

St. John's United Methodist Church
Monthly Newsletter

Tidings

JULY 2021



Climb aboard

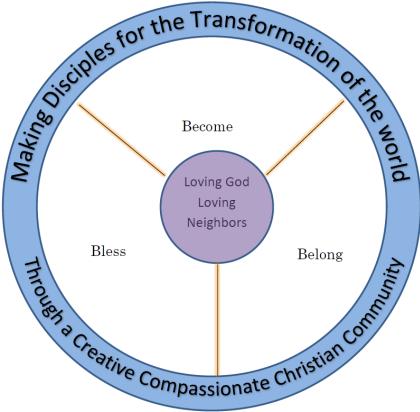
for mountains of fun at
Rocky Railway VBS!

Where: St. John's Lawn

When: Sun. July 25–
Thurs. July 29

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Register now!



A word from Pastor Jeff:

What is a “Discipleship PATHWAY” and why would we need that?

St. John's Church already has a mission statement so why do we need something else? Good question. For several years our guiding purpose statement has been: "Making disciples for the transformation of the world by being a creative compassionate Christian community." This mission statement is based on the charge Jesus gave to his disciples just before he ascended to heaven in Matthew 28:18-20. "Go into all the world making disciples of all nations, baptizing them...and teaching them..."

We do have a mission statement, but how are we carrying that out? What steps do we have for a new person (or a long-term member) to be encouraged to keep growing in their Christian faith? This summer there will be discussion among church leaders as to the strategy for fulfilling our mission. I hope to invite the congregation into this conversation on how to keep growing our faith. God calls everyone to be an active disciple, a growing follower of Jesus, a learner on the path to spiritual maturity.

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The graphic above is a picture of what this PATHWAY involves: Becoming, Belonging, Blessing

I challenge each person reading this to consider taking a new step that will put your faith into action this summer at some level as we seek to love God and love our neighbors.

This summer we are planning some "connection events" to invite people back into fellowship. We have been separated by more than just the 6 feet limitations during the pandemic. This is the time to put fellowship back on your calendar and join us for a gathering. I started with an evening cookout for the Chancel Choir at the parsonage in June. I will be having other small groups gather in some fashion this month. We have a church night to watch a River Bandits baseball game on Tuesday night, July 20 @ 6:00pm. We will be asking for your response in the coming weeks.

Rev. Jeff Dadisman

COVID-19 Policy Updates

On June 21, Church Council adjusted our Sanctuary limitations for Social Distancing by deciding to remove the ropes from half of the rows of seating. The 9:00 worship time has been having enough people return that seating options needed to be adjusted. The middle 2 sections of pews will no longer have ropes restricting every other row. The wings under the balcony on both sides will remain roped off for seating every other row. If you want to have more space between you and others in worship, please use one of the side sections (where the ropes remain). Our policy of mask requirement did not change; Those vaccinated do not need to mask, but if you are not vaccinated, please wear a face covering in the building and in worship.



Approved for Ordination!

CONGRATULATIONS, PASTOR JAE!

Pastor Jae received his last step of approval on June 4 at Annual Conference. Area clergy had gathered together to celebrate the moment

with him, as the business of the Conference was virtual (on Zoom).

His ordination service will be in Ankeny on July 10.



Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

July 2021

Construction in Progress

NEW— "Kid's Zone" spaces

NEW—New Parents Lactation and Changing Room

NEW—Signage, Banners, Wall Clings

NEW—Kid's Activity Center

UPDATED—Nursery (with **NEW** age appropriated spaces)

UPDATED—Painting and Furniture

Youth Room Updates—stage, lounge, snack bar



So much has been done behind the scenes to prepare for this project (including A LOT of cleaning up and de-cluttering) and yet there is so much more to be done to finish...here is the progress.

BIG THANKS to ALL who have helped so far and have made this possible! You are making a difference for our kids and youth ministries for our families now and for families in the years to come :)

Please let me know if you are interested in helping or if you have any questions. Email me at megank@stjohnsumcdav.org



Family Night at the Ball Park!

Where:

Modern Woodman Stadium

When:

Tuesday July 20 @ 6:30pm

Let's get together and enjoy a nice night at the ball park. Tickets are covered by the church so just come and enjoy. Please RSVP to Miss Megan so she knows how many tickets to get.

OUTDOOR VBS JULY 25-29



Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! Jesus' power pulls us through!

Registration can be found on our Website and Facebook as well as a paper copy in this month's newsletter.

PLEASE RSVP!

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St. John's UMC Youth Group

JULY—Summer "Late Nights"

Youth Camp following VBS

July 25th-29th. 8pm-10pm.

Summer "Late Nights" will be a summer experience for our youth to connect.



These nights will be for 2021-2022 6th-12th graders where we will do things like Whitey's and movie, campfire at Pastor Jeff's, fast food progressive dinner, worship at the water fountain, messy games, and a surprise event to end the week.

The youth are also invited to be our student leaders at VBS and will have **"Student Leader Training" July 7, 14, and 21, 5:30pm-7:00pm**. If this is something that your youth is interested in, please let Miss Megan know so that she can plan accordingly.

Sunday School: All Ages

Children and Youth Sunday School will begin again **August 1** in our newly remodeled spaces.

Adult Sunday School will gather again after Labor Day, **September 12**.



The Center's mission is to alleviate the pain and suffering of the poor and marginalized in our communities. We do this in three areas; working with young people, Street Team: Homeless Outreach, Community/ Neighborhood Development.

Our values:

- ⇒ **Being a friend:** Relationships allow others to see God in real ways;
- ⇒ **Being a Voice:** Confronting culture and voicing God's Love, Grace, and Forgiveness;
- ⇒ **Being Available:** Working in our neighborhoods, not just in a building.

The Center cares about being a sustainable, financially responsible organization. We knew that in 2008 when God started this vision to serve people in radical, real, and raw

ways we were in it for the "long haul." Students began as the original thinkers of The Center and their youthful vision and passion has been the driving force since they dared to dream of a place where people would come, no matter who they were, or what they did, or how they behaved, and hear about the saving grace of Jesus. Please join me in making sure that our children's children will know and forever be a part of what has happened on this corner of 14th and Brady.

We hope that you will play a part in our future. To learn more, please contact Pennie Kellenberger (563) 323-5278 ... or

Quad Cities Community Foundation
852 Middle Road / Suite 100 / Bettendorf, IA 52722
(563) 326-2840

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. Send your resume directly to **Pennie Kellenberger, liv4jesus77@yahoo.com**

The BIX Party is Back!



Mark your calendars to enjoy the annual BIX Party, sponsored by P.U.N.C.H. (People Uniting Neighbors and Churches) to be held in The Center parking lot on **July 24, 7:30-10:30 a.m.**

Volunteers and food are needed to serve spectators at the 14th and Brady Streets intersection during the Bix run. We have a prime location to spread God's love to those in our community and we hope you will share His love within our community.

Music will be provided by the Big River Brass Band in The Center parking lot.

Food donations of muffins, quick breads, cookies, and bottled water can be left at the St. John's office on **Friday, July 23 by noon**. Any check donations are to be marked for the Bix and made out to PUNCH. For further information, please contact Maggie Gillespie at 563-676-9387.

Missions Update

Change the World Sunday

About 40 people participated in the few projects we provided, a wonderful turnout in these circumstances!

Mission Offering Report of May 2021

Change the World Sunday offering \$435

Offering for Africa University Students \$355

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Ingathering



Ingathering Reverse Offering (July 10-11 and 17-18)

July and August are the best times to buy School and Personal Kit supplies. Our goal is at least 100 School Kits and 50 Personal Kits. The items for each kit are listed below; keep the list with you while shopping.

STUDENT KIT (\$16 VALUE)

- 3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils - unsharpened
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box 24 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Student Scissors
- 1 One Handle Cloth Bag *

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT (\$13 Value)

Help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 15-18 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag

Cash is also needed (\$2 for shipping of each kit) as well as to help buy items to complete kits. All kit items must be new/unused. Boxes will be placed at the entryways of the church or take your items to the office and place your monetary donation in the offering plate, not in the box with the items. Cash donations any Sunday in July, just be sure to mark your check or cash as In-gathering. July and August are the best times for the kits. For more information, visit the Ingathering page on the Conference website:

<https://www.iaumc.org/files/fileslibrary/camping/iowa+ingathering+for+website.pdf>

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
4 COMMUNION 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 6:30pm Missions (Wesley Room)	7	8	9	10 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
11 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 1:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation (Kitchen - Fellowship Hall)	12 6:00pm The Center Ministry Meeting (The Center) 7:00pm SPPRC (Parlor)	13 10:45am History Committee (Parish House - History Room)	14	15 1:00pm PUNCH (Fellowship Hall)	16 Tidings Deadline	17 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
18 Food Pantry Sunday 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)	19 5:30pm Trustees (Wesley Room) 6:30pm Steering Committee (Conference Room) 7:00pm Church Council (Parlor)	20 5:30pm The Center Board meeting (The Center) 6:30pm River Bandits Church Night	21	22 8:30am Tidings Assembly (Parlor)	23	24 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
25 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 5:30pm VBS (Chapel, Chapel Lawn, Church Parking Lot, Church Yard)	26	27	28	29	30	31 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						



JULY Music Opportunities!

Men will sing "America" and "America the Beautiful" on July 4th. Come! Hear their inspiring renditions of these familiar patriotic hymns.

As the choir takes a little break, the rest of this month will be solos and duets.

Please think about sharing your music talent with us. St. John's needs YOU!

FUTURE: As we all look ahead: This fall as we are challenged to grow in our faith and discipleship, you might consider adding choir to your wheelhouse! Let us be a small group you come try out. It is a way to inspire each other as we "belong."

What a privilege it is to serve others by leading inspiring worship.

God Bless,

See you in Worship!

Mitzi

Total food donations for May was 520 items and for The Center, 424 items. Monetary donations totaled \$705.

Food Drive By on June 9 totaled 372 items with 88 items for The Center. Our second drive by was June 24.

It has been decided to stop the Drive By Drop Off until further notice. Food Pantry Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of each month, will resume on Sunday, July 18. Bring your items to church any time during the month and put in plastic containers located at both doors.

Food Pantry needs: macaroni & cheese, corn muffin mix, jelly, snack items, (e.g. individually packages of wrapped cookies, crackers, donuts, potato chips, fruit snacks, animal crackers and pudding/Jello cups just to name a few). You can purchase these items for \$1.00 each at Dollar Tree.

The Center can always use water.

We would like to thank those who stopped by each month to drop off food and to chat with us. You made our day.

Blessings and stay cool.

Thank you so much to all of you who provided "Change to make a change" to help support the United Methodist Women's project to fill purses and string backpacks for the street team at the center. It is greatly appreciated.

UMW members: Since we don't meet in the summer, if you would like to purchase personal products or diapers, you may do so and leave them in the closet in the Parlor. They still need these items during the summer too. Thanks.

Thank you to everyone for the cards, phone calls and prayers while I was recovering from surgery. It brightened my days.

Blessings,
Linda Jantz

Food Pantry Update

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY @ THE CENTER



by Sharon Imming

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BUILDING POLICY UPDATE

(May 20, 2021)

**If you are worshiping 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)

MEDIA TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are seeking volunteers to support our worship services by running the sound board, video streaming and PowerPoint. If you are interested in serving on the Media Team, please contact Pastor Jae.

M E D I A
M I N I S T R Y



The St. John's Foundation wishes to thank the following members for their contributions to the St. John's Foundation Birthday Fund: Ron Bear, Jan Becker, Dorothy Burkhardt, Rosemary Churchill, James Groenenboom, Jo Lawson, Nancy Meeker, and Pat O'Neill.



The **Friendly Thrift Center** is needing volunteers at The Center each week. Current hours of operation:

- Wednesday to Saturday mornings: 9-Noon
- Wednesday volunteers are especially needed to help sort clothing donations

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact:

Julie Moran: (563) 210-3472

(Julie is a volunteer and member of Asbury United Methodist Church)