

Heartbeat News



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Faith or Fear? What is the foundation of your life? Do you live by faith or by fear? Throughout scripture God tells us again and again "Do not be afraid". Of course, this doesn't mean we won't ever be afraid, nor does it mean that fear is always a bad thing. As small children, fear can keep us safe: the fear of being hit by a car teaches us about safety in crossing the street. But fear is evil when it causes us to act in ways that are inconsistent with the teachings of Christ. Unfortunately, much of this year's election is based upon fear—terrorists, shootings, climate change, loss of jobs and homes. It seems much of the political talk is not so much on bringing us together as a nation as it is about protecting us from all those things that we are told to fear. So where does faith fit into this mix? Where is God in all of this?

Admittedly the last place I expected to hear a thoughtful discussion of this issue was from Rev. Rob Schenck, the conservative evangelical pro-life pastor who is chair of the Evangelical Church Alliance and president of Faith in Action (the group that put the giant granite sculpture of the Ten Commandments on the lawn across from the U.S. Supreme Court). Yet his cover story in the May issue of *Sojourners* presented a different perspective from many of the Capitol Hill tea-partiers he ministers to.

In the article Rev. Schenck considers the role guns should (and should not) play in the lives of the people of God. And central to all of this is the issue of fear. It is fear that leads us down a road to dehumanizing others to labeling them as "threats" that make it easier for us to take a life. But as Christians we are "in the business of preserving human dignity and human life". Carrying a "piece" runs counter to the "peace" of Christ we are called to carry in our hearts, minds, and lives. Repeatedly in Scripture Jesus admonished

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE

At its monthly meeting held on June 9th, the St. John Church Council:

Approved canceling the worship service at St. John on Sunday August 28th to allow all members and staff to leave for the Brewer game following the service at Our Saviour's. All are welcome to attend the worship service at Our Saviour's at 9:00 a.m. prior to leaving for the game.

Reviewed our Theological Worlds Inventory; a survey all council members completed earlier in the year. Pastor Tara shared what our inventory meant to us as individuals and explained how we can use this to become better church leaders.

Discussed the needs of Vacation Bible School

Volunteers are needed to help

Donation list will be available in July

Discussed replacement of the retaining wall; Maintenance committee currently meeting with landscapers

Approved the use of fellowship hall on Sunday 7/10/16 1pm-5pm for a Bridal Shower

Present: Mary Johnson, Bob Lehmann, Donna Tess, Eric Hillstrom, Judy Luckow, Sharon Reeder, Pastor Tetzlaff

Absent: Cherie Bersch, Andy Boneski, Greg Schwartz.

Next Council meeting: **July 14th, 2016**

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against using violence, advising followers to "turn the other cheek", when asked by a soldier to carry a load one mile they should "go a second mile", to care for and welcome the stranger, to "love your enemies". How then can we, as Christians, possibly see guns as a solution to the problem? How can you end violence with more violence? Even as children on the playground we learned that hate only breeds more hate!

To place our trust in guns is to betray God and, Schenck argues, to commit the sin of idolatry by trading our trust in the divine Peace of God for the trust in a "piece" of steel. In his Advent sermon at the Washington National Cathedral Schenck asked this question, "Who will ultimately save us, Jesus or something else? Christ or a Glock? Will our salvation be of our own making or will it be of 'The Lord our Righteousness'?"

We must not replace the Second Commandment with the Second Amendment! True peace will come only through the grace of God, through love of neighbor and care of the stranger. As long as we allow fear to override our faith and value "pieces of steel" over the "Peace of Christ" we will continue to live with broken hearts and broken relationships. But fear not! We can change, we can decide to place our trust in God, to live by faith, to work for peace and understanding, to look upon our neighbors and strangers with hope not hate, with love not loathing. May the grace of God bring us Peace!

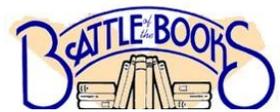
Pastor Tara

OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING

On Sunday **July 3rd** we will be worshipping God with all those great classic hymns we know and love. If you have a hymn you would like included please list on the signup sheet in the hall or leave a message with the office by June 29th.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Throughout the summer we are collecting books for Next Door Milwaukee "Books for Kids". Donations of new and gently used picture books, board books and other books appropriate for ages 0-6 are greatly appreciated. To add a fun little twist to our collection we are having a "Battle of the Books" as both Our Saviour's UCC and St. John UCC will be collecting books from now through Sept. 15th. The church who gathers the most books will receive bragging rights and a special "Trophy." The collection box is located in the church lobby.



EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

GARDENERS WANTED:

Gardening with God has resumed!!! Join us on Wednesday's, from 9-11am. Devotions and refreshments will be offered. Please join us for part or all of this activity.



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.



UPDATE: 243 labels have been sent from St. John to Crossroads Child and Family Services.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Attention Knitters and Crocheters

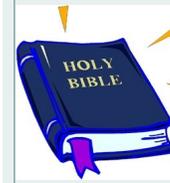
Besides the interest in quilting, another ministry has come out of the Saturday Craft Day. Several of us have expressed an interest in making Prayer Shawls. Several shawls have already been made. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tara or Joan. This is something you can do on your own or as part of a group. This is an exciting ministry. Please give it some thought!



BINGO BASH is August 17 starting at 12:30 with dessert. Our next meeting is in the fall.

31st ANNUAL FALL ART AND CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair Committee is working hard to plan the Craft Fair for **September 10th**. Posters are available to promote the fair with potential exhibitors or to post at your favorite businesses or at your place of work. Stop by the office and pick up whatever size works best for you! We do have a quilt being donated by Caroline Romaine's sister, Lynn. It is a queen size named "Made in America". Don't forget to organize your theme basket. A sign up will be in the narthex. An envelope is included in this newsletter for the adult raffle. Youth raffle envelopes will be on the bulletin board in the stairwell. 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. If you opt for gift cards, remember to order them through Script and the church benefits twice! Raffle and quilt tickets are ordered and should be available by Sunday, June 5th. Any questions contact a committee member.



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.

CHURCH PICNIC



Join us on **July 24th** as we cele-

brate the close of Vacation Bible School with a worship service celebrating God's good news as demonstrated in the story of Joseph. The children will help lead morning worship, followed by a picnic, games, and a viewing of the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Invite your friends and neighbors! Sign up sheets in the lobby (all food & activities free, but advanced sign-up appreciated)



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 member and friends are welcome. Any question contact Sharon Reeder at 262-251-5946.

Dates Committees are serving Fellowship:

*June 12th – August - Juice and Coffee served

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.

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 COMMITTEE

St. John U.C.C. Heart Beat Newsletter July 2016 Outreach Committee

Report on Robert's Frozen Custard Fundraiser May 16th, 2016 \$325.00 Profit from Robert's Frozen Custard. No coupon was needed. 10% of sales will go to Mission Alive. It was discussed earmarking the money for future Outreach Committee events.

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

**St. John U.C.C. Brat Fry Day's - Pick n' Save in Menomonee Falls
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.

July 2016

Church Picnic - Sunday July 24th, 2016 following the church service.

Please join us for this Fun Family Event – Church Picnic to be held Sunday July 24th, 2016 following church service. Food will be provided by the Outreach Committee. We will have a variety of games. There is no cost to members or friends of St. John U.C.C. or Our Saviour U.C.C. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Look for a sign – up sheet posted on the bulletin board on the stairwell landing.

August 2016 –

Mark your calendars-

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. For those who are not planning to attend the Our Saviour Service at 8:30am can meet with us at Wickfield on 51st and Vliet St. in Milwaukee at 10:00am. 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

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.



Frosted Banana Bars

*Recipe donated by Jeannie Lehmann
(from Taste of home)*

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup butter, softened
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1-1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas (about 3 medium)
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
Dash salt

FROSTING:

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup butter, softened
4 cups confectioners' sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, bananas and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt; stir into creamed mixture just until blended.

Transfer to a greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. baking pan. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool in pan on a wire rack.

For frosting, in a small bowl, beat cream cheese and butter until fluffy. Add confectioners' sugar and vanilla; beat until smooth. Frost bars. Yield: 3 dozen.

Prep 15 min • Cook 20 min • Makes 36 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.

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USHERS

3 Andy B & John
Schaetzel
10 K. Becker & C. Pickett
17 Joan & Ken Schaetzel
24 Tom & Polly Weber
31 Andy B. & Merry Li-
son

GREETERS

3 Andy B.
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17 Andy B.
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LITURGISTS

3 Rollie Pieper
10 Joan Schaetzel
17 Caroline Romaine
24 John Schaetzel
31 Vanessa Tetzlaff



**We are in need of Li-
turgists and Greet-
ers. If you are inter-
ested in either of
these, or both, please
contact Pastor Tara
for more informa-
tion.**

FAITH IN FILM SERIES

In August we will be running a special sermon series on Faith in Film featuring Disney films from past and present. There will be special mid-week showings of the "Film of the Week" prior to that Sunday's message. Special activities will be offered to bring the message to life for all ages. Topics include "Faith, Trust, and Pixie Dust", and "Life's a Zoo" among others. Watch the Pulse and Facebook for updates and schedule of events.

GOT QUESTIONS?

Where does the Apostle's Creed come from? The Apostles' Creed derives its name from its use in the Christian church from as early as A.D. 150 and the early belief that it was used by the apostles. The Apostle's Creed appears to be formed upon an old Roman creed known as the "Old Roman Symbol". The creed draws heavily on the canonical gospels, and the epistles for its content, and, to a lesser extent, the Old Testament scriptures. The earliest appearance of the creed in its final form was not until the eighth century when it appeared in the *De singulis libris canonicis scarapus* ("Excerpt from Individual Canonical Books") of St. Pirminius written sometime between 710 and 714 A.D. Because of its early origins, the creed says nothing explicitly about the divinity of Jesus or of the Holy Spirit, which is what makes it acceptable to many Arians and Unitarians. It also does not address many of the other theological questions that became objects of dispute in later centuries. Through the years it has been used widely by both Roman Catholics and Protestants as the formative statement of the faith into which Christians are baptized. When the creed states, "I believe in the holy catholic church," it isn't a statement of our belief in the Roman Catholic church but refers to the church universal (also understood as the wider "church in the world"). The word *catholic* comes from the Greek word *katholikos* which means "universal" or "general."

THANK YOU NOTES

You're an Undy 500 Champion! We received a certificate from the Guest House of Milwaukee in recognition of our participation (we took 7th place) in their annual Undy 500 collection of new men's underclothes. Our Undy 500 collection was sponsored by the St. John Women's Guild in recognition of UCC Women's Week in March. We also received a thank you from the Women's shelter in West Bend that was the recipient of all of the women's and children's items we collected.

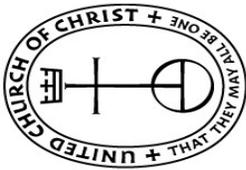
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Out, Enrich, and Welcome in the
name of Jesus Christ.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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