



# Chapel Bells

## St. Paul's U.C.C.-Erin



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(\* *pastoral jottings, parson jive, preacher junk, etc.*)

Last month I wrote that Cindy and I were buying a house. Now the closing and move are history, and we are beginning to settle in. Two years ago in March you called me to be your pastor. We found a lovely little log cabin on Hogsback Road to rent at that time, and we moved into it in June 2009. You gave me a two-year contract, with a salary "bump" after the first year's satisfactory review. I suppose I gave you a two-year period of review, and we bought our Oconobanks home when it was completed. Perhaps I needed to be sure that your investment in our mutual ministry justified my investment in a permanent place to live. Now, by God's grace, both congregation and pastor can say that our experience over these two years together has confirmed the call to ministry that the Holy Spirit has given us---together.

I suppose I also needed some proof that our mutual hopes for church growth could be realized in the short term. So it is that we have been blessed with new members twice in the last year and a half, and we are looking toward receiving new members again this month, hopefully on Easter Sunday. At this writing, we have two couples preparing to join our fellowship.

Last month we began shared Lenten Wednesday evening services with our old pastoral yoke partner, St John's Merton. We will gather at our church for the first Wednesday in April. The following Wednesday we will not have a service, but during Holy Week, we will return to Merton for Maundy Thursday at 7 p.m. Good Friday will be at St Paul's as usual.

Easter Sunday services are at 7 and 9:30 with breakfast between.

Last month we celebrated the lives of Shirley Dieball (82) and Delmer Staus (91). Both were buried in the St Paul's cemetery next to their beloved spouses. After the committals, mourners enjoyed a meal in the church basement, prepared and served by our hardworking guild. Marion Grimm (98) also died last month. Marion wanted to be cremated and have her ashes spread at her Erin property. The family is considering a memorial service later. Our sincere sympathy to the Grimm, Dieball and Staus families.

Samantha Jezwinski and Trevor Hall were married in our sanctuary on March 19. May God bless their life together.

Also last month, our 1990 church replica was part of a float in the Erin St Patrick's Day parade. Thanks to those who helped to retrieve the church from Jeff Mamerow's barn (where it languished for over twenty years!), and to clean and re-paint it. We will use it again this summer for the Richfield parade and for other special occasions. Horace Becherer designed it and men of the church built it for the sesquicentennial of the church.



The pastor parish relations committee consists of Fred Dieball, Jr. (chair), Jeff Truman (sec.), Bernie Chase and Jim Swanson. They meet quarterly to support and advise the pastor.

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## Sunday School News



involved.

The Sunday School is in need of a Superintendent, Connie Johnson will be stepping down after this year. If you are interested please let Connie or Pastor John know. There is a "Job Description" available if you would like to see what is all

Palm Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Older kids, and SPY members, please plan to help hide the eggs and help the younger kids find them.



There is still room for more youth for our July Mission Trip to Wyoming!

Pastor John is also still in need of a female adult co-chaperone. July will be here before you know it. \$50 deposits for youth reservations are now due. We will have another Mission Trip meeting right after Easter.

Our youth benefit from the sale of aluminum cans. Bring yours (crushed) to church. There is a special place behind the pastor's study, outside by the water spigot on the west wall. If you have a collection at home that you would like picked up, please call the church and leave a message.



Confirmation Day for Brady Miller, Rebecca Kluever and Karli Mertins is right around the corner, too: First Sunday of May. Please keep them and their mentors (Becky Duehring, Judy Nell and Kim Weber) in your prayers.

**Lutheran A Cappella Choir**  
Spring Concerts  
Friday evening, April 15; and  
Sunday afternoon, April 17.

(see Pastor John for tickets)



## Scriptures for April



**April 3rd, Fourth Sunday in Lent**

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23;  
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**April 10th, Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

**April 17th, Palm/Passion Sunday**

Psalm 118, Matthew 21:1-11 (Palms); Matthew 26:14-27:66 (Passion)

**April 22nd, Good Friday**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

**April 24, Easter Sunday (The Day of Resurrection)**

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

## From the Guild –



The March Guild meeting began at the Erin St. Patrick's Day parade where we were on hand to see St. Paul's float—a replica of our church which was designed and built by Horace Becherer for the 1990 St. Patty's Day parade in commemoration of the church's 150<sup>th</sup> year. Many thanks to Pastor John who assembled a group of hearty volunteers to retrieve the float from storage, wash and paint it, and who drove the float on St. Patty's Day.

This month the Guild served lunches following funerals for long-time members Shirley Dieball and Delmer Staus. Our sympathy to both families. Thanks to all who helped our Guild members furnish, prepare, and serve these meals. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thursday, April 21, will be our next Guild meeting. All church women are invited to join us. We begin with a potluck at noon followed by our meeting. Pastor John will be leading a sing-along this month.

Thank you to Vern Guetzke and everyone who helped shovel the church steps and sidewalks this winter, I really appreciate it.  
Fritz Dieball





**What can an idea do? What will result? What will it cost?**

Last fall when the Endowment Fund Committee was searching for ideas to suggest to you as projects for Endowment Fund, one of the financial plans we were convinced to offer was:

**\$500.00 seed money to renovate the old Parade Float for use in local parades as an advertising tool.**

We (the EFC) had no idea what might result. Maybe you still don't ... anyway here are some facts:

1. A parade float, built and last used in 1990 was found in a local barn.
2. PJ was contacted, checked it out and suggested the project to the EFC. **Thanks Pastor John!**
3. The original plans for the float were found and discussed at a Men's Breakfast. **Thanks PJ!**
4. At their next Meeting, the Men checked out & removed the float from the barn. **Thanks Guys!**
5. **Thanks to Dick Ahrens for transport and use of his trailer to move the float!**
6. Somewhere along the line, it was discovered that one of St. Paul's own craftsmen had designed and built this to scale miniature of our Church. Yes, he's too modest! **Thanks to Horace Becherer for superlative workmanship!**
7. Habitat for Humanity donated leftover paint & brushes. **Thanks to Cindy & Pastor John Helt!**
8. **Thanks to Jim Branchford for painting the float.**
9. **Thanks to Charlie Kluever for the storage, plowing, use of the trailer and loading!**
10. **Thanks to Janene Kluever for the loan of Ken & Barbie!**
11. **Thanks to PJ for driving the truck AND DRIVING THE PROJECT EVEN DURING ONE OF THE BUSIEST TIMES IN OUR CHURCH AND DURING THE HELT'S MOVE!**

**What an advertising tool for our church!**



**Greeters for April:**

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mary & Tom Guetzke
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Becky & Jason Duehring
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Betty Pellman & Marilyn Dieball
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Volunteers Needed\*\*

**Coffee & Conversation Hosts for April:**

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Shirley Guetzke
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – Jason & Becky Duehring
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – Vicki & Eugene Dost
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – Easter Breakfast

**Share Simple Fare**

Submitted by Jacquie Branchford



This recipe was originally written for beef steaks. I've discovered that it is wonderfully versatile--good for boneless, skinless chicken breasts (grill 15-20 minutes), fish, various vegetables. We consider it our favorite venison recipe.

**CATTLEMAN'S STEAK**

- 1/4 c. olive oil
- 1/4 c. soy sauce (I use Kikkoman which does make a difference)
- 1 t. Lemon pepper seasoning salt
- 1 t. garlic powder
- 2 lbs. beef steaks

Combine first 4 ingredients in self-closing plastic bag. Add steaks and marinate 2-3 hours, turning occasionally. Grill, broil or saute until desired doneness.

**Japan Relief**

Please donate directly to the International Disaster Fund to enable the UCC to respond more fully to the Japan Earthquake crisis. Donations can be made online by credit card.

<http://www.ucc.org/make-a-gift/>

If you do not wish to donate online by credit card you can send a check. Make your check payable to the United Church of Christ International Disaster Fund. Send the check to:

UCC, International Disaster Fund  
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## St. Paul's United Church of Christ

### Council Meeting Minutes –

February 27th, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Fred Dieball after services on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Pastor John led the council in prayer.

**Present:** Scott Hahn, Pastor John, Brett Miller, Fred Dieball, Dick Ahrens, Kay Jensen, Jeff Turman, Todd Weber, Gary Brushaber Becky Duehring, Brady Miller

**Minutes:** The January 9<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Financial reports:** January financials reviewed and approved.

#### News Business:

**Solar electric panels:** The council met with Arch Electric regarding solar as a potential source for electrical. Arch's proposal has an estimated payback of 15 years with no initial dollar outlays. The panels would occupy an area of 90 x 30 feet. Fred, Todd, Brett and Scott will form a subcommittee to make a recommendation back to the council.

**Council officers** - Gary Brushaber is elected as President, Fred Dieball as Vice President, Scott Hahn as Secretary, Jeff Truman as Treasurer.

Brady Miller is interested in opportunities for potential volunteering projects to earn his Eagle scout badge.

**Next meeting** – March 13<sup>th</sup> after church. Council officers are Gary Brushaber, President; Fred Dieball, Jr., Vice President, Scott Hahn, Secretary, Jeff Truman, Treasurer. The council meets after worship the second Sunday of the month.

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**Present:** Scott Hahn, Pastor John, Fred Dieball, Dick Ahrens, Kay Jensen, Gary Brushaber **Absent:** Brett Miller, Todd Weber

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor John made several visits. Parade float church model retrieved and repainted for the St. Patrick day parade. Men's breakfast was held in January and February. Pastor John and Cindy have successfully moved into their new home.

**Minutes:** The February 27<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Financial reports:** February financials reviewed and approved.

#### Old Business:

**Parking Lot:** The lot has two areas of disrepair. Hilltop did the repair on top of the lot last year. Table issue until next month for frost to leave the ground and black top season to begin.

**Financial Audit:** The council recommend auditing endowment fund, cemetery fund and the church's bank and cash accounts. Gary will work with Jeff to join the meeting to review the balances.

**Project for Brady Miller:** Table until next meeting

**Solar Panel Project:** Brett has reached out Arch Electric for additional information and to schedule an additional meeting.

**Endowment Expenditures:** The altar committee's banner can be reimbursed directly from the endowment fund.

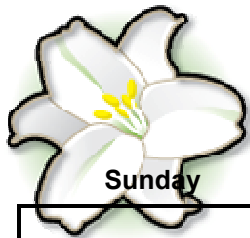
#### News Business:

**Meeting Time:** The council has standardized to meet every second Sunday after service.

**Endowment Committee Appointments:** A motion was made to appoint Sharon Schlafer for one of the positions. One position is still vacant.

**Other Business:** Scott to post list of members' information.

**Next meeting** – April 10<sup>th</sup> after church.



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<b>3</b> 9 AM Sunday School 9:30 Worship Arnold Dieball	4	<b>5</b> Seniors 11:30 Cards 12:30 Bingo	<b>6</b> Lenten Service @ St. Paul's 7 PM	7	<b>8</b> Jessica Hoffmann	<b>9</b> Jack Truman
<b>10</b> 9 AM Sunday School 9:30 Worship Hunter Guetzke	11	12	<b>13</b> No Lenten Service Joe Keckeisen	14	15	16
<b>17 Palms Sunday</b> 9 AM Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 Worship Todd Weber	<b>18</b> Inez Grade	<b>19</b> Chris Mertins Mark & Debbie Gettelman's Anniversary	<b>20</b> Chapel Bells Items Due	<b>21</b> Guild Maundy Thursday Service @ St. John's Merton 7 PM Bryce Johnson	<b>22</b> Earth Day Good Friday Service @ St. Paul's 7 PM Fred Dieball	<b>23</b> Betty Pellmann
<b>24</b> 7 AM Worship Easter Breakfast 9:30 Worship Beverly Schroeder April Truman Joe & Angie Keckeisen's Anniversary	<b>25</b> Mark Harvey	<b>26</b> Fritz Dieball Steve & Alice Manuell's Anniversary Dick & Judy Nell's Anniversary	27	<b>28</b> Steve Manuell	<b>29</b> Jay & Heather Little's Anniversary	<b>30</b> 