

Heartbeat News

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



As Americans we tend to associate November with Thanksgiving, a time for expressing gratitude for the blessings we have received. In the Old Testament we read countless stories and commandments highlighting the importance of giving thanks, usually through the form of an offering to God. It's a chance to acknowledge what matters most in life. November is also stewardship season for most churches...a time for considering what matters most to us as a community of faith and how we will prioritize our resources in the coming year. Recently I looked up the definition of a steward and Oxford gave three definitions:

1. a person who looks after the passengers on a ship, aircraft, or train and brings them meals.
2. an official appointed to supervise arrangements or keep order at a large public event, for example a sporting event.
3. a person employed to manage another's property, especially a large house or estate.

The more I think about it, the title of steward is a fitting one for members of the church. We are called to look after others on the journey of faith, and provide sustenance through the sharing of Holy Communion and the Word. We organize and host events that bring people together in community for joyous celebrations. And finally, we acknowledge that the Church does not ultimately belong to us, but is the Church of God who has entrusted its care and development to us for God's own purposes. This year I want you to ask and pray on this question: "Why does the ministry of St. John UCC matter to me?" Has this been the church that has nurtured you on your faith journey? The church of your ancestors? The spiritual home that has sheltered you during times of trouble and heartache? The stewardship of St. John UCC is not about just keeping the lights on and the pastor and staff paid. We give, friends, not because we believe the church will crumble without us, but because we know that the church will flourish with us. When we give money to fund the ongoing ministry of the church, we are enabling area children to spend a week singing songs, playing games, and making crafts while they learn the stories of our faith in Vacation Bible School; our money funds the supplies for the pastor and visitation teams to care for the spiritual needs of our home-bound members and those who are hospitalized; we send youth to camp for weekend confirmation retreats; and we provide meaningful worship services that encourage others to worship God with

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CROP WALK UP- DATE

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored our confirmation class in walking in the Greater Milwaukee CROP walk on October 9. Prior to our 2 mile walk we enjoyed learning about hunger through games and activities. There was also great music, dance, and food! Participating in this year's walk were: Aiden, Brynn, and Meadow from St. John and Sadie and Lynne from Our Saviour's as well as Pastor Tara.



their whole selves.

Each day, we are exploring new ways to be a beautiful, unique, and vital ministry to Germantown and the surrounding area. For this reason, I delight in giving to and through St John United Church of Christ, and I invite you to join me.

Luke the Evangelist writes that as Jesus was teaching the crowds about the cost of discipleship he asked, "If one of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn't you first sit down and calculate the cost, to determine whether you have enough money to complete it?" (Luke 14:28). There is indeed many costs to maintaining a ministry and being a beacon of light and hope in the world. As the year draws to a close, our church leadership is looking ahead to 2017 and considering what ministry initiatives we can undertake to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. As we do so, we need to consider the costs and know what level of financial support we can anticipate to meet those costs.

Beginning on November 6th, for the two Sundays following, members of the congregation will speak in worship on, "Why St. John Matters to Me,"

Enclosed in this newsletter is a commitment card. We ask that you prayerfully consider your household budget and consider how St. John fits into your life and then record your giving commitment for 2017.

Then on November 13th, we will collect these cards and have a special blessing of our commitment to support the ministry of St. John UCC. The commitments will be tallied by our financial secretary and the total value of all commitments will be shared with the Trustees at our November 20th meeting so that we can prepare a budget based upon our anticipated income for the year (individual commitments are confidential and are NOT shared).

In Joyful thanksgiving for the goodness of God,
Pastor Tara

Got Questions

"What is 'All Saint's Day' and why do we celebrate it?"

All Saints Day originated sometime in the 4th Century and was originally celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. During the 800s the date of the celebration of All Saints Day was moved to November 1 and at that time it was celebrated by the whole church. All Saints Day is a time when the church honors those who died as witnesses of the Christian Faith. These were faithful people who refused to deny Christ. There were many thousands of early Christian martyrs and over the years there are countless others who witnessed to Christ. Today, in many of our churches, the names of deceased members from the past year are read during the service on All Saints Day. Locally, we celebrate All Saint's Day on the Sunday closest to November 1st so this year it was celebrated on October 30th.

"Got Questions" is a monthly column written by the pastor which seeks to answer various questions church members may have about the Bible, church history, and church/spiritual practices.

EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The unit on Women of Jesus will conclude with a series of short vignettes on the various “Marys” of the New Testament, including Mary of Magdala, and Mary the mother of Jesus. Our Advent Study begins on Nov. 28th, using Enuma Okor’s book “Silence and Other Surprising Invitations of Advent”. Cost of the book is \$8 and checks can be made out to Our Saviour’s UCC. We will conclude our Fall unit just before Christmas and be on Winter break until mid-late January. A one-week break has been scheduled at the end of each unit. While we will be making every effort to stay on schedule, we will utilize that week to catch up or make up information as the need arises.

November

7th: Bathsheba

14th: Mary, Mary (differentiating the many Marys of scripture)

21st: BREAK

ADVENT STUDY: SILENCE AND OTHER SURPRISING INVITATIONS
OF ADVENT BY ENUMA OKORO

28th: Advent Week 1

Meets at Our Saviour’s UCC, W172 N12533 Division Rd., Germantown, WI, from 11am-12:30pm each Monday.

MORAL MONDAYS

The purpose of this group is to study and discuss various topics of social justice that are informed by our faith and are recent or ongoing issues of national and/or international concern. In the interest of creating a safe space for respectful dialogue we will begin our study with the Five Habits of the Heart, based upon Parker Palmer’s work on *Healing the Heart of Democracy*.

November

7th: White Privilege: Let’s Talk – Session 1

14th: White Privilege: Let’s Talk – Session 2

21st: White Privilege: Let’s Talk -- Session 3

28th: White Privilege: Let’s Talk – Session 4

We will meet **weekly on Mondays, 6pm -7:30pm** in the Education Room at St. John UCC.

READER’S REVOLUTION BOOK CLUB

October’s discussion of Life Together was so meaningful we are staying with it one more month. We will continue the discussion on Nov. 16th and then take a break in December. The book “Twelve Theological Dilemmas” will be moved to a later date We meet at Latitudes Coffee House (corner of Pilgrim and County Line) on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm.**

Next Meeting Date:

Nov. 16—Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Dec. - Break

ATTENTION KNITTERS AND CROCHETTERS

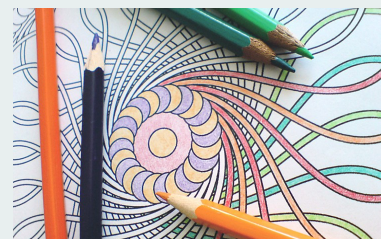
Besides the interest in quilting, another ministry has come out of the Saturday Craft



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! The group will be gathering at Latitudes Coffee House (corner of Pilgrim & County Line Rd.) on the 2nd Wed of the month from 2-4pm.

ADULT COLORING GROUP

Did you enjoy coloring as a child? Looking for a way to relieve stress or just curious as to what this whole “adult coloring” craze is all about? Whatever your motivation, you are welcome to join us for an evening of coffee, coloring and conversation. We will be meeting on the **first Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm at Latitudes Coffee House** (at the corner of Pilgrim and County Line). Coloring pages and supplies provided or bring your own.





Fellowship

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 available for members to sign – up for Fellowship:

November 13th, 20th

Dates Committees are serving Fellowship:

November 6th, 2016 –

Church Council

November 27th, 2016 – Outreach Committee

December 4th, 2016 – Constitution, Maintenance, & Mission Alive

Outreach Meetings: Any members wishing to join the committee are welcome. The next Outreach Committee meeting is 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.

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Outreach Committee

Report on Robert's Frozen Custard Fundraiser September 19th, 2016. \$225.00 Profit from Robert's Frozen Custard. Proceeds from sale along with a donation from Mission will go toward a church family member with medical /health needs.

Mark your calendars - Up Coming Events:

St. John – Team Trivia Night

Saturday November 5th, 2016 – 6:00pm

**Snacks * Beverages
Prizes**

**Bring a team or come join a team
(team size 4 – 6 players)**

See Bob Lehmann for more information regarding Trivia night

November 20th - 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 27th, 2016 – First Sunday of Advent “Hanging of the Greens” – Service

November 27th, 2016 - Christmas Caroling

Please join us for Christmas Caroling. We will be meeting following the service in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45am. We will have a light lunch for those who wish to join us; provided by the Outreach Committee. We will car pool and meet at 1:00pm- Ellen's Home N113 W16358 Sylvan Circle - Germantown to Christmas Carol ; then onto Cedar Lake Home 5555 Cedar Bay Dr.- West Bend. A sign – up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board on the landing toward the Fellowship Hall.

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.



“Bestest” Cranberry Bars

Recipe donated by Gayle Johnson

Ingredients:

½ cup butter (room temperature)	½ tsp. salt
1 ½ cups sugar	1 tsp. baking powder
2 eggs	2 cups whole fresh cranberries
1 tsp. vanilla	½ cup chopped pecans
1 ½ cups flour	

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 13”x 9” pan. In a bowl; cream together butter and sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Add flour, salt, baking powder, cranberries, and nuts. Pour batter into pan. Bake 35 – 40 minutes. Cool completely. Frost

Frosting:

2 ½ cups powdered sugar	1 tsp. vanilla
2 tsp. milk	¼ cup soft butter (½ stick)
4 oz. cream cheese	

In bowl beat together all ingredients and smooth over cooled Cranberry Bars.

“Bestest” Cranberry Bars was one of our best sellers at the Bake Sale at our Craft Fair in September.

CRAFTER’S CLUB

Whatever your hobby, bring whatever projects you want to work on and join with other crafters for a day of fun. New this year: materials and training provided if you would like to help with various “crafty things” to be distributed to area hospitals and nursing homes. Drop in for

an hour or stay for the day. Coffee, Tea, & Cocoa bar provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share. We often order pizza & subs or you are welcome to bring a bag lunch. Meets one Saturday a month from 10am-3pm. **Next Craft Day: Nov. 12th at St. John** We will also have a Crafter’s Day on Dec. 10th at St. John.



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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS UPDATE

- * Baked beans
- * Boxed or bagged potato mix
- * Canned peas
- * Canned pasta
- * Hamburger Helper mixes
- * Chunky soup
- * Mandarin oranges, pineapple, mixed fruit
- * Flavored rice mixes (Rice-a-roni type)
- * Salad dressing/BBQ sauce
- * Cookies/snacks
- * Refried beans
- * Low sodium vegetables
- * Dry soup mixes
- * Sugar and flour
- * Cake frosting
- * Pickles and olives
- * Dish Soap
- * Stuffing
- * Chicken Noodle Soup
- * Lotion, Shampoo, Deodorant

Anything you can donate will be appreciated.

NOVEMBER

USHERS

6 S. Reeder & A.
Skrober
13 Carol & Greg
Schwartz
20
27

GREETERS

6
13
20
27

LITURGISTS

6 C. Romaine
13 Eric Hillstrom
20 Rollie Pieper
27 Joan Schaetzel



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.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The October Meeting was our first meeting for the Fall. We again will sponsor a Fall Theme Basket for the 2017 Craft Fair. Set up Communion Bread thru February. Gave out 3 scholarships for Vacation Bible School and 2 scholarships for Camps. Made a profit of \$50.00 on Shady Lane Coupons. **Our next meetings is November 2** and we will be putting together baskets for the church's shut ins. Sign up sheet will be posted for items to help fill the basket and 7 items for each donation will be needed. (Thank you in advance for your help) The Christmas Cookie Sale will be December 11 after church. All donations should and be brought to church on Saturday December 10 by noon. (3 dozen of each type of cookie) Please no cookies that need refrigeration.

CHILI SUPPER

"All You Can Eat" chili supper with homemade bread and desserts! (Ham sandwiches available) Tues., **Nov. 8th**, 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.



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.

ADVENT MESSY CHURCH/HANGING OF THE GREENS

In celebration of the First Sunday of Advent we will be holding a special Messy Church service to get our hearts, minds, and church ready for Christmas. We will learn of various holiday traditions, and participate in a number of activities and crafts that will better prepare us (and our sanctuary) for this joyous season in the life of the church. Please join us on **Sunday November, 27th at 10:30am**. As a special treat the Sunday School will be sharing some songs with us.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOP

SAVE THE DATE!--This year's Christmas program is entitled "The Christmas Shoppe" and is scheduled for **Sunday December 18th, at 10:30am**. Come hear from the Candy Man, an astrologer, a baker, and more about the special message God has for you! In addition, after the service the children and youth will be selling special holiday decorations and treats with all monies going to support the UCC camps in Wisconsin. The kids look forward to sharing this beautiful message with you as we enter the season of Christmas.

CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



PRAYER LIST

- ◇ Prayers for Mike Szymik
- ◇ Prayers for our church that it may grow
- ◇ Prayers for Mary Ann Toth
- ◇ Prayers for Kirk (Lois Cozzuli's son) and Nicole (Lois Cozzuli's daughter)
- ◇ Prayers for Laura W., as she battles cancer
- ◇ Prayers for Liz W., sister of Barb W.
- ◇ Prayers for Ann La-Marre
- ◇ Prayers for Diann Schaetzel
- ◇ Prayers for Tim Roskopf, son of Karen Roskopf
- ◇ Prayers for Virginia Wendt
- ◇ Prayers for Rodger & Carol

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

2nd—6-8pm Adult Coloring—Latitudes Coffee Shop

7pm—Women's Guild

5th— 6pm Team Trivia Night

7th—11am-12:30pm Bible Study at Our Saviour's

6pm Moral Monday's at St. Joh

8th—11am-7:30pm Chili Supper at Our Saviour's UCC

9th— 2-4pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

10th—6:30pm Council Mtg.

12th—10am-3pm Crafter's Day (St. John)

13th—Noon-3pm Confirmation Class

14th—11am-12:30pm Bible Study at Our Saviour's

6pm Moral Monday's at St. John

16th—6pm Book Club at Latitudes

20th—Tree Set-up following Worship

21st—NO Bible Study

6pm Moral Monday's at St. John

24th—8:30am Thanksgiving Service—Our Saviour's UCC

27th—Hanging of the Greens Messy Church

11:45 Christmas Caroling (meet in Fellowship Hall)

28th—11am-12:30pm Bible Study at Our Saviour's

6pm Moral Monday's at St. John

ALL SAINT'S DAY

On All Saint's Day we remembered those saints who found rest from their labors in the past year: **Matt Lison, Paul Stegman, Myrtle M. Ulrich, Sherry Palmer Klemish, Doris Smith, John Wendt, James Dean**



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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: 11:15-Noon at St. John UCC

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



**THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE—
Thursday, Nov. 24th—8:30am - Our Sav-
iour's UCC**