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WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Saturdays AT 5;30PM,
Sundays at 9am and 11am,
Sundays on WOC 1420AM

Save the Date

2026 PUNCH
Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner

November 26, 2026 at
First Baptist Church, 1401 N Perry Street
Dine IN or Carry Out
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until food runs out)

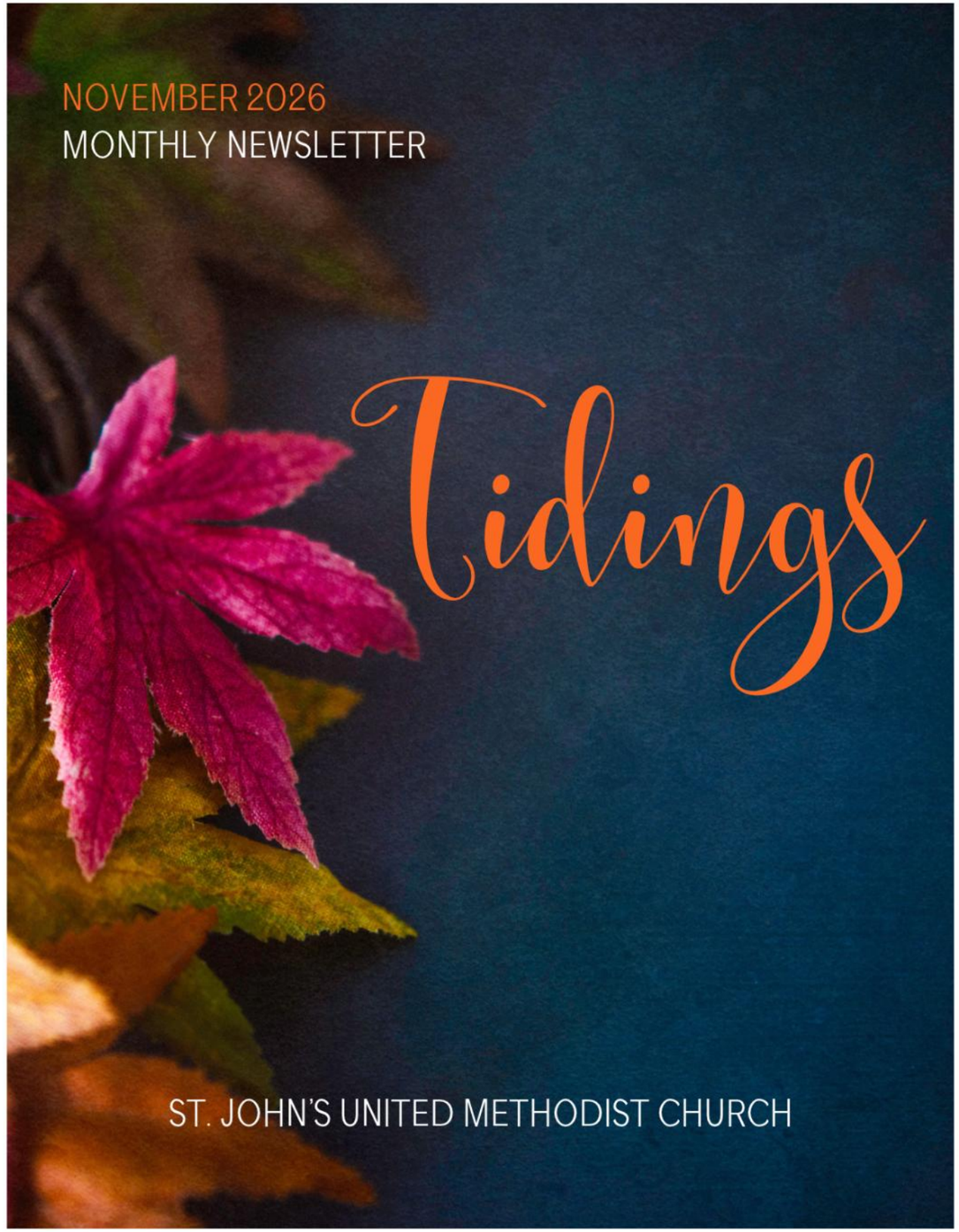
To place carry out ORDERS
Call (563)323-4435 or (563)323-2765
Menu: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Pie or Brownies, Cranberries and a Drink

St. John's Financial Update

The following is a summary of the church's General Fund financial position as of September 31, 2026. The year-to-date cash receipts and disbursements compared to the budget are as follows:

	Actual Year-To-Date	**Budget** Year-To-Date
Cash Receipts	633,226	605,625
Cash Disbursements	596,854	616,758
Receipts in Excess of (Less Than) Disbursements	36,372	(11,133)

Treasurer, Karen Weimer



THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR-NOVEMBER 2026

I've been hearing about Al-Anon (support for family members and friends affected by someone's alcohol abuse), and Ala-teen family support groups in the Quad-City region. I learned some things at the open house for The Center last week...they have 12-step recovery groups meeting as well. Two nights each week those struggling with addictions can find support and accountability. The Peer-to-Peer ministry that is available during the day has several morning groups that are also providing steps towards healing and freedom.

When you make a financial gift to The Center you are providing a financial foundation so that important ministry partners have a location from which to serve the neighborhood and the surrounding community. Check out The Center website if you want to know more about what's happening across the street. (https://www.thecenterdavenport.com/news-and-events)

I love being your pastor,
Pastor Jeff Dadisman

All Saint's Day – Celebrated on the first weekend of November.

The first weekend of November we will celebrate the memory of those who have died in Christ during the past year. A hallmark of our Christian belief is that those who die as followers of Jesus enter their heavenly reward on the other side of death; joining that great "cloud of witnesses" written about in Hebrews 12:1-2.

We hope you can join us for worship on the first weekend of November. Both Sunday services will have a time of remembrance on Nov. 1st. Jesus Country on Saturday night will observe this one week later, on Nov. 7th. The following list of names will be honored in these services. If you have a person you would like to add please contact the church office by October 28, 2026.

The following loved ones will be remembered in worship on November 1 and 7:

Jim Copeland
Lee Dadisman
David Finlay
Susan Grant
Chuck Green
Jim Groenenboom
Pat Guzis
Lori Hambright
Joyce Henkel
Fay Holzworth
Kitty Huber
Paul Jeys
Jay Kremmerer
Lois Kozich
Donna Lapsey
Ken Lawson
Jackie Matthews
Donnie McMillan
Jill McNiel
Dorothy Meggers
Donna Munday
Jacki Porter
Sy Robinson
Moriah & Danielle Rosa
Gary Smith
E.J. Squire
Bob Stanley
John Thomas
Miriam Thor
Joan Tisinger
Dr. Romeo R. Witherspoon

CHURCH UPDATES

United Women In Faith
Fall is finally here! Hoping the leaves will turn before they all fall off. If you didn't get to the UWF luncheon on October 14, it was a really interesting presentation by Empower House. They provides all types of services for individuals with brain injuries. Monthly info-check your calendars for your November meetings. We have many things coming up before Christmas at our church so read your Tidings and become involved. Word to live by for November: In the midst of everything, take time to love and laugh and pray, then life will be worth living each an every day. (Susan Wall) World Thank Offering tip for November. As darkness comes earlier each evening, we use electricity to light our homes. Count the lamps in your house and add 10 cents for each. I know most of you take different medications. What do you do with the plastic bottles when you are through with them? In an effort to help keep them from going to the trash please consider donating them at church and they will be taken to various vets for use for the animals. Please take them to the welcome area and place them in the basket provided. Thank you- Linda Jantz **Note: Save the date of the Fall Meal fundraiser on November 21st and 22. Order forms will be in the bulletins starting October 31st.**

Food Pantry
Can't believe the year is soon coming to an end. Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it. Food items collected for October was 266. Monetary donations for September were $385, with a year to date total of $3920. We are gearing up for the reverse offering in November and passing out slips with item to purchase. Please bring the items back by November 17th. Our goal is 1,600 items. - Sharon Imming (More info about the reverse offering on the mission page)

Friendly Thrift Center
Needs for this month include: warm coats (all types), men's jeans, gym bags and backpacks (these help for voucher recipients). Have you checked out their Facebook page? They have many deals on a regular basis and all funds help keep the store operating and helping the community. -Mission Committee

Children & Family Christmas Bazaar
There are 35 days til....the Children and Family Christmas Bazaar. We really appreciate all your donations; we still need things for men, teens, and tweens. They are being accepted in the office daily. Our work days will be Wednesday thru Friday (December 2-4) as needed for set up and then the actual day of the Bazaar. Calling all helpers for children shopping, wrappers, checkers when the buyers check out. We will be visiting services and Sunday school classes for volunteers. For those of you who donate cookies, you are the best!! Please check your calendars if you can give us some of your valuable time. The smiles we see the day of the Bazaar is a wonderful start to the holiday season. Questions? call Jamie Krueger (563) 349-4067. **Save the date: December 5, 2026 from 10am-2pm.**

Staff Update
Our office manager and communications director, Jenny Eckhardt, will be ending her employment with us in the coming weeks. We will miss her creativity for all the publications, videos and visuals. She has worked all summer with our Website design team and we will see the results of that endeavor soon. Jenny has done an awesome job and we appreciate all she has done for St. John's! SPPRC is planning for the transition as a new person is hired for the position. Jenny will be supporting the office and helping to train the new person when they begin. - Pastor Jeff Dadisman

MUSIC MINISTRY

The music department is preparing for upcoming special events: November 1st there will be a community hymn-sing at Asbury and some of our bell players plus other instrumentalists from St. John's will be there to play on the hymns. John Pfautz does a wonderful job putting these together and getting instrumentalists from several churches to play with each hymn.

The Chancel Choir will have a Saturday morning rehearsal on November 21 from 9-10 am to prepare for the Advent/Christmas Cantata. First Baptist Choir will join us this year, along with several professional instrumentalists from the area. Please mark your calendars as we are presenting. "Tapestry of Light" (a Celtic Christmas) by Joseph Martin on December 6 @ 4:00 pm.

Regular rehearsals continue on Thursday evenings with Bells at 5:40-6:40 pm and Choir is meeting 6:45-8:00 pm. We would love to have you join us. Sunday School music for the younger students happens from 10:15-10:30 am each Sunday morning. IF you would ever like to share your music (those camp songs you learned as a child) they would love it!

Our Brass + group will play during the Advent/Christmas season. Let me know if you would be interested in playing with them during the holiday season. Thank you for supporting this music program! - Mitzi Harris

Questions? mitzijoh5674@gmail.com

Notice from the St. John's Foundation

The St. John's Foundation was established to provide an opportunity for people to make permanent contributions to the financial support of our church. The Foundation receives gifts through insurance, wills, and other forms, which are then invested to provide income which will be available for funding special projects for St. John's Church and The Center.

The income is not to be utilized for the current operating budget. Instead, the income is to be utilized for building improvements, the purchase of equipment, one-time projects, or seed money to initiate new programs and extend fellowship and outreach.

We invite your committee or you as an individual to submit your request for ways in which these funds may be utilized, while meeting the funding requirements noted above. You may do so by returning the Grant Request Form (s) to the church office and placing them in Pastor Jeff's mailbox in the copy room office by **Friday December 18th, 2026** or emailing them to the church office. *Our annual meeting to award grants will be held on January 26th, 2027.*

To allow the directors of the Foundation to have adequate information to determine the merits of your suggested project, use only the Grant Application form for your grant request, this form can be found in the office at St. John's. While attaching any additional information beneficial to explain the project or request. The more detail that is provided, the greater benefit and more helpful it will be to explain the request for the board members to review. At the discretion of the Foundation Board of Directors you may be requested to provide additional information through phone calls, emails, or in person. If you have any questions, please contact me, or any of the Foundation Directors.

-Molly Giese, Chairperson

SPARK

Be the change and pass it on!

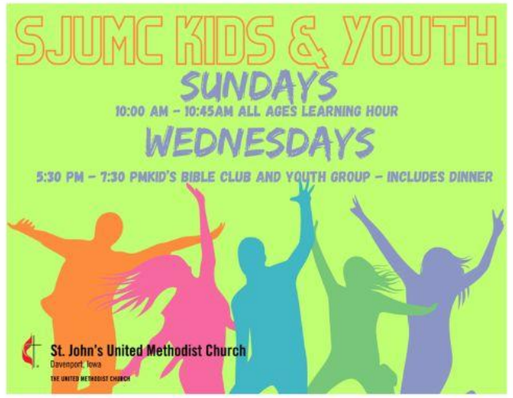
St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs November 2026

Thanksgiving & Christmas are coming...
Here are the special activities for our Children and Youth.

November 29... No Sunday School (Happy Thanksgiving)
December 5th... Christmas Bazaar @ 10am-2pm
December 6th... Christmas Cantata @ 4pm
December 9th... Family Caroling @ 5:30pm
December 13th... Kid's Special Music @ 9am Worship (with distribution of nativity pieces)
December 16th... Family Dinner@ 5:30pm
December 24th... Christmas Eve Worship @ 1pm, 7pm, & 11pm
December 27th... No Sunday School (Merry Christmas)
December 23rd—January 6th... *Children and Youth Programs on Break*

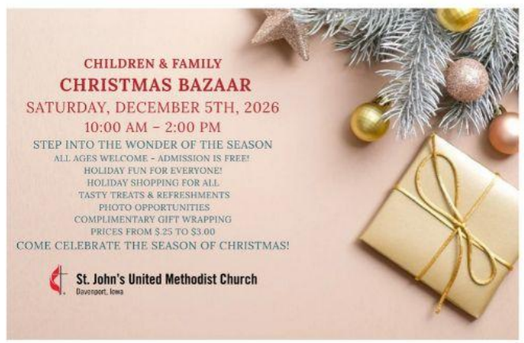
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

For questions about details or ways to get involved in our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, Contact Megan Keller
Director of Christian Education and Youth Programs
megank@stjohnsumcdav.org



Come join the fun! Trick or Treating made safe and convenient for families.

Children's Choir for Christmas - Rehearsals Sundays @ 10:15am with Special Music Opportunities in December



November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COMMUNION Reverse Offering for Thanksgiving items 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	**2**	**3** 1:00pm Club of '89	**4** 9:00am Bob's Bible Study 5:30pm Kids Club & Youth Group 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	**5** 5:45pm Bell choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	**6**	**7** COMMUNION Reverse Offering Thanksgiving items 4:30pm Girl Scout Meetings 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
8 Reverse Offering Thanksgiving items 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship 2:00pm Cafe on Vine Prep	**9** 7:00pm SPPRC	**10** 6:30am Davenport Horticulture Board 10:45am History Committee	**11** 9:00am Bob's Bible Study 10:00am UWF Board Meeting 5:30pm Kids Club & Youth Group 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	**12** 5:45pm Bell choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	**13** Tidings deadline	**14** 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
15 Food Pantry 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	**16** 5:00pm Trustee Meeting 6:30pm Steering Committee 7:30pm Church Council Meeting	**17** 1:30pm Deborah Circle 6:30pm Dorcas Circle	**18** 9:00am Bob's Bible Study 12:00pm Priscilla Circle 5:30pm Kids Club & Youth Group 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	**19** 8:30am Tidings Mailed 5:45pm Bell choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	**20**	**21** Special Offering UM Student Day Scholarships UWF Meal 6:30pm 4:30pm Girl Scout Meetings 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
22 Special Offering - UM Student Day Scholarships 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 10:15am UWF Meal 11:00am Contemporary Worship	**23**	**24** 11:00am Advent Decorating 2:00pm Joanna Circle	**25** 9:00am Bob's Bible Study	**26** 11:00am Thanksgiving Dinner @ First Baptist	**27** OFFICE CLOSED	**28** 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
29 First Sunday of Advent 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	**30**					

MISSION REPORT- NOVEMBER 2026

Mission Offering Report
World Communion Sunday: $135
CROP walk donations: $2,403
The Center donations for AC repair: $5,725
Thank you for your support!

Upcoming Mission Offerings
Thanksgiving Reverse offering (November 1 and 7-8)
The mission team will be handing out suggestions at the end of worship with items needed by the Food Pantry. Please return your food items before Thanksgiving so that we can supply those who come with fixin's for their holiday meals.

United Methodist Student Day scholarships (November 21-22)
This offering helps provide for over 70 scholarships available to United Methodist students to further their education and enrich the life of the Church. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Upcoming Mission Events & Opportunities
Paul & Lucy Beatty to share in worship (November 7-8)
They will be our Moment for Missions at Jesus Country and Sunday morning

Danille Curtis to share in worship (November 21-22)
She is the Iowa Director for Midwest Mission where our adult mission team served last August. She will be sharing in the Moment for Missions at all services.

Thanksgiving Dinner @ 1st Baptist Church (Thursday, November 26)
Don't eat alone on the holiday, consider attending this free dinner with neighbors! Monetary donations are welcome to help with the purchase of food items we will be donating from the church for the meal preparation. Mark in the memo of your check: "Punch Thanksgiving dinner".

Café on Vine
St. John's volunteers prepare this meal each month on the 2nd Sunday afternoon from 2:00-3:30pm. If you wish to volunteer, you can tell us you're coming by using the link on our church website. October serving team: Jerry Hess, Jan Johnson, Mike Thomas, Susan Hess, Scott Johnson (pictured right)