

St. John's United Methodist Church

Monthly Newsletter

Tidings

AUGUST 2021

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

7/18 (Matthew 5:1-12) A Lifestyle to Challenge the World

7/25 (Matthew 5:13-16) You Are the Salt and the Light

8/1 (Matt. 7:24-29) Building a House on the Sand

8/8 (Matt. 6:5-13) Don't Parade Your Faith Before Others

8/15 (Matt. 7:7-12) Ask, Seek, Knock...Golden Rule

8/22 (Matt. 7:13-14) Finding the Narrow Gate

8/29 (Matt. 5:38-42, 6:5-13) An Eye For an Eye

THE SERMON == *on the* == MOUNT



A word from Pastor Jeff:

Where would you go to find the best teachings of Jesus? His first sermon.

If you wanted to summarize the message of Jesus in a short, concise manner, the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5-6-7 would be a good place to start. This is the first sermon he gave in front of a full crowd of listeners; all eager to hear from the newest voice in town. Jesus did not disappoint. Jesus confronted the culture of his day with a challenge of faith that was different from the other religious leaders. It was noted in all the gospels, "He teaches as one

with authority!" Jesus turned many commonly accepted beliefs up-side-down in his first sermon. "You have heard it said...but I say..."

Jesus confronted a culture dominated by the Romans. The might of Rome was not to be taken lightly. With the Roman army occupation came a world view that declared, "there is no god but Caesar." The sermon on the mount challenged the Emperor for trying to live as god in the flesh. The Bible introduces Jesus as the one who truly represents God on earth, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God...and then the Word became flesh." John's gospel declares Jesus as the real "God in the flesh." (John 1:1-14)

The Roman Empire world view put forth a very secular system of living in the world. Not so different from our day. Jesus' challenge to the Roman Empire confronts the same world view that exists in our culture today. A secular mindset that lives as if there is no God, no Creator over all the world, and certainly no One to whom we must defer in living our lives. The secular world view encourages us to live for self, to live for today, to live for the pursuit of material things. In that way, the Sermon on the Mount still confronts and challenges our culture. We are surrounded by a system that denies the goodness of God or the need to make time for Jesus in our daily schedule.

I invite you to worship in the coming weeks. There is space in our worship area to join us safely. Pastor Jae and I will be digging deeper into the first sermon of Jesus to unpack some of His message and apply it to our lives today. Jesus didn't shy away from hard topics. Take a moment and read the chapters of Matthew 5-6-7. Spoiler alert: It's really good.



Congratulations on your ordination, Pastor Jae! We will celebrate with a reception in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 25 at 2PM.

Sunday School Start-Up in our Remodeled Space!

It has been a journey this summer as we have gotten quite familiar with our learning spaces. Through decluttering, cleaning, painting, and remodeling, we have managed to "rebuild" our Kid's and Youth areas as we prepare to welcome our families back. It has been both a joy and a challenge but overall it has been a huge blessing as I witnessed many people of all ages working together with such eager willingness for our current and future families. The Kid's and Youth area remodel began June 2 with phase 1 of cleaning and decluttering. Although this was not a favorite activity, it desperately needed done. Phase 2 began June 10 with painting and building and continued through July 25. Phase 3, 4, & 5 took most of July and may continue into August some as we "build" our programs back up and then some...in all senses of the word. A BIG THANKS to all who have spent their time and energy in the countless hours of work this remodel has taken and a special thank you to Walt Holcomb and his family that funded this project and made any of this possible. Walt had a heart for the kids and youth and we pray this remodeled space reflects that, giving the kids and youth a safe, fun, and inviting place to be. It has been a rocky season but let's come back stronger than ever!

Sunday School Start-Up is August 1 for our kids and youth, during our learning hour, 10am-10:45am. Adult Sunday School will resume after Labor Day.

After a long time away, I am so looking forward to celebrating this new season in our new spaces. Please keep your ears and eyes open as we plan to schedule a date to commission the remodeled spaces with a prayer walk and tour in the coming weeks.

Many Blessings,

Miss Megan Keller, *Director of Christian Education and Youth Programs.*



Welcoming Back Kid's Bible Club...

It has been a long 18 months away but I am happy to announce, we are coming back! Look for us starting on **September 8, 4:30pm-5:30pm finishing with the family meal at 5:30pm...** as long as everything goes as planned and it is safe for all to return. Kid's Bible Club is for Kindergarten-5th grade with the bridge program to "The Edge Youth Group" starting in 5th grade. This means there may be some opportunities for our 5th graders to join with the youth group but the small group discussions will take place age appropriately. We can't wait to reconnect with everyone!

St. John's UMC Youth Group

Back to School means back to regular youth group but we have shaken some things up. Come find out what's new and what's good :).



"The Edge" Youth Group meets **Wednesdays** from **5:30pm-7:30pm**. This time includes a meal, large group activity, message, and small group discussions.

Family Night at the Ball Park!

63 of St. John's family attended the River Bandits game on July 20, and the River Bandits won the night 7-3!



Family Game Night: Back to School Bingo

Where: St. John's Fellowship Hall

When: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Let's have a family game night with a purpose. Kids love bingo and we love families so let's all get together and play bingo and win some school supplies. This night will also include a "Backpack Blessing" as we prepare to send our kids back to school.



The Center is a group of ministries seeking Christ-centered actions to alleviate the pain of the oppressed and marginalized.
<http://www.thecenter-davenport.com/>



Quad Cities Minority Expo Inc. presents

3rd Annual Save Our Streets

"Collective Unity to Change Communities"

Saturday, August 21, 12-3PM

@The Center

1411 Brady Street, Davenport

Speakers, Food, Fun and more!

**Back-to-School supplies give-away
presented by P.U.N.C.H. Davenport**

For more information, contact us at

(563) 723-1825 or email at

info@redeemedvoiceschurch.org

info@qcminorityexpo.org

YARD SALE @ THE CENTER

Proceeds will support the programs at The Center

**YARD
SALE**
August 5-7

We are seeking volunteers and ITEMS for sale

Will be accepting ALL items, big and small (drop off only) beginning August 1-2 by appointment only; August 3 (noon to 4) and August 4 (9-3).

Volunteers are needed, by the hour or by the day, to set up on August 4 and take down August 7-8.

To drop off items or Volunteer PLEASE call or text:

Lynn Johnson – 563-650-2510

Pennie Kellenberger – 563-370-7869



Send your resume directly to
Pennie Kellenberger,
liv4jezus77@yahoo.com

THE CENTER IS HIRING!

We are seeking to fill three part-time positions:

- **Office Manager**
- **SkateChurch Minister**
- **Maintenance Supervisor**

Two or more of these positions could be combined into a full-time position for a qualified individual.



Mission Offering June 2021

Peace with Justice: \$145; Women at the Well : \$520

Thanks for your generous offering for God's ministry

Mission offerings for August

August 7, 8: Self- Help International (www.selfhelpinternational.org/)



Self-Help works to alleviate hunger by assisting the rural poor, small-scale farmers and related enterprises in developing countries. We help them become self-reliant in meeting the needs of families and communities through training, education, leadership development, and other forms of assistance.

Self-Help is not a relief organization — our focus is on development and sustainability to improve the quality of life with dignity.

Headquartered in Iowa, Self-Help is currently operating sustainable development programs in Ghana, West Africa, and Nicaragua, Central America. Given our current resources, our objective is to expand our services to new communities within those two countries before expanding into other countries in need.

Gifts of all sizes make a difference...

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\$1,000: Feeds an entire class a healthy daily breakfast for a semester

\$1,500: Sponsors clean water for an entire community in rural Nicaragua

August 21, 22 : Jason Otten Teach Beyond

This is your chance to support Jason's work with TeachBeyond. He needs on-going donations to keep his mission work funded. Please give generously. TeachBeyond's primary emphases are on educational initiatives such as schools, English language camps, teacher education, professional seminars, and much more. Currently, TeachBeyond owns or operates 16 schools and programs and additionally has sent more than 600 educators to work in more than 30 other educational institutions, serving populations pre-kindergarten through graduate school, in formal and informal settings. TeachBeyond uses the medium of education to engage with the needs of the world—physical, relational, and spiritual. (<https://teachbeyond.org>)

We need volunteers to support these programs for the community:

Café on Vine – Though the number of meals being served is closer to 100 than 200, and we are no longer sending meals to hotels, we have only one volunteer from outside of the church. More volunteers are needed for cooking and serving. Please visit St. John's website to sign up to volunteer. (www.stjohnsumcdav.org/cafe-on-vine) If you would like to help, you can also contact Pastor Jae in the church office. (563) 324-5278.

Churches United Meal at Zion Lutheran Church will resume next month – We need one person to represent St. John's in this program, once every two months (six times per year). For now, due to the COVID-19, all meals need to be prepackaged in to-go containers. If you are interested in volunteering as St. John's representative for this meal, please get in touch with Pastor Jae. (563) 324-5278.

The Thrift Store Needs You! The Friendly Thrift Center, located at The Center, is in desperate need of VOLUNTEERS. It is currently open Wednesday through Saturday, 9 am to noon. However, they are waiting for your help. If you'd like to support them, please contact Julie Moran (563) 210-3472.



August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COMMUNION 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)	2 6:30pm Missions (Wesley Room)	3	4 5:30pm The Edge (Youth Group) (The Wheel)	5	6	7 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
Yard Sale @ The Center						
8 Self Help International Offering 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 1:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation (Kitchen - Fellowship Hall)	9 6:00pm The Center Ministry Meeting (The Center) 7:00pm SPPRC (Conference Room)	10 10:45am History Committee (Parish House - History Room) 6:30pm Davenport Horticultural Society (Conference Room)	11 10:00am UMW Board (Parlor) 5:30pm The Edge (Youth Group) (The Wheel)	12 Children's Bazaar Workshop (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen - Fellowship Hall)	13 8:00am Children's Bazaar Workshop (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen - Fellowship Hall)	14 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
Pastor Jae on Vacation (August 9-15)						
15 Food Pantry Sunday 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)	16 5:00pm Trustees (Wesley Room) 6:30pm Steering Committee (Conference Room) 7:30pm Church Council (Parlor)	17 5:30pm The Center Board meeting (The Center) 6:30pm Back-to-School Bingo (Fellowship Hall)	18 5:30pm The Edge (Youth Group) (The Wheel)	19 1:00pm PUNCH (Fellowship Hall)	20 Tidings Deadline	21 12:00pm Save Our Streets (The Center) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
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Music Ministry

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

August! Thank you to soloists and small groups who are practicing extra this summer to share in worship.

Autumn is coming!

Choir and Bells will begin regular Thursday rehearsals in September. We will also be starting a youth bell group on Thursdays from 5-5:30. If you know someone who might be interested, please let me know!

God Bless,
Mitzi

On August 12 and 13, United Methodist Women will be organizing all of the donations for the Children's Bazaar in Fellowship Hall. Since we were unable to hold the Bazaar last December, we are excited to have it this year, but we have two years' accumulation of donations that needs sorted, priced and put away. We are in dire need of extra help. Anyone in our congregation who has a few hours on either one of these days, we would love to have you come and help us. You just need to show up.

We wrote a grant request to conference United Methodist Women to help us support our Purse Ministry, the domestic violence shelter and the pregnancy crises center, and we're delighted to report that we've received the grant. If you have some gently used large purses you no longer need, please bring them to church. This past June, we filled 20 purses which have been given to the Street Team and distributed to women in need. We would like to do much more in the coming year, with your help. Thanks for your consideration.

You can give without love, but you can't love without giving.

Amy Carmichael

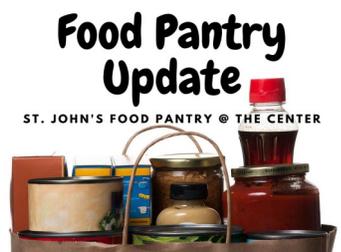


Hard to believe 2021 is half over. Time flies when we are having fun! During the first six months of 2021, we've collected 6,505 items for the Food Pantry, and 1,870 items for The Center.

Remember: Food Pantry Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of each month. Bring your items anytime during the month and put in the plastic containers located at both doors.

Items wanted: snacks for the kids, corn muffin mix, mac & cheese, and jelly. The Center always needs bottled water. Monetary donations are appreciated; notate on your check for the Food Pantry.

Thank you for the support you give to the Food Pantry and The Center!



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BUILDING POLICY UPDATE
(May 20, 2021)

**If you are worshipping in person,
or visiting the church office,
masks are not required if you are
vaccinated.**

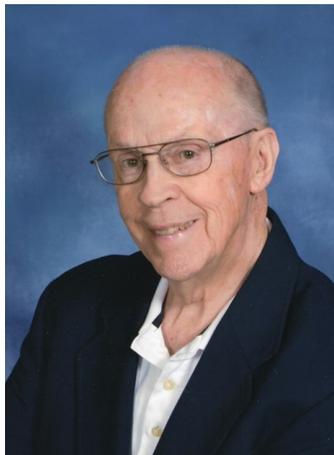
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

5:30PM Saturday Jesus Country in Fellowship Hall

9:00AM Sunday on WOC 1420 AM radio (previous week's sermon)

9:00AM Sunday Classic Worship in the Sanctuary
(simulcast online on Facebook, YouTube, website)

11:00 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary
(simulcast online on Facebook, YouTube, website)



A CELEBRATION of LIFE Event will be held on **Friday, September 3**, honoring **Marlin A. Cook**, an active member of St. John's UMC for 63 years.

Visitation: 9:15-10:15AM in the Parlor
Service: 10:30-11:30AM in the Sanctuary

The service will be simulcast on our website, YouTube channel, and Facebook:
www.stjohnsumcdav.org

The Cook family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to the church family at St. John's for their love and support of our family over many years.

Backpack Drive in support of Save Our Streets QC

P.U.N.C.H. will be giving away school supplies at the 3rd annual Save Our Streets, Saturday August 21, 12-3PM



Now through August 15, we invite St. John's to donate backpacks/book bags and supplies for elementary students in our community returning to school this fall. **BASIC SUPPLY LIST (All grades):**

- Gender-neutral backpack or book bag with handles
- Box of 24 Crayola crayons
- Bottle of Elmer's glue
- #2 pencils
- Large pink eraser
- Hard plastic pencil box

These are the basic supplies for all grades. A list of additional items is available on our website.

HIT US WITH YOUR BEST SHOT!

As you hit the road for your summer adventures, take a moment to snap a selfie with a landmark or road sign to show us where you've been! We'll use these photos in an upcoming sermon theme.



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