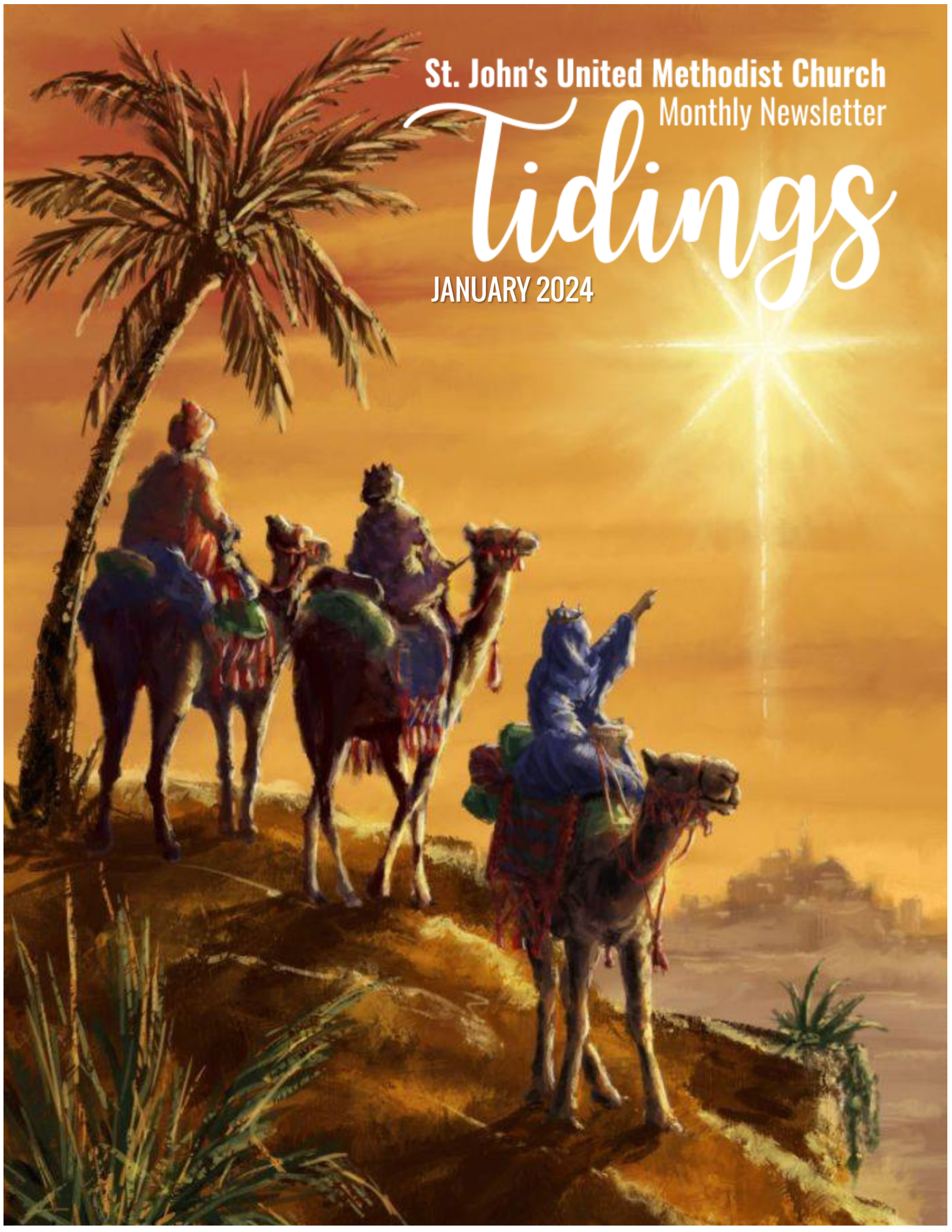


St. John's United Methodist Church  
Monthly Newsletter

# Tidings

JANUARY 2024







Some of our choir and youth group enjoyed caroling at Ridgecrest and The Fountains before Christmas. (Photo @ The Fountains)

**December 23**

Jesus Country (5:30PM)

**December 24**

Morning worship

Classic Worship (9AM)

Contemporary (11AM)

## New Year's Eve Worship

**Saturday:** Jesus Country (5:30PM)

**Sunday:** Service of scripture  
readings & carols (9AM)

Contemporary Worship (11AM)



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## Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services

**7:00 PM Contemporary service**  
(in-person and livestreamed)

**11:00 PM Traditional service**  
(in-person only)





Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

JANUARY 20 24



December was full of wonderful church traditions that brought Joy, Peace, Hope, and Love to our family and friends of St. John's UMC. Thank you to all who helped in various ways—you are so very appreciated!

## Come Join Us!

2023-24 Learning Hour (Sundays @ 10am) and Midweek programs for our Kids, Youth, and Families (4:30 Kids Club, 5:30 Dinner, 6:00 Youth). We would love your presence.

If you have wondered about ways to get involved or even how to be a part of all the fun that is happening, "wander" no more!

***We will resume programming the week of January 7, after our long winter's "nap."***

## Blessings in the New Year!

Megan Keller, Director of Christian Education and Youth Programs.  
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## Winter Weather Policy

**Please note we follow the Davenport Schools weather closure decisions.**

If there is to be a program or meeting and the schools are closed due to weather, we also have to cancel.

We will send a text or phone call communication but if you see that the schools are closed, we most likely are too.

Feel free to call or text if you are unsure, and as always please use your own discretion if it is safe to travel... your safety comes first!



# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>2</b> 1:00pm Club of 89	<b>3</b> 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team rehearsal	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Communion Kids Against Hunger - special offering 5:30pm Jesus Country
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<b>14</b> 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship 2:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation	<b>15</b> 8:00am Blessing Box	<b>16</b> 2:00pm Deborah Circle 6:00pm Dorcas Circle	<b>17</b> 12:00am Priscilla Circle 9:00am Men's Bible study 4:30pm Kids Club 5:30pm Family Meal 5:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study 6:30pm Praise Team rehearsal	<b>18</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	<b>19</b> Tidings deadline	<b>20</b> Human Relations Day - Special offering 5:30pm Jesus Country
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## Mission Offering Report (November 2023)

UMCOR \$300 | PUNCH \$375. Thank you for your generous support.

### Upcoming offering in January 2024

**January 6-7** Kids Against Hunger. Our goal is \$1,600 this year; \$10 covers four meals

**January 20-21** Christian Unity/Human Relations Day

**Winter Kits:** Don Buser and our Change the World Team will be collecting items for winter kits through mid-January. There is a box by the elevator for donations. Distribution will occur in February.

Winter kit Items: hand/foot warmers, cough drops, small hand lotions/cream, gallon-size Ziploc bags, hand sanitizer, masks, hats, ear muffs, gloves, scarves, socks, bus tokens, and lip balm..

**Café on Vine** We had a break for December since there was a big group covering our Sunday. We still need volunteers who can help for each month of 2024. It only takes one and a half hours to prepare all the things. It is every second Sunday of the month at 2 PM. If you are interested in doing it, please get in touch with Jan Johnson ([hawkeyejan@mchsi.com](mailto:hawkeyejan@mchsi.com)) or call the Church office.

**Friendly Thrift Center Current Needs:** Men's clothes (casual clothing, not suits), winter coats, towels and washcloths, and blankets.

### Thanks to St. John's Mission Team!



Throughout 2023, the Mission Team did many things to serve our neighbor in actions: Change the World Sunday, Café on Vine, Food Pantry, Thrift Store, Crop Walk, Mission Ingathering, etc. As a Pastor, I am thankful for these faithful servants of the Lord.

Thank you, Don & Michelle Buser, Sharon Imming, Pat & Melanie Mahoney, Kaite Manley-Buser, and Scott & Jan Johnson.

I hope all of you continually serve the Lord and the people around us in the love of Christ.

May God Bless you and keep you in Love and Peace in this Season of Advent and Christmas. If anyone is willing to serve on the Mission Team, please get in touch with Rev. Jae. Blessings!

Got  
Issues?

Try  
Prayer

### January sermon series: Got Issues? Try Prayer!

All God's children have issues with other people. The New Year is a chance to try a new approach.

**January 7** Sibling rivalry? Try Prayer!

**January 14** Got Issues? Try Prayer!

**January 21** Control Issues? Try Prayer!

**January 28** Got Problems? Try Prayer!

# Christmas Offering

Any donation in the Christmas Envelope this month will be divided between the following 2 mission projects. I hope you will find deep meaning in your Christmas giving this season.



## Housing Assistance (Local)

The Center receives multiple requests for financial assistance each day. Families, couples, elderly folks, individuals; the requests come from people who are in their own home but experiencing financial stress. Your gifts will allow Pennie Kellenberger to help people stay in their present housing and thus avoid adding to the number of homeless in our city.



**Clean Water - Kenya (Fishers of Men, Africa)** Lack of clean drinking water is one of the greatest causes of poverty. In Kenya, women and children walk an average of four to six hours per day to collect water. This is precious time that could be spent on education or other pursuits. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee the water source is clean or free of cholera, dysentery, typhoid or parasites. Clean water changes everything; improving health, giving hope and empowering communities. Let's give to dig a new well next year!

## BLESSING BOX DRIVE

**Monday, January 15, 2024**

KWQC TV 6

805 Brady Street | Davenport, Iowa

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

(We will also offer a donation box at the church through January 15)

## "A Box Full of Blessings"

Be a blessing to others by donating

## ITEMS NEEDED

### Cleaning Products

Laundry detergent  
Fabric softener  
Bathroom cleaners  
Household cleaners  
Paper towels  
Toilet bowl brush/caddy  
Hand sanitizers  
Glass cleaner

### Personal Products

Toothpaste/toothbrushes  
Mouthwash  
Deodorant  
Soap/Body wash  
Lotion/Vaseline  
Feminine hygiene items  
Bathroom tissue, Kleenex  
Socks, gloves, hats

**Monetary Donations also welcomed**

Sponsored by  
People Uniting  
Neighbors and  
Churches (PUNCH)  
and Friends of  
Martin Luther King  
(FoMLK)





# Music Ministry

🎵 🎵 🎵 January brings Tidings for a GREAT NEW YEAR! Thank you all for your support this past December. It warmed our hearts to see you here for our special offerings.

Now that January is here we have new offerings! We begin with Sue Day playing a special Handbell solo on January 7 to celebrate Epiphany and the coming of the Three Kings.

Rehearsals for Handbells and Choir will begin January 11! We would love to have you join wherever and whenever you are ready. Handbell rehearsals are at 5:45 each Thursday (see Mitzi) and Choir rehearsals are at 7:00 each Thursday (See anyone in choir or just show up!!!)

You may notice that we have some youth beginning to join both groups. If you know a school musician that would like to play or share their talent in church, please invite them.

We look forward to seeing you this season.

God Bless,

*Mitzi Harris*



*New members Matt Lope and Annie Thirtyacre joined the St. John's family on November 26!*

## St. John's Foundation Birthday Gifts

The St. John's Foundation wishes to thank the following for their contributions to the Foundation Birthday Fund:

Don Fisher, Alison Henry, Christine Ittenbach, Linda Jantz, Doug & Sandy Koester, and George & Martha White.



We want to take a moment to thank all the volunteers who helped make the Children's Bazaar such a success. My grands had a wonderful time and were all about "my Elf said this and that". Special thanks go to Megan, Brenda, Dawn, Veronika, Anna and her sorority sisters, and the youth group for helping with the kids shopping. The volunteers from the United Women in Faith were invaluable. They sure knew the ins and outs for making the set up seamless. We had great leadership and support from our group consisting of Barb, Dawn, Veronika, Brenda, Brittnee, Becky, and Glenda.

Happy New Year and watch for Information for Children's Bazaar 2024

*Jamie Kreuger and Marti Puls*



Monetary donations for October were \$2,425, and for November were \$965. Thanksgiving reverse offering was 558 food items. We were down on food but up on money donations from a year ago. I want to thank everyone who donated food or money.

## Food Pantry Update

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY @ THE CENTER



by Sharon Imming and the Mission Team

The Canned Food Christmas Tree is up and donations of canned goods are coming in. This display is located at the Perry Street entrance and will be up through December. Bring a can good and add to our display. Special thanks to Pastor Jae and Melanie Mahoney for putting it together.

Happy and Blessed New Year!

## ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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9AM-2PM, M-F

### Appointments are encouraged

*After 2PM by appointment only*

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**5:30PM Saturday** Jesus Country in Fellowship Hall

**9:00AM Sunday** on WOC 1420 AM radio

(previous week's Classic Worship sermon)

**9:00AM Sunday** Classic Worship in the Sanctuary

(simulcast online on our YouTube channel)

**11:00 AM Sunday** Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

(simulcast online on our YouTube channel)

## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

**Our office will be closed:**

**Monday and Tuesday**

**December 25-26**

**Monday**

**January 1**



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## Financial Update

by Karen Weimer, Treasurer



## REMINDER

End of year donations need to be in the office by **Friday, December 29** to be recorded as 2023 gifts.

The following is a summary of the church's financial position as of November 30, 2023. The year-to-date cash receipts and disbursements compared to the budget are as follows:

	Actual	Budget
	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Cash Receipts	701,736	727,700
Cash Disbursements	<u>679,481</u>	<u>725,602</u>
Receipts in Excess of Disbursements	<u>22,255</u>	<u>2,098</u>

As of December 14, our 2024 estimate of giving campaign has received 126 pledge cards compared to 130 last year. At this point in time the budget deficit is about \$13,000. We are waiting on a couple of pieces of information, such as employee medical insurance, to finalize the budget. An update will be provided when the budget is finalized. We want to thank all of you who have made pledges of offerings toward the 2024 budget.