

Heartbeat News



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



“Pray Without Ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17)

“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.” (Eph. 6:18)

How’s your prayer life? Is prayer something you consciously do as part of your daily life or something reserved more for church on Sunday morning? Ever feel uncomfortable about your ability to pray or not sure how to pray. Maybe the act of prayer seems daunting and better left to the “professionals”. Or maybe you don’t think you have time to pray. If any of these thoughts have crossed your mind, I have good news for you: ***prayer can be done by anyone, anytime, and anywhere.***

Prayer can be an enriching part of our personal faith journeys as well as an important facet of our life together as a community. We can pray because we are happy, scared, angry, worried, thankful, or maybe just because we managed to wake up to see another day. Just as there are many reasons for prayer, there are also many ways to pray.

Perhaps if a few people are interested, we could start a prayer group here at St. John to explore ways to make prayer a more active component in the life of our church and to pray for the needs of the community and wider world. Interested in learning more about enriching your prayer life? Stop by my office, send me an email, or pick up the phone. I would love to talk to you about the richness the practice of prayer can bring to your spiritual journey. There are several wonderful books and methods I can recommend.

Keep the Faith,

Pastor Tara



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**The “Welcome Blanket” Knit-In to
support Immigrants and Refugees
Saturday July 22nd 10am – 3pm @ St. John UCC**

DISCRETIONARY FUND

The newly formed Discretionary Fund is financially supported by the Mission Alive Committee. The purpose of the fund is designed to help church members and their families in cases of unusual or unexpected financial burdens. Pastor Tara has money set aside for this emergency. If you are experiencing a financial hardship, please talk with Pastor Tara. Pastor does not report use of this fund to any committee or church member (this is a private matter). This Fund has been approved by the Church Council and the Mission Alive Committee.

GARDENING WITH GOD

Join us on Tuesday mornings from 9-11am as we work to maintain our beautiful prayer garden. We conclude with a brief devotional and refreshments.



“Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”
– Emma Lazarus, “The New Colossus” (1883), written on
The Statue of Liberty

“I will build a great wall— and nobody builds walls better than me, believe me— and I’ll build them very inexpensively. I will build a great, great wall on our southern border, and I will make Mexico pay for that wall. Mark my words.”
– Donald Trump, Candidacy Speech (June 2015)

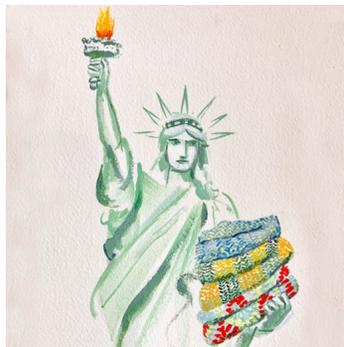
The proposed border wall between the United States and Mexico is almost 2000 miles long. Imagine if, instead of a concrete wall to keep people out, 3,500,640 yards of yarn became blankets to welcome people in?

The Welcome Blanket project will provide these handmade blankets to new immigrants and refugees to say: “Welcome to the United States and your new life here! We are so glad you have arrived.”

We invite you to join us in making blankets to welcome new immigrants to the U.S. Knit and crochet lessons will be given. Also on-hand will be resources and information on immigration and refugee resettlement with the opportunity to write letters to elected officials.

The blankets we make, along with our enclosed notes, will be displayed together at the SMART Museum at University of Chicago opening in September 2017 before being distributed to refugees and other immigrants through resettlement organizations.

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EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Come and join us for Bingo Bash on **August 16** starting at 12:30 pm. **Our first meeting for the fall will be September 13 at 7:00 pm.** (One week later than normal due to the Craft Fair) The program will be the benefit of massage therapy from the Wisconsin School of Massage Therapy. **The October meeting is October 4 at 7:00 pm.** Melissa Luckow will be doing a L'BRI skin care and make up demonstration.

32nd ANNUAL FALL ART AND CRAFT FAIR

Posters will be 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 a few! *You will be able to pick up your raffle tickets for selling after church or during office hours. Six quilt raffle tickets are again included in your envelope. If you do not sell or buy any of the tickets, please return them to church.* Also, if you're family hasn't picked theirs up, please take them along to give them theirs. Extra tickets are available in the office. Thanks to those of you who have already donated cash or prizes to the Raffle. For those of you still considering it, we need your help! We can use gift cards/ items/cash for both the adult and youth raffles. If you'd like a color photo of the quilt to help promote ticket sales, please let Caroline know. Another one of our big draws at the Fair is the theme basket raffle. We ask that you please help us by signing up to make one. (The sign up sheet is in the Narthex.) It's a fun activity to do as a family or with friends. If you are attending other craft fairs or know someone who would like to exhibit at our fair, please help spread the word to these crafters. Applications can be picked up or e-mailed from the church office or even downloaded from the St. John web site!

HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for individuals to help with Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: preparation of craft supplies and decorations (can be done in early July), kitchen, arts & crafts, games, music, and more. Sign-up sheets will be posted at church or contact Mary Johnson, Sue Hillstrom, Caroline Romaine, or Pastor Tara for more information.

READ WITH ME

Do you want to see where the children's books go that we collect each year? Pastor Tara is organizing a day for our church to volunteer at Next Door Milwaukee. Our shift would be from 9-11am. **Available dates are July 11th or 13th, August 1st, 3rd or 8th.** Sign up at church or contact Pastor Tara for more information.

BOOK DRIVE

We are once again collecting children's books for Next Door Milwaukee's "Books for Kids" program. There will be a collection box in the lobby for new and gently used board books and picture books for children 0-6. **The collection will run through August.**

By expanding the number and frequency of reading experiences Books for Kids inspires young people to develop an appreciation and love for books. As a result, Milwaukee children improve reading fundamentals, school preparedness, and their chances of achieving long-term academic success.

ATTENTION KNITTERS AND CROCHETTERS

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is engaged in knitting and crocheting prayer shawls and



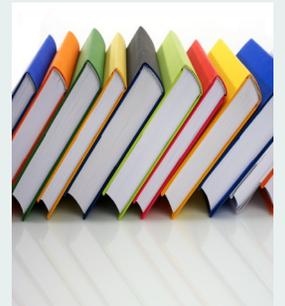
lap blankets for those facing physical challenges, the homebound, newly baptized and others. These gifts are meant as tangible signs of God's love and the prayers of our congregation for that individual.

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

Our next meeting is July 12th

Library

Did you know that in addition to our outdoor "Little Free Library", we



also have a lending library inside the church? Find something you like?—Just fill in your name on the index card in the book pocket (located in the inside front cover or back) and drop it in the plastic box. When you return your item simply place it in the box below the shelves and we will take care of re-shelving it for you.



**THANK YOU FROM
GERMANTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL POST
PROM 2017**

This years Prom was a success!! 205 students enjoyed pizza, subs, and Gatorade before they played Lazer-tag and Bumpin' Bubbles. They also visited a caricature artist, got souvenir dog tags and tried out a driving simulator. The hypnotist show completed the night. There were 5 Mega Door Prizes in addition to 72 raffle prizes to win. Every student received a T-shirt and \$10 gift card. All of this was possible because of your generous donation.

Thank You very much!
The GHS Post-Prom
Committee

**(Outreach Committee
provided funds for St.**

**John to sponsor German-
town High School's Post
Prom. This was our 3rd
year of sponsorship for
this event.)**

NEWS FROM OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you to all the members who volunteered to help during the church "Weed and Feed Spring clean – up" on May 13th, 2017. The weather was wonderful. 13 members were in attendance. We had a group of members working on the inside of the church cleaning several areas. The outside flower gardens were cleaned and spruced up, bushes were trimmed. The Lucky winner for the Scrip drawing was Caroline Romaine. A light breakfast and lunch was provided by the Outreach Committee.

Report on Robert's Frozen Custard Fundraiser May 15th, 2017
\$300.00 Profit from Robert's Frozen Custard. It was discussed earmarking the money toward a church family member in need. Thank you to all the members and friends who enjoyed a meal and Fellowship at Robert's Frozen Custard.

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

Saturday July 8th, 2017

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

******* Note location - Located at Pick n' Save County Line Rd. -
Menomonee Falls N. 95 W.18351 County Line Rd. (Corner of
County Line Rd. and Appleton Ave.)**

**Volunteers needed. A sign – up sheet will be posted for
those who would like to volunteer at the Brat Fry during
the summer.**

***Brat Fry proceeds will benefit future Outreach events and
10% of our sales will be donated to Mission Alive***

**Church Picnic - Sunday July 16th, 2017 following
the church service.**

Please join us for this Fun Family Event – Church Picnic to be held **Sunday July 16th, 2017** 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.

St. John Adult Fellowship Milwaukee Brewers Outing

Milwaukee Brewers vs Cincinnati Reds . **Sunday, August 13th**
(Game Starts at 1:10 pm). \$20.00 & Dish to Pass, Gets You: Game Ticket/
Tailgate Party. \$5.00 toward Parking for Cars with 5 or more. Meet at
Wick Field (51st Vliet) 10:30am. To order your tickets. Call Bob Lehmann
(262-251-1756). ***We Purchased a Limited Number This Year – So
Call Now***

Recipe Corner

St. John U.C.C. has some wonderful cooks and bakers and during Fellowship, Pot-luck 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.



Rhubarb Custard Kuchen

*A recipe from past – St. John U.C.C. – “Cooking from the Heart”
from the Kitchen of Emma Kohlway*

Ingredients:

1 ¾ cup sifted flour	4 cups diced rhubarb
½ tsp. baking powder	1 ½ cups sugar
1/8 tsp. salt	2 tbsp. flour
¾ cup shortening	1 tsp. cinnamon
1 egg, beaten	1 egg, beaten
1 tbsp. milk	¾ cup milk
	1 tsp. vanilla

Directions:

Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Combine 1 egg and 1 tablespoon of milk. Mix well. Pat mixture into ungreased 9”x13” pan. Fill crust with rhubarb. Combine sugar, flour, and cinnamon. Sprinkle over rhubarb. Mix egg, milk, and vanilla. Pour over rhubarb. Bake at 425 degrees for 20 minutes. Reduce heat to 375 degrees. Bake another 15 minutes or until rhubarb is tender.

Serves 12 - Enjoy with friends and family

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 is a collection box in the lobby.

As of July 31, 2017, Campbell’s for Education program will no longer accept labels. We will need to mail our “Campbell’s Labels for Education by July 15th. After that date, we will only be collecting “Box Tops for Education”. Please continue to support us with your box tops for education and while shopping at AmazonSmile, Kroger and Target; by registering on their websites and selecting Crossroad Child & Family Services as your choice of charity.

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-aroni 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.

BLESSING BAGS

The Outreach Committee, in conjunction with Mission Alive, has embarked on a project of ministry to the homeless. We put together “Blessing Bags for the Homeless”. These packages, which are the size of a Zip-Lock bag, will contain various items such as energy bars, bottled water, cleansing wipes, mints, etc. The “Blessing Bags” are available in the lobby to church members who may keep them in their cars and have them handy when meeting individual’s in-need while driving throughout the area.

JULY

LITURGISTS

2 Caroline Romaine
9 Rollie Pieper
16 Eric Hillstrom
23 Joan Schaetzel
30 Caroline Romaine

GREETERS

USHERS

2 Karen Becker &
Chris Pickett
9 Joan & Ken Schaetzel
16 Gary & Mary Johnson
23 Marilyn Gabrielson
& Merry Lison
30 Andy Boneski &
Cheryl Matic



We are in need of Liturgists and Greeters. If you are interested in either of these, or both, please contact Barb in the church office for more information.

MAINTENANCE

It's grass cutting time again. We have contracted with Rock Solid to cut the church and cemetery grounds at a cost of \$80 per cut. To help defray this cost, we are asking for donations towards this expense. Just mark your donation for "lawn cutting". Thank you for your consideration.

Highlights of Wisconsin Conference UCC 2017 Annual Meeting - June 9-11 at Green Lake Conference Center



-In his keynote address, the Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, President and General Minister of the United Church of Christ, encouraged us with the reminder "that the Holy Spirit envisions a future in which the United Church of Christ matters."

-With an overwhelming majority, the delegates and clergy in attendance voted to affirm the resolution making the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC an "Immigrant Welcoming Conference"



-Rev. Everett Mitchell, Senior Pastor of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Madison and Circuit Court Judge in Dane County, brought the Annual Meeting audience to laughter, cheering and, at times, to tears as he shared how to follow the "radical inclusiveness of Jesus' ministry to dismantle spiritual and social racial segregation." We were not only moved, but went away feeling enlightened with new ways of thinking, and practical ideas we can put into action.

Thank you to *Eric and Sue Hillstrom* for serving as delegates representing St. John

CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

5 Sierra Thomas	22 Karen Becker
	Sam Schneider
6 Carrie Schaezel	23 Candy Huth
9 Emily Romaine	24 George Marsh
19 Diann Schaezel	26 Greg Pickett



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

10 Eric & Susan Hillstrom



JULY CALENDAR

4th—Office Closed

5th—9am-Noon Office Open

6th—9am-Noon Office Open

8th—10am-3pm Brat Fry Pick 'N Save (County Line Rd.)

11th—9am Gardening w/ God

12th—2pm Prayer Shawl at Latitudes Coffee Shop

13th—6:30pm Council Mtg.

16th—Messy Church with Church Picnic to Follow

17th—20th 9am-3pm Vacation Bible School

17th—6:30pm Craft Fair Mtg.

18th—9am Gardening w/ God

22nd—10am-3pm "Welcome Blanket" Knit-In

25th—9am Gardening w/ God

CAMP: It's Not Just for Kids

Our UCC camps offer a wide variety of fun and engaging options for vacation for children, families, and adults. For our families with young children (ages 5+) there are Mom & Me, Grandparent & Me, as well as general family camps. There are short 1/2 week camps for grades 1-3. Grades 3-12 have a wide variety of (mostly) week-long camp options. Adults can get in on the action too with Young Adult Adventure Camp, Golf Camp, Stitch in Time quilting Retreat, Sixties Plus, Active Adult Adventure, Quilting and Crafting Retreat. Work and mission camps are also available for those wanting to donate their time to help with projects around the camp and community. Check out www.ucci.org for more information or talk to Pastor Tara. There are multiple scholarships available for children, adults, and families to help with cost.



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 Tim Roskopf, son of Karen Roskopf
- ◇ Prayers for Stacy C., daughter of Janet Robinson
- ◇ Prayers for Kathleen DeWall, recovering from surgery
- ◇ Prayers for Serena, sister of Mary Johnson
- ◇ Prayers for Jason, grandson of Karen Roskopf

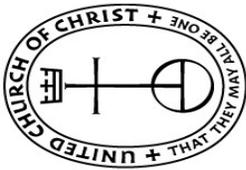
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Out, Enrich, and Welcome in the
name of Jesus Christ.

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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