

**OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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GERMANTOWN, WI 53022**

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**Dated Materials**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
AND OF THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD ON  
FEBRUARY 2, 2020, FOLLOWING SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AFTERWARDS**

During the meeting, we will need four members to fill upcoming vacancies.

Two for 1 year each and two for 2 years each.

***Thank you to Ron Mull, Kendall Ludin, Jim Klug, and Randy Ryan for their time serving.***

Please see a council member as soon as possible if you have an interest.

# THE CALLER

## PASTOR'S PONDERING

“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” (I Corinthians 13:3)

Not only do we celebrate Ash Wednesday in February, but as always, we celebrate Valentine's Day as well. Typically Valentine's Day is considered a holiday for romance, and expressing how much we love our spouse's, and family, but I would suggest to you that it points to a love much deeper and spiritual in nature than the typical Valentine card might suggest. God's love seeks to restore and redeem people. It seeks to restore relationships that are fractured, and heal those whose hearts are broken or wounded.

I am always on the prowl for stories which poignantly tell us of the breadth and depth of love. I share with you the following story, author unknown.

This is a story of two brothers who lived side by side in their own farms for many years, until one day, a foolish argument caused a rift between them. This was the first serious disagreement the brothers had in all of their 50 years. Up until that day, they always worked their fields together, shared knowledge and produce, and lent a helping hand to one another in times of need. The fight began over a small misunderstanding, which can sometimes happen, but the dispute dragged on and became an angry exchange of words, followed by weeks of silence.

One day, there was a knock on the older brother's door. When he opened it, he was facing an old, bearded carpenter, holding a toolbox. “I could sure use some work, sir” said the stranger. “Do you need any repairs in your farm?” “Yes”, replied the brother. “I've got a job for you. Across the creek, there's a farm that happens to belong to my younger brother.

Until recently, the whole area between our homes was green, but then he changed the creek's path, making it into a border between us.

I'm sure he did that for spite, but I'll show him...” said the older brother. “You see those trees by the barn? I want you to turn them into a 10-foot tall fence. I never want to see his face again.”

The old carpenter thought quietly to himself for a few minutes and eventually said: “I see”.

The farmer helped the carpenter carry his tools and the wood, and then drove off to the city on some errands. When he came back in the evening, the old carpenter had finished. Upon arriving at the creek, the older brother was stunned. His eyes were bulging out, and he couldn't utter a single word.

Where a fence should have been standing, a bridge now stood. A quaint and special bridge, truly a work of art, with an intricately carved banister. At the same time, the younger brother happened to come to the same spot. He rushed over the bridge and embraced his older brother, and said:

“You're something special... building a bridge, after all I've said and done!” While both brothers were hugging, the old carpenter collected his tools and started walking away. The brothers turned to him and said “Please, stay for a few more days – we have more things that need fixing.” “I would have loved to stay, kind sirs,” said the carpenter. “But I have many more bridges to build and things to fix in other places...”

**The moral of our story is a simple one:** We often let anger push us away from our loved ones, and allow pride to come before our love. Love seeks to build bridges.

Blessings,  
Pastor Greg

### MITTEN TREE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection for the children at Milwaukee School of Sign Language. Because of a tremendous amount of support for this endeavor, we collected 126 items. In comparison, we had a total of 48 items last year, so we should be helping keep a lot of children warm this winter. Great job! Thanks for a job well done!! - Cindy



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 2/3 Betty Egger
- 2/4 Rev. Edward Freese
- 2/8 Lori Mull
- 2/10 Janet Arnold
- 2/10 Carol Schowalter
- 2/13 Margaret Miller
- 2/15 Valentina David
- 2/16 Leone Huber
- 2/19 Eleanor Nelson
- 2/20 Dale Schuldt

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 2/12 Dave Rhode & Kay Bast-Rhode
- 2/12 Rev Edward & Anna Freese

**MEMBERS TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Family of Erwin Podewils who passed away on 1/15/20  
 Adam Arnold  
 Dennis David  
 Theresa Gronemeyer  
 Jim Klug  
 Donna Klumb  
 Ellen Ludin  
 Kendall Ludin  
 Ken Miller  
 Noreen Podewils  
 Oliver Schowalter  
 Sandy Wendlandt

**EXTENDED PRAYERS**

- \*All those with joys in their life: babies, grandchildren, spouses, family, friends, support, music, healing, peace, hospitality, Winter...
- \*All those affected by war, terrorism, hate crimes, abuse, hunger, thirst, incarceration, shootings, medical issues, death, natural disasters, conflicts of interest...
- \*Richard, our Troops (Todd Wetterau)
- \*coworker with brain cancer (Grace Sprunger)
- \*joy of birth of twin granddaughters (Ray & Carol Schowalter)
- \*Australia
- \*Jeremy (Beuscher's)
- \*Rick (Dennis David)
- \*Jerry (Darold Hoelz)
- \*Aunt Donna, Jeff (Wendlandt's)
- \*Tim (Freese family)
- \*Dave (Kay Bast-Rhode)
- \*Kathryn Kuhn, Bill (Schuppie's)
- \*Hunter, sister-in-law (Beilfuss's)
- \*travel mercies, 1st responders, medical personnel, military, 911 dispatchers, those who have lost their way (Pastor Greg)
- \*Brittany Lamb, Cathy (K&M Miller)
- \*Arlene (Kannenbergs')
- \*Sister (Janet Arnold)
- \*Son's wife (Randy Ryan)
- \*Prayers for fast healing to all those sick in various ways (Sheila Dettmann)

**INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS**

It's that time of year again. In case of inclement weather, tune to: WTMJ 4 on your TV or go to [tmj4.com](http://tmj4.com) / FOX 6 on your TV or [fox6now.com](http://fox6now.com) / WISN 12 on your TV or [wisn.com](http://wisn.com)

**FEBRUARY LECTIONARY READINGS**

YEAR A	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
2/2 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
2/9 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)	Psalm 112:1-9 (10)	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20
2/16 Sixth Sunday After Epiphany	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Sirach 15:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
2/23 Transfiguration Sunday	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2 Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
2/26 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**FRIENDS, INC - FEBRUARY MISSION**

For the month of February we will be collecting paper and cleaning products for Friends, Inc. Thank You to all that donate. For a list of items, check out the bulletin board in the entry or their website. Their website is: [www.FriendsWI.org](http://www.FriendsWI.org)

**LITURGISTS NEEDED**

Sheila is looking for anyone who would be interested in being a liturgist during Sunday morning services. If you volunteer occasionally, that would be great too. If you are interested, please contact Sheila or email the church or sign up on the attendance sheet on the entry of the church on the Sunday you would like to read.

**CONTACT UPDATES**

If you have any address or phone number changes please email them to the church office, or place a note in the offering plate. If you have members no longer living at home and not at college, please forward those addresses too. We want to keep them up to date on everything going on in the life of the church. If you have a change in emergency contact information too, we would appreciate being notified to keep our files as up to date as possible. Thank you. -Sheila Dettmann

**BOY'S NIGHT OUT**

This years Boy's Night Out will be in February 23rd at 5pm. Stay tuned to upcoming bulletins for more information.

**DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order 5:40pm December 17, 2019

**Present-** Ron Mull, Jim Klug, Pastor Greg Young **Absent-** Anna Freese, Randy Ryan, Kendall Ludin

**Minutes-** Reviewed by council and approved as read.

**Treasurers Report-** Report reviewed by council and approved as read.

**Benevolence Report-** Report reviewed by council and approved to send \$145.00 to OCWM and \$30.00 to Neighbors In Need.

**Old Business-** The new stove has been installed. Christmas caroling went well.

**New Business-** Ash Wednesday is Feb 26th, the service will be at 7:00pm. Pastor Young would like to have a Bible study the first two Sundays in March. January 26 at 2pm, Pastor Young will have a presentation on his trip to the Ukraine.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm

Next meeting January 21st

Respectfully submitted by Jim Klug

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 9:00am w/Communion  Annual Meeting after service	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship 9:00am	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Worship 9:00am  "The Caller" articles due	17	18 Council meeting 5:30pm	19	20	21	22
23 Worship 9:00am  Mission Sunday  Boy's Night Out 5pm	24	25	26	27	28	29
<h1 style="margin: 0;">FEBRUARY</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">2020</h2>		<b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Greg Young Cell: 414-573-6008 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:criticalincidentresponse@gmail.com">criticalincidentresponse@gmail.com</a>  <b>OSUCC Phone:</b> (262) 677-2484 <b>OSUCC E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:office@oursavioursucc.org">office@oursavioursucc.org</a>		<b>Church Council</b> President: <i>Ron Mull</i> Vice President: <i>Kendall Ludin</i> Secretary: <i>Jim Klug</i> Head Usher: <i>Randy Ryan</i> Financial Secretary: <i>Anna Freese</i>		Organist/Pianist: <i>Mark Kannenberg</i> Secretary: <i>Sheila K Dettmann</i> Custodian: <i>Chris Miller</i>