



# The Chronicle

United Church of Christ Williams Bay

Sunday Worship at 9:00 am | In-person & live streaming on youtube

July 2022

FRESH WORD from Pastor Marty

## Once upon a timebomb

by Pádraig Ó Tuama  
in *Sorry for Your Troubles*

The stories we've told  
were carefully moulded  
with not-so-lightly chosen  
terminology.  
Words avoided  
and what was told aloud  
was certainly not as loud  
as what was shrouded  
by our mutually unagreed silence  
because violence,  
while it is deep in us,  
is not what sleeps deepest in us.  
And the question is  
can I see my face  
when I face my own history  
from where you've faced it?  
And the question is  
can we create the space that holds us  
and moulds us in our bodies  
so that we embody  
who and what  
we can be  
with one other?

*<sup>46</sup> An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. <sup>47</sup> But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, <sup>48</sup> and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest."*

Luke 9:46–48 (NRSV)

What stories do we tell ourselves about ourselves? Pádraig Ó Tuama's poem deftly questions those stories and the words which we use, spoken and unspoken, to define our lives, the lives of others, and the space we share together.

In our culture, violence is the word that so often captures the story we are telling ourselves. And yet, both the poem and the words of Jesus hint that there are words and stories so much deeper which we can learn to embody.

May we learn together what it means to "welcome" even the least of these among us, the most vulnerable among us. May we learn to embody welcome. *Pastor Marty*

## JULY WORSHIP

July 3	Communion   Luke 10.1-11, 16-20
July 10	Luke 10.25-37
July 17	Luke 10.38-42
July 24	Luke 11.1-13
July 31	Luke 12.13-21

мир на земле  
en la tierra paz  
السلام على الأرض  
friede auf erden  
שלום עלי אדמות  
paix sur la terre  
在地球上的和平  
kev sib haum xeeb  
地球上的平和  
peace on earth  
nyob rau ntiaj teb  
पृथ्वी पर शांति



**ALL TOGETHER**

SUMMER 2022

wondering at the Spirit's wildfire of oneness  
among every kind of people

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | *As of June 24, 2022*

*Gracious God, in your mercy...*



We are grateful for Phalen, Margaret's niece, who graduated from law school; May your comfort and peace surround Margaret and family at the death of her great nephew, David; We are grateful that Betsie has had good visits with Suzie and family, continue to bless Betsie with her cancer treatments; Continue to bless Matt, Sandra's neice's partner, in his recovery from his serious motorcycle accident; Bless all who are traveling this summer, including Roberta and Jim; Give recovery and health to Karla, after heart surgery, (friend of Kathy and Roberta); Continue to give strength and wellness to Woody and Texie with their health problems; May your peace surround us all as we entrust Jerry Rosenberg into your gracious embrace; Bless all those who are graduating from their schools and entering into new adventures in their lives; May we as a culture continue to learn your peaceable wisdom and find ways other than violence to engage with one another; May your peace and restoring justice reign for the people of Ukraine; Give wisdom to all the powers involved in the conflict, may Russia, turn from war, cease its violence and return to the table of peaceable negotiation.

*With gratitude for your care, we pray. Amen.*

Dear Church Family,

## A Message from the Moderator

We as members know what a special place our church is. Over the past month, we have provided our church building and services for three families as they celebrate the lives of recently lost loved ones. On May 24, we celebrated the life of long-time member Joan Sochat; and on June 4 and 18 of Rose Ambrose Traubert and Parker Landin, Jr.

What I found to be notable about these latter two services is that in both cases, the families were not local to the area, and yet our church was an important place in the lives of their loved ones. Even after decades away from the area, Ms. Traubert and Mr. Landin shared memories and appreciations for our church such that their families chose to come together and remember them here. It was very meaningful to be able to fulfill these wishes for the families, and they were extremely grateful.

The Traubert family designated a memorial for the music program. As Music Director, I had discussions with the Traubert family, choir members, the Memorial Committee, and the Finance and Stewardship Committee, which resulted in the purchase of a Yamaha electric keyboard for our church's use. This item will be extremely useful for the church music program. It allows us to change keys for hymns that may be difficult to sing for the congregation, the choir, and soloists. It also allows for use of different instrument settings, such as organ, which you may have heard this past Sunday. I still have a lot to learn about its capabilities, but I'm excited to find out what's possible.

Throughout the Easter season, Pastor Marty introduced the personal Examen practice that is rooted in the work of St. Ignatius. This was in preparation for discussions as to whether our church should consider participating in a two-year program through Marquette University called The Examen(ed) Church. You can read more about the program here:

<https://www.marquette.edu/examen-church/>.

To gain insight into what our congregation is thinking about this opportunity, I encourage you to take a brief (only 3 questions) survey. You can access the survey at this link: <https://forms.gle/VRLCWijgSwMNLy6P7>. There will also be paper copies in church during the month of July. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to ask Pastor Marty or the members of the Shared Ministry committee, which includes Margaret and myself.

As we head into the middle of summer, I am still reminding myself how glorious it is to be back in fellowship with you all after the disruptions we've endured during the ongoing pandemic. In the past months, I feel our gatherings have a pre-pandemic "normal" vibe. In July, we will experiment with restarting coffee hour after worship. Let us never take these times together for granted.

With gratitude, Sara

## **Outreach News**

**Art Fair Water/Soda/Snack Fundraiser** | The Williams Bay Arts Fest is scheduled for the last weekend in July (7/30 and 7/31). As we have in years past, we are selling soda, water and snacks from 10 AM to 3 PM each day. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex at church to volunteer your time to help at the park AND to offer your baked, bagged, and labeled heat resistant cookies and snacks for sale. If you have questions, please contact Jo Dewart.

**Parking Lot Lunch News** | At noon on June 22, we held our second parking lot lunch. It was an incredibly beautiful day, as we shared food and conversation in the dappled shade with church friends and family. Plan to join us at noon on **Wednesday, July 20** for the next Lot Lunch Circle. All you need is a chair and your lunch!

**Food Pantry Donations** | We are seeking donations on an ongoing basis for the Chapel on the Hill Food Pantry in the form of monetary contribution (marked "Food Pantry" in the memo of your check) or food items themselves (a basket will be set in the Narthex for accepting these donations). Please consider providing regular support of this outreach opportunity.

**Crop Hunger Walk News** | Mark your calendars for the 2022 Crop Hunger Walk. We know that this year's walk will be held on **October 9**. Last year the Lake Geneva Area Crop Hunger walk was recognized as being in the top 100 events of the country. Our participation helped make that possible. Please plan on contributing and/or walking to repeat this feat again this year! More details to follow.

## **Spiritual Life**

**Coffee Fellowship is retuning...** back by popular demand, beginning in July! The sign-up sheet for hosts is on the table in the narthex. Hosts are asked to make coffee, set-up the table, clean-up and provide a SIMPLE snack. Could include cookies or pastries or donuts, etc. One snack item is sufficient. Plan for serving around 20 people. Hosts are also responsible for making sure the doors are all secured and locked, windows are closed and the lights and fans are turned off. If no one signs up, there is no fellowship hour.

**Welcome New Members** | On June 19, we welcomed into church membership Sandra Johnson, and Ray and Pam Ring. They have been attending worship with us for a while and have been participating in the outreach and service of the church, but now it

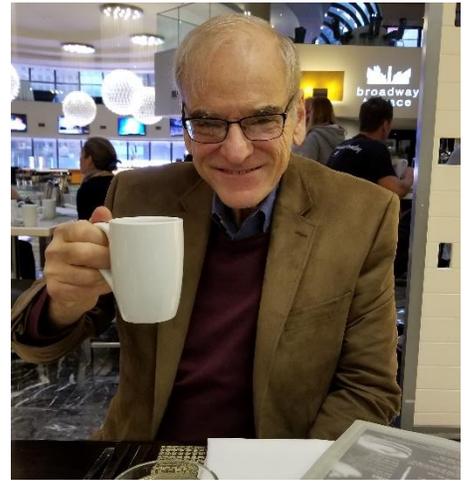
is official! If you weren't able to attend that Sunday, please be sure to greet them next time you see them and welcome them into the fold!



Ray and Pam Ring moved to Lake Geneva from New York City. Ray, a retired FBI agent with International Tax Law, and a playwright and singer, continues to support art and music in the Geneva Lake area, including the Williams Bay Cultural Arts Alliance and the Lake Geneva Symphony. Pam, originally from Michigan, is a mixed-media artist, occasional actress, and who gives

generously to several charitable organizations including Time in Now. Ray and the Pam are the parents of Zippy, and English Setter, and Buddy, a pug.

Sandra is a native of Williams Bay and grew up in the church. She returned to the Bay in 2012 and keeps busy with musical activities, her grandchildren, dog, horse, and cat.



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*Stay tuned for more Afternoons at the Movies in July!*

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*Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary\**

11 - Elliot Johnson

15 - Roberta & Jim Killian\*

19 - Joyce Taplin

26 - Ruth Anne Morava

28 - David Johnson

28 - Daryl & Audry Mathews\*



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*Have a safe and wonderful July!*