

Heartbeat News



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Greetings in the name of Christ,

For those of you who were not in attendance on April 17, I am publishing the announcement I made that Sunday:

Most of you probably know that I was hospitalized late last spring for several days with some chest pain and breathing issues. Since that time I have been undergoing a variety of tests and treatment to find and fix the source of the problem. A nodule was found in my left lung. We are not certain what it is exactly, but it is thought to most likely be some sort of infection that is simply not responding to the medications we have tried. At this point in time my doctors have determined that the best course of action is to surgically remove this nodule and a small section of the surrounding lung tissue. This will remove this "problem spot" and allow them to do further tests to determine exactly what this is and whether or not any further treatment will be necessary.

The plan is for me to have surgery at Froedtert on April 26. They anticipate that I will be out for about four weeks. When I return I will need to ease back into a full-time schedule (breathing is going to be a bit painful for a while as my lung and ribs heal). Because it will be hard for me to talk/breathe, we are asking that there be no visitors. Sloan will be in contact with Mary and updates will be given to congregation as appropriate.

I want to assure you that plans are/have been made to provide interim coverage in my absence. Lois Buchholz will be providing worship leadership and emergency pastoral care while I am out. Her home number is 414-425-1538 and her cell is 414-526-5320. For all non-emergencies or other church issues please contact Council President Mary Johnson (mary.johnson@roundys.com or 262-993-4279). The visitation

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY

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

- Welcomed Bob Lehmann as Council Elder

◇ Set date for annual Elder's Meeting

Sunday May 15 immediately following worship service.

- Discussed upcoming conference attendees:

Eric and Sue Hillstrom and Mary Johnson will attend the April 23rd Southeast Association Conference

We are looking for 2 members to attend the Wisconsin Conference Meeting in Green Lake June 10-12.

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

Absent: None

Next Council meeting: May 12, 2016

teams, under the leadership of Jeannie Lehmann will continue to visit our home-bound members. Barb will be in the office as usual. Monday morning Bible study will continue with participants discussing the book of Acts together.

If you have any questions or concerns I would ask that you please direct them to Mary Johnson, who will handle all concerns and/or direct you to the appropriate person/resource. I appreciate your prayers and support during this time.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Tara

Got Questions?---Several weeks ago, when we heard the story of Thomas questioning (doubting) the resurrection we talked in church about how having questions about our faith can be a good thing. Asking questions about the Bible, our faith tradition, etc. helps us to grow in knowledge and in faith. During that service everyone had the opportunity to write down questions they had about the Bible, church, faith, etc. Throughout the year I will be addressing these questions in newsletter articles and/or sermons. One of those questions was "What determines when Easter is?"

This is a great question...with a complicated answer. We all know that our Biblical tradition says that Jesus rose from the dead on the first Sunday following the feast of Passover. So inevitably, this means that Easter should be linked with Passover, but the date of Passover is a complicated thing. Theoretically, the date should be the 14th of the Jewish month of Nisan, and it should correspond to a full moon (the Jewish calendar being partly lunar). In practice, it didn't always work out that way. The month-moon cycles got out of sync, and sometimes feasts would be held on a "liturgical" full moon even when it was not an astronomical full moon. As a result, rabbis periodically had to announce when Passover would be celebrated. As time went on many Christians didn't like being dependent on the pronouncements of rabbis for how to celebrate Christian holidays, so at the Council of Nicea (convened by Constantine the Great) in 325 A.D. a formula for developing the date for Easter was developed. At that time they were using the Julian Calendar (developed under the Roman Empire). Because the Julian calendar does not account for leap years the date became steadily further and further off target. So in 1582 Pope Gregory XIII executed a reform of the calendar that sets the vernal equinox to always fall on March 21. This means that Easter will always fall on the Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or after March 21. Thus, Easter will always be between March 22 and April 25. The Orthodox/Eastern churches still follow the Julian calendar (we now use Gregorian) so that is why Orthodox Easter falls anytime between

EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES



Monday Morning Bible Study: Continuing our 13 week study of Acts. **Meets at Our Saviour's UCC, W172 N12533 Division Rd., Germantown, WI, on Monday's, from 10-11:30am.**

GARDENERS WANTED: Anyone interested in helping to maintain our prayer garden and other grounds work please sign up in the lobby. Our Gardening With God group will be restarting soon. Watch for starting date in bulletin. We will gather on Wednesday at 9-11am with a short (10 min) devotional and refreshments.



ENJOY QUILTING OR WANT TO LEARN HOW: Plans are being made to start a joint quilting group between St. John and Our Saviour's. If interested, please sign up in the 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.



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



MAY 15 STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SUNDAY

Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the United Church of Christ. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports 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. Monies given to "Strengthen the Church" will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking," message. In a celebratory response to God's gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, you are invited to share in this vision and growth of the church through a financial gift to the Strengthen the Church Offering on May 15th (Pentecost Sunday). Your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking."

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

The book for May will be *Girl Meets God* by Lauren Winner. We will



meet on **May 23 at 6pm** at Starbucks

If you would like a copy of this book please contact Pastor Tara.

The Capuchins Run/Walk for the Hungry Come Join Us!!!! June 17 at Polish Fest

5k Run—a certified ship time/scored race. \$25 Adults, \$15 Child (\$30 & \$20 after June 5)

1 Mile Walk—Non-competitive walk on Polish Fest Grounds. Not eligible for scoring or awards. \$20 Adult, \$10 Child (\$25 & \$15 after June 1)



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:

May 1st—Council

May 22nd—Christian Bd. of Ed. And Staff Relations

May 29th – Outreach Committee

June 5th—Outreach Committee

Dates available for members to sign – up for Fellowship:

May 8th, 15th

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 TBA. We meet in the Fraederich Education room. Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385-1327 for more information.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Report on March 6th, 2016 Women's Sunday – One Great Hour of Sharing – Pot luck- Approximately 30 members in attendance for the Potluck. Thank you to Women's Guild for purchasing the Arby's Roast Beef. Thank you to Women's Guild members and Outreach Committee members who helped with set up and serving during the Potluck dinner.

Mark your calendars - *Up Coming Events:*

May 2016

Adult Fellowship is planning an outing to the Menomonee Falls Patio Players production of the Musical **"My Fair Lady" Sunday May 1st, 2016 at 2:00pm.** Following the play we will meet back at St. John U.C.C. for a meal.

~Weed and Feed ~

~ Annual church Spring Clean - up ~

Saturday May 7th, 2016 ~ 9:00am – 12:00pm

This is an annual clean – up day for our church. We will need as many members and friends as possible to help with cleaning inside and outside the church. We will be sprucing up our Community Prayer Garden. The Outreach Committee will provide donuts, coffee, and juice followed by a light lunch after the clean - up.

We will have a drawing for Scrip for the August 28th, 2016 game; 1 child and one adult will be chosen for those who volunteer at the Weed and Feed.

**Roberts Frozen Custard Fundraiser
Monday May 16th, 2016 3:00pm – 10:00pm**

Join St. John U.C.C.

**at Robert's Frozen Custard Restaurant
N.112 W.16040 Mequon Rd. Germantown**

We will be having a Fundraiser from 3:00pm – 10:00pm. Invite members , friends, neighbors, co-workers and relatives to join you at Robert's Frozen Custard. **St. John U.C.C. will receive 10% of all sales**, dining in or at the drive up window. **No coupon is necessary.** More information at www.stjohnuccgermantown.org. All proceeds from this sale will benefit future Outreach events at St. John U.C.C. See Caroline Romaine for more information on the Robert's Fundraiser.

June 2016

St. John U.C.C. Brat Fry Day's - Pick n' Save in Menomonee Falls
Saturday June 25th, 2016 & Saturday July 23rd, 2016

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

The Capuchins' Run / Walk for the Hungry

5K Run or 2 mile walk. Friday June 17th, 2016 at 7:00pm at south gate to Summerfest Grounds. More information regarding fees and sign – up in June Heart Beat newsletter.

August 2016 -

Milwaukee Brewer's Game - Milwaukee Brewer's Game is scheduled **Sunday August 28th, 2016**. Brewer's vs Pittsburgh Pirates – 40 tickets are on reserve. Due to the **game time at 1:10pm**; we urge St. John U.C.C. members / friends to attend the 8:30 am service at Our Saviour U.C.C. that day and we will carpool from Our Saviour U.C.C. following the service in time to park and have our tail gate party. Cost of the ticket is \$15.00 which includes tail gate food/snacks and \$ 5.00 toward parking. We will have the sign-up sheet posted for St. John U.C.C.

Recipe Corner

Joan's Cheese Cake

Recipe donated by Joan Schaetzel

1 box yellow cake mix

1 ½ cup milk

2 T. oil

16 oz. cream cheese

½ cup sugar

4 eggs

2 T. lemon juice

3 tsp. vanilla

1 can pie filling of your choice

Reserve 1 cup of dry cake mix. Combine remaining mix with 1 egg and oil. Press in bottom and sides of 9 x 13 inch pan. Cream the cream cheese and sugar, and 3 eggs, milk, vanilla and remaining cup of cake mix. Mix until smooth. Pour over crust and bake 40 to 45 minutes at 325. Makes 16 servings. 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.

MAY

USHERS

- 1 B. & J. Lehmann
- 8 K. Becker & Chris Pickett
- 15 D. Tess & C. Vanderlois
- 22 A. Boneski & M. Gabrielson
- 29 E. & S. Hillstrom

GREETERS

- 1 Andy Boneski
- 8 Sharon Reeder
- 15
- 22
- 29 Donna Tess

LITURGISTS

- 1 Eric Hillstrom
- 8 Rollie Pieper
- 15 Caroline Romaine
- 22 John Schaetzel
- 29 Eric Hillstrom



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.

SIX FLAGS DAY TRIP

Historically, St. John Youth have always had a summer trip to Six Flags Great America. We are hoping to re-start this tradition this summer. We are looking at July 6, 7, or 8th (we will go with whatever day fits most people). Cost would be \$36 for admission and option for meal deal at \$14pp (or you can eat on your own). We would need a minimum of 20 people between our two churches in order to get this price break. Trip would be open to all ages (children, youth and adult). Children under 6th grade would need to have a parent or other adult appointed by parent in attendance). If there is enough interest we may be able to get a bus. Friends are welcome to attend as well. Please contact the church office with your name, # interested in attending and what date(s) you are available.

Vacation Bible School will be July 18-21, 9am-3pm

All children aged 3-12 are invited to attend (before/after care may be available) \$20 if registered by June 27th, \$25 after June 27th. Final day of registration is July 5th. Forms for kids and sign ups for volunteers are in the lobby of the church.

Cost includes: lunch and snack, t-shirt; crafts/activities; bus trip and admission to Milw. Public Museum on Thurs.

Forms available online at www.stjohnuccgermantown.org, or call or email the church at 262-251-0640 and office@stjohnuccgermantown.org.

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.

PRAYER GARDEN MEMORIAL

As we prepare for Memorial Day 2016, our Worship Service on May 29th 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 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 29th service.

THANK YOU NOTES

- Thank you to the members of St. John UCC for being a 5 for 5 Congregation of the United Church of Christ in 2015.

5 for 5 Congregations support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offerings of the UCC.

- Thank you to the members of St. John UCC for your 2015 contribution of \$1,100 for basic support of Our Church's Wider Mission.

CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Mary Ann Toth	14 Connie Ellingson
Matt Luckow	17 Virginia Wendt
2 Christine Toth	18 Cherie Bersch
5 John Delain	22 Justin Dettmering
9 Jennifer Pickett	23 Robert Lehmann
12 Joan Schaezel	31 Jeannie Lehmann Andrea Thomas

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5 Jay & Christine Toth
16 David & Dawn Taylor
17 Kevin & Jennifer Andrae
18 Ned & Caroline Romaine
31 Gary & Mary Johnson

MAY EVENTS

1st—2pm My Fair Lady—
Menom. Falls Patio Players

2nd—10-11:30pm Bible
Study (OSC)

4th—7pm Women's Guild
Mtg.

7th—9am-Noon Weed &
Feed

9th—10-11:30am Bible
Study (OSC)

6:30pm Craft Fair

Mtg.

12th—6:30pm Church
Council

14th—10am-3pm Crafter's
Day—St John

**15th—Elders Mtg—Following
service**

16th—10-11:30am Bible
Study (OSC)

- **3-10pm** Robert's Fro-
zen Custard Fundraiser

22nd—Camp Sunday

- -Teacher Appreciation &
Graduation Recognition

-Youth Mission Project
of making sandwiches after
worship

23rd—10-11:30pm Bible
Study (OSC)

6:30pm Book Club
at Starbucks

30th—Memorial Service
(held outdoors weather per-
mitting)



CONGRATULATIONS

We celebrated the baptism of **Carter Bradley Luckow** on April 24th. Parents are Matthew & Melissa Luckow. Grandparents are Mark & Judy Luckow, Todd & Rita Richards, and the late Ruth Richards. Great-Grandparents are Mary Ann Toth, Joan Luckow and Joan Ol-szewski

PRAYER LIST

- ◇ Prayers for Mike Szymik
- ◇ Prayer for our church that it may grow
- ◇ Prayers for Mary Ann Toth
- ◇ Prayers for the family of Sherry Palmer, who passed away April 19.
- ◇ Prayers for Nola Witzlib
- ◇ Prayers for Kirk (Lois Cozzuli's son) and Nicole (Lois Cozzuli's daughter)
- ◇ Prayers for Laura W., as she battles cancer
- ◇ Prayers for James, friend of Donna Tess

Slowing With the Spirit will be cancelled for the month of May, while Pastor is on medical leave.

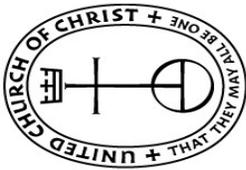
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Our Mission is to Celebrate, Reach
Out, Enrich, and Welcome in the
name of Jesus Christ.

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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

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