

# Heartbeat News

*FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK*



An interesting way to gauge societal shifts is to pay attention to language. Merriam-Webster tracks word usage throughout the year and creates a list of the “top 10 words of the year” as well as frequently adding new words as they become part of everyday language. One word that has been trending in recent years is “adult” as a verb. For those unfamiliar with the term, Merriam-Webster describes it this way: “to ‘adult’ is to behave like an adult, specifically to do the things—often mundane—that an adult is expected to do.” Social observers see the advent of this new form of the word as a result of the experience of millennials (and even to extent Generation X), difficulty into transitioning from dependent life to independent life, often blamed on the result of an economy in which entry-level positions pay less than a living wage and student debt is at cripplingly high levels. Regardless of how you feel about the word or the causes that contributed to its rise, it is a term with contemplating.

‘Adulting’ is something with which we struggle in the church as well, going all the way back to the Apostle Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 13:9-12 as he wrote of putting an end to childish things. And yet, too often we see confirmation not as the beginning of this maturation of our faith but as the culmination of it, as though the things we learned and remember from the age of 13 or 14 are somehow the most complete expression of the faith. Studying scripture is fascinating to me because no matter how manner times one reads a given text there is always something more to be pondered, teased, or wrestled with. This is one of the reasons I appreciate having the Revised Common Lectionary as it consciously invites us to visit the same text every three years, to see what more God might be saying to us. For those of us who have been confirmed or who have affirmed our participation in the church through an affirmation of faith we have yet more to do. In Hebrews 6:1-2 we read these words, “So let’s press on to maturity, by moving on from the basics about Christ’s word. Let’s



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## **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.



not lay a foundation of turning away from dead works, of faith in God, of teaching about ritual ways to wash with water, laying on of hands, the resurrection from the dead, and eternal judgement---all over again. We're going to press on, if God allows it....But we desperately want each of you to show the same effort to make your hope sure until the end. This is so you won't be lazy but follow the example of the ones who inherit the promises through faith and patience."

It's time for us to "adult" in the church, to take hold of the faith and live it out, to do those things God expects us to do: those mundane everyday tasks of feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, caring for the foreigner and stranger, clothing the naked, bringing justice to the oppressed and freeing the captive. Let us set aside our childish ways of gossip, selfishness, greed, ignorance and pride, and instead follow in the ways of Christ which lead to fullness of life.

Keep the faith,

Pastor Tara

## **REVOLUTIONARY READERS BOOK CLUB**

Our book club is open to all regardless of church affiliation (invite your friends!). We meet the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 6pm at Latitudes Coffee House (near the corner of Pilgrim Rd. & County Line).



**September 20<sup>th</sup>**—*What is the Bible?*

*How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything* by Rob Bell (if you would like the Pastor to order the book please advise—cost is approximately \$18)

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** – *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson (Cost is approximately \$10—contact Pastor Tara to order)

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** – *Eat, Pray Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia* by Elizabeth Gilbert (Cost is approximately \$10—contact Pastor Tara to order)

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** – *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho (cost TBD—contact pastor Tara if interested in ordering)

Study guides for each book will be available in the entryway a month in advance.

## EDUCATIONAL & SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We will begin with a video-based study entitled “Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture: Walter Brueggemann on Confronting Today’s ‘Pharaohs’” from the “Embracing” study series developed by Tim Scorer. Sessions will be held on Monday mornings beginning at 11am and concluding at noon. Those who are interested in an evening or weekend session should contact Pastor Tara with your availability (day of week and time of day---if there is sufficient interest we will schedule a second session).

Please contact Pastor Tara to obtain a copy of the study books.

### “Embracing the Prophets” – Cost is \$10

**Sept. 11**—Embracing the Prophets-Session 1: Moses, Pharaoh, the Prophets and Us

**Sept. 18** – Embracing the Prophets-Session 2: The Prophets as Uncredentialed Purveyors of Covenant

**Sept. 25** – Embracing the Prophets-Session 3: Moral Coherence in a World of Power, Money and Violence

**Oct. 2** – Embracing the Prophets-Session 4: The Shrill Rhetoric that Breaks Denial

### WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

**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.

**CRAFT FAIR—SEPTEMBER 9—9am-4pm** It's almost time for the BIGGEST FUNDRAISER of the year! We hope you're getting excited about the big day! Be sure to invite your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. We love a big crowd!

#### A FEW REMINDERS:

Please give a hand if you are able! We need everyone's participation to make the fair a success so please fill out a Helping Hands questionnaire, if you haven't already done so.

There's still time to make a cash donation towards the raffle ticket cash prizes. Script cards are also great because we get a double benefit! Turn in your raffle stubs/money as soon as possible. Unsold tickets should be turned back in so they can be sold at the Fair.

**BAKERY!!** Please package your goodies and list the ingredients (especially nuts). This is a main attraction for the Fair and we need lots of items! Try to have your items at the church by Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. Please give suggested prices on the items you donate to the St. John Craft Booth because we don't want to undersell anything.

We'll have a nice selection of sports memorabilia this year. Please pass the word along to all the sports fans you know.

Don't forget to come to the Fair hungry! There'll be lots of good food coming from the kitchen.

Last but not least, come to have a great time! It's a wonderful way to share our church and grounds with neighbors and friends. See you at the Fair!!

### 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 Sept. 13th.**

### 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.

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

**Dates available for members to sign – up for Fellowship:**

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

**Dates Committees are serving Fellowship:**

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Fall Celebration Sunday – Outreach Committee & Christian Board of Ed.

**October 1<sup>st</sup> – “World Communion Sunday – Neighbors in Need” – Pot luck – Outreach Committee**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> – Church Council**

## Outreach Meetings:

Any members wishing to join the committee are welcome. The next Outreach Committee meeting is **August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. We meet in the Fraederich Education room. Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385-1327 for more information.

## NEWS FROM OUTREACH COMMITTEE

### September 2017

Our Church picnic was held on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. It was a beautiful sunny day. There was a drawing for two jars of candy. Lucky winners Donna Tess and Christi Brost. Pastor Tara had organized and ran a “Themed” Bingo game. A water balloon toss was held. Brats, hotdogs, hamburgers, and roasted corn on the cob were served; along with dill pickles, potato chips, watermelon. Fun was had by all. The event was Free to all who attended and was sponsored by the Outreach Committee.

#### **Mark your calendars - Up Coming Events:**

#### **September 2017**

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Fall Celebration Sunday (Rally Day) – Celebration to follow service in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us.

#### **Roberts Frozen Custard Fundraiser**

**Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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](http://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.

#### **October 2017**

**Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 - World Communion Sunday**

**“Neighbors in Need” – Pot Luck Dinner**

On Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 we will be having a Pot Luck Dinner following church service to celebrate World Communion Sunday. A sign - up sheet will be located on the bulletin board on the stairway landing to the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to bring a dish, salad, or dessert to share. We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, and families to the Pot Luck Dinner.

**Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> – Trivia Night – 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 Heartbeat 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.



### Tex – Mexican Zucchini Dish

### Recipe from Ned Romaine

#### Ingredients:

1 extra-large Zucchini with or without seeds (cut into slices)  
1 medium onion – diced  
3 Tbsp. Olive oil or butter  
1 tsp. Mc Cormick Cajun seasoning or Cajun seasoning you prefer  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
1 tsp. pepper  
1 ½ cup Salsa  
1 cup grated cheddar cheese

#### Directions:

Season zucchini with Cajun seasoning, garlic powder, and pepper. In an oven proof fry pan; fry zucchini and diced onion in olive oil for 10 minutes. Remove pan from heat. Top zucchini with 1 ½ cups salsa and 1 cup grated cheddar cheese. Bake uncovered in preheated oven 375 degrees for 20 minutes.

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Neighbors In Need offering, which we will receive on October 1st, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through [ucc.org/justice](http://ucc.org/justice), our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news, updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of Ho- cak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made online at anytime: [ucc.org/nin](http://ucc.org/nin)

## 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.

## 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.

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **LITURGISTS**

3 Caroline Romaine  
10 Rollie Pieper  
17 Eric Hillstrom  
24 John Schaetzl

### **GREETERS**

### **USHERS**

3 Andy Boneski &  
John Schaetzl  
10 Marilyn Gabrielson  
& Merry Lison  
17 Karen Becker &  
Chris Pickett  
24 Joan & Ken  
Schaetzl



**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.

### **HURRICANE HARVEY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY**

Dear friends in the Wisconsin Conference UCC,

Hurricane Harvey is the first Category 4 Hurricane to make landfall in the US since 2004. According to forecasters, the worst of Harvey's destruction is yet to come from flooding as it stalls over Texas, dropping upwards of 40 inches of rain. Harvey's full impact is yet to be determined, but history tells us that the need will extend beyond the capacity of local, state, and federal government. There will most definitely be a need for helping families recover after initial emergency response efforts have ceased. This is one of the main reasons the United Church of Christ continues to focus our efforts on recovery. We recognize walking with families and communities is what we are called to do.

The UCC Disaster Ministries is already gearing up for long-term recovery work in the area and your contributions for Harvey survivors means providing community support for holistic recovery, repairing homes for families, and restoring dignity for the most vulnerable who have lost everything in the wake of this catastrophic event. 100% of funds designated for disaster relief to the United Church of Christ are used for disaster relief and rehabilitation programing.

Financial gifts may be made at your local UCC congregation marked for "Hurricane Harvey" with the request they be sent through the Conference Office or to Wider Church Ministries. Donations may also be sent directly to UCC Wider Church Ministries, Financial Services-6th Floor, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

Should you have questions about giving or the recovery efforts, please contact Christina Schoenwetter, Wisconsin Conference Disaster Ministries Coordinator, at [chris\\_schoeny@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_schoeny@hotmail.com), or visit the new Harvey link on the UCC website: [http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_harvey](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_harvey)

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." (Psalm 46)

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

Mission House Lecture: "Raising awareness about human trafficking" Featuring Sr. Joan Dawber of LifeWay Network—Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 11am-noon; lunch with Sr. Dawber to follow at Bradley Fine Arts Auditorium, Lakeland University, Howards Grove. Watch bulletins for more information and registration details.

## CELEBRATIONS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Gary Johnson   | 20 Craig Thomas        |
| 5 Ryan Wendt     | 22 Alexus Toth         |
| 8 Elise Kubosch  | Lillianne Tess         |
| 13 Mary Johnson  | 23 Jordan Schaetzl     |
| Addison Lietzau  | 26 Diane Ramthun       |
| 15 Sharon Reeder | 29 Michelle Pickett    |
|                  | 30 Kelly Wallschlaeger |



### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

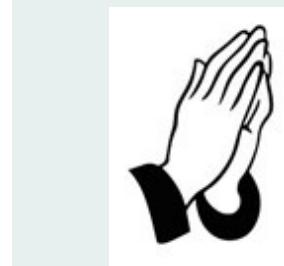
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| 8 Craig & Andrea Thomas      | 22 Mike & Ann Wallschlaeger |
| 11 John & Sheila Schaetzl    | 23 Ken & Joan Schaetzl      |
| 17 Steve & Melissa Koedinger | 30 Patrick & Jill Lemke     |
| 20 Jacob & Ashley Skrober    |                             |



### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**5th—9am** Gardening w/  
God  
**9th—9am-4pm** CRAFT  
FAIR  
**10th Fall Celebration and**  
**Sunday School Kick-off**  
**11th—11am** Bible Study  
**12th—9am** Gardening w/  
God  
**13th—2pm** Prayer Shawl at  
Latitudes Coffee Shop  
**7pm** Women's Guild  
Mtg.

**14th—6:30pm** Council  
Mtg.  
**18th—11am** Bible Study  
**19th—9am** Gardening w/  
God  
**20th—6pm** Book Club at  
Latitudes Coffee Shop  
**25th—11am** Bible Study  
**3-10pm** Roberts Fro-  
zen Custard Fundraiser  
**26th—9am** Gardening w/  
God  
**30th**—Weber Wedding



### **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

### **ST. PAUL'S UCC BAKE SALE/LUNCH—Saturday, Sept. 16 11am-3pm**

Soups, Breads, Crafts and Produce Located in the Town of Erin (corner of Monches Rd. & St. Augustine Rd.)

**BE SURE TO JOIN US—SEPTEMBER 10th**  
Fall Celebration and Sunday School Kick-off

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



*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*