff Wendt, Donna Tess and Andy Boneski to serve on the 2016 Audit Committee.
- Approved proposed amendments to the constitution from the Constitution Committee for final action by the congregation at the annual meeting.
- Approved use of the sanctuary on Saturday, September 17, 2016 for the wedding of Melissa Koedinger.

Present: Eric Hillstrom, Mary Johnson, Donna Tess, Marilyn Boettcher, Cherie Bersch, Judy Luckow, Sharon Reeder, Greg Schwartz, Pastor Tetzlaff

Absent: Andy Boneski



and the hope of new life for all people.

More information about this special project will be made available throughout Lent. With your help we can provide a goat, a water buffalo, a heifer, a “Cheeses of the World” package (goat, sheep, water buffalo, and heifer), or even a “Milk Menagerie” (2 goats, a water buffalo, and a quality-bread heifer) to a family in need. Just as each of us has received we are called to share our blessings. It is for this reason that partnering with Heifer is an act of faith. When families receive livestock from Heifer, they then “Pass On the Gift” by giving some of their livestock’s offspring to other families in need, thus ensuring that our gifts keep on giving and transforming the lives of people around the world for generations to come.

As we journey through Lent I hope you will consider joining us in transforming the lives of our brothers and sisters throughout the world through this life-giving gift.

Pastor Tara

Thank You Notes.....

- * *Thank you all my dear friends for coming to see me and sing those favorite Christmas songs. What a wonderful thing to do and I love all of you. We have such wonderful people at St. John. God has heard all our prayers and John is with the Lord. I know. Thanks, Love to All, Virginia*
- * *Thank you very much for your thoughtful gift of a Thanksgiving basket. I would also like to thank everyone who is praying for me. It is the most precious gift anyone can give. Thank you for all the cards and letters of well wishes that I have received. It is all so appreciated. Love, Sherry*
- * *We would like to thank you for the crosses and the packet of non-faith specific prayer beads. These will be a great resource for our ministry at our hospitals. Yours Truly, Mary Salm and the Pastoral Care Team at St. Vincent, St. Mary’s, St. Nicholas & St. Clare*

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). **Meets at Our Saviour's**

UCC, W172 N12533 Division Rd., Germantown, WI, on Monday's, from 10-11:30am.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) - MARCH 6TH

Scripture Reference Ruth 1:16 "Where you go I will go; and where you stay I will stay." *Theme: Going The Extra Mile [in support of refugees and displaced persons]*

Our world is presently facing the largest refugee crisis since World War II. According to the United Nations, one in every 122 people in the world is forcibly displaced from their home and is seeking refuge. While such statistics might be beyond our comprehension, the people living these unimaginable sufferings are not beyond our collective hearts of compassion. On the first Sunday of March we have the opportunity to make a real, tangible difference for millions of people all over the world.

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in 138 countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. More than 60 percent of the UCC's offering supports international development initiatives, including annual support for missionaries. A flyer with more information and a special offering envelope are included in this newsletter (additional envelopes available in the church lobby).



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. We have a mission relationship through our church. The mission is to help troubled children and families.

It's easy to find Box Tops. Clip box tops from your favorite products, such as GM Cereals, Betty Crocker Mixes, Ziploc Bags, etc. Box tops are each worth 10 cents and they add up fast.

Campbell's UPC codes are also needed. There will be a collection box in the lobby.



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:



February 22 - Being Mortal by Atul Gawunde (**Please note that Book Club will be held on Monday's during Lent**)

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

LITURGISTS NEEDED!!!!

The Worship Committee is looking for a few more people to join our group of Liturgists. If you are interested and wish to learn more about serving your church in this capacity, please see Pastor Tara or JoanSchaetzel. Thanks for your consideration!

**WE NEED YOUR
HELP!**



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:

Feb. 7th, 2016 – Worship and Stewardship
March 6th, 2016—
Women’s Guild—
Women’s Sunday—
OGHS

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 Feb. 7th. at 9am. We meet in the Fraederich Education room. Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385-1327 for more information.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

On December 20th, 2015 - 12 joyful Christmas carolers, members from St. John U.C.C went Christmas caroling to Virginia Wendt’s home, Ellen’s Home on Fond-du-lac Ave., Virginia Highlands Rehabilitation Center, and Ellen’s Home on Sylvan Circle in Germantown. We caroled up and down the halls as well as gathering rooms; bringing joy to all.

Mark your calendars - *Up Coming Events:*
February 2016

College / Armed Forces - Valentine Care Packages

February 7th, 2016

The Outreach Committee and Women’s Guild will be sending out Valentine Care Packages. This would be for any student of family members or church members who are attending college or graduate school as well as those members in the Armed Forces. In keeping with the theme “Little church with the Big Heart”; the Valentine Care packages would include items such as snacks items ie: popcorn, granola bars, gum, toiletries to name a few.

We will need items donated and volunteers to help assemble the packages. A list of items needed is posted on the bulletin board on the stairwell landing. We will be needing items donated by **January 31st, 2016**. We will be assembling the packages together and sending them out to college students and those in the Armed Forces on February 7th, 2016.

If you are a student or have a child attending college or if you are in the Armed forces or have a child in the Armed forces and would like them to receive a Valentine Care Package, please contact Melissa Luckow at 262-510-1463, or one of the Outreach Committee members. We will need the students name or name of those in the Armed forces and current address we will be sending the package.

February 20th, - 10th Annual Dart Ball Night—Sat., Feb. 20th– 6:00pm

Please join us for the 10th Annual Dart Ball Night on **Saturday February 20th, 2016**. This is an event for family and friends. Food, snacks and refreshments will be served. Please sign up on the bulletin board on the stairwell landing. The evening is of no cost and is sponsored by the Outreach Committee. All are Welcome.

April 2016 – Rummage Sale –

Start cleaning out closets, basements, garages for the 2016 Rummage Sale. Rummage Sale ~ **Friday April 15th and Saturday April 16th, 2016**. More info. TBA.

May 1st, 2016 -

Play outing – Menomonee Falls Patio Players presents “Hello Dolly”. More information TBA.

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.



Cousin's Sub Dip

Recipe donated by Melissa Luckow

2 cups of mayonnaise
2 Tbsp. oregano
8 slices of salami – chopped
1/3 of a package of Hillshire Farm deli ham –chopped
2 green onions – chopped
1 medium tomato – chopped
2 cups of shredded provolone or mozzarella cheese or a combo of the two **
(add right before serving to prevent getting soggy)
2 cups of shredded lettuce ** (add right before serving to prevent getting soggy)

Serve with French bread cut into bite size pieces!

*** These measurements do not have to be exact you can add as much or as little as you want, you just have to taste test it!! – Enjoy!!

ADMIRALS GAME

Our Saviour's 3rd annual "Admirals Game Outing" will be **Sunday February 21st**. The Admirals will take on the Iowa Wild at 3pm. It is also Salute to Wrestling day featuring visits from wrestling legends Bushwacker Luke, Ricky "the Dragon" Steamboat, Road Warrior Animal, Victoria and Sheik Adnan El Kaissey! The first 5,000 fans will get a bobblehead of The Crusher, courtesy of Lee Jeans. The Crusher, whose real name was Reggie Lisowski, was the "Wrestler who made Milwaukee Famous!" We have 44 tickets available sitting directly behind the goal (beginning with the 2nd/3rd rows!) Cost is \$18 per person. Please sign up in the church lobby by Feb. 14th to reserve your spot (after this date any remaining seats will be released back to the general public). We will once again be offering the opportunity to car-pool from Our Saviour's (with a stop at St. John as well if there is enough interest). Checks may be dropped off in St. John UCC office. Please make checks payable to "Our Saviour's UCC" with 'admirals tickets' in the subject line.

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.

FEBRUARY

USHERS

- 7 B. & J. Lehmann
- 14 Merry Lison & Ken Schaetzel
- 21 G. & M. Johnson
- 28 Polly & Tom Weber

GREETERS

- 7 **Andy Boneski**
- 14 **Donna Tess**
- 21
- 28

LITURGISTS

- 7 **Eric Hillstrom**
- 14 **Mary Johnson**
- 21 **Joan Schaetzel**
- 28 **Vanessa Tetzlaff**

We are in need of Liturgists and Greeters. If you are interested in either of these, or both, please contact Pastor Tara for more information.

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

VBS SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Vacation Bible School will be July 18-21.

The theme this year is "Journey to Egypt" and will incorporate stories of Joseph and/or Moses. There will be a field trip on the final day to Milwaukee Public Museum to see the Ancient Egypt exhibit. We will need volunteers beginning in February to begin working on plans/

preparations in the following areas: set design (to make different areas and rooms reflect Ancient Egyptian themes), arts and crafts, games, music, etc. Please contact the office by Feb. 1st if you are able to help in any of these areas.



WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild January meeting set program dates for 2016. Our next business meeting date is February 3 and we will be making Valentines for our Sunday School children. February 10 we will be serving the Ash Wednesday Meal. March 4, starting at 9:00am, is the date set for cleaning the kitchen. We wanted to have this before the rummage sale. March 6 will be the Women's Worship Sunday. Women's Worship Sunday Project to be announced in upcoming bulletins and the Pulse. Items can be brought for Crafts Fair Fall Theme Basket. And thank you to all for your help making the Cookie Sale a success.

NOAH'S ARK

Our 2nd annual Noah's Ark trip is scheduled for **Monday June 13th** (exact times TBD). 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 will be made available later this spring, but a sign up sheet is available in the entryway now to get an approximate count for the reservation (**reservations due Feb. 15th**).

CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Davis Lemke
- 10 Pamela Hansen-Ruben
- 13 Jay Toth
- 14 Kate Wallschlaeger



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.

NO FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Lenten Gatherings

It may seem hard to believe but by the time you read this we will be just days from Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent—a season of self-examination, prayer, fasting and works of love. Once again this year we will be having mid-week Lenten Gatherings to deepen our faith through exploration of various spiritual practices. **Each Wednesday during Lent we will gather at St. John beginning at 6:15 for a light supper, followed by a gathering time at 7pm.** These gatherings will offer each of us the opportunity to contemplate what it means to be a disciple of Christ through prayer, music, scripture, and art. We will meet in the lower level of St. John.



FEB. EVENTS

1st—10-11:30pm Bible Study (OSC)
3rd—7pm Women's Guild Mtg.
7th—9am Outreach Mtg. Care Packages to be sent out
8th—10-11:30am Bible Study (OSC)
- **4pm** St. Ben's
10th ASH WEDNESDAY
6:15pm—Light Supper
7pm—Lenten Gathering
11th—6:30pm Church Council
14th—Annual Congregation Mtg.
4-6pm Slowing With the Spirit
15th—10-11:30am Bible Study (OSC)

17th —6:15pm Light Supper
7pm Lenten Gathering
20th—10am-3pm Crafters Day (OSC)
6pm Dartball Night
21st—3pm Admirals Game Outing
22nd—10-11:30am Bible Study (OSC)
6pm Book Club at Starbucks
24th—6:15pm Light Supper
7pm Lenten Gathering
28th— Men's Night Out—OSC
4-6pm Slowing With the Spirit
29th—10-11:30pm Bible Study (OSC)

PRAYER LIST

- ◇ Prayers for Mike Szymik
- ◇ Prayer for our church that it may grow
- ◇ Prayers for Mary Ann Toth
- ◇ Prayers for Sherry Palmer
- ◇ Prayers for Nola Witzlib
- ◇ Prayers for Kirk (Lois Cozzuli's son) and Nicole (Lois Cozzuli's daughter)
- ◇ Prayers for Merry and Matt Lison's family, as they mourn his loss
- ◇ Prayers for Pastor Tara, Sloan and Vanessa, as they mourn the loss of her grandmother, Myrtle

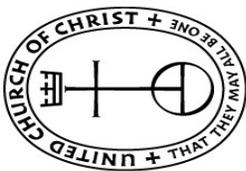
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Our Mission is to Celebrate, Reach
Out, Enrich, and Welcome in the
name of Jesus Christ.

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OF CHRIST**

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY
6:15pm Light Supper
7pm Service

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