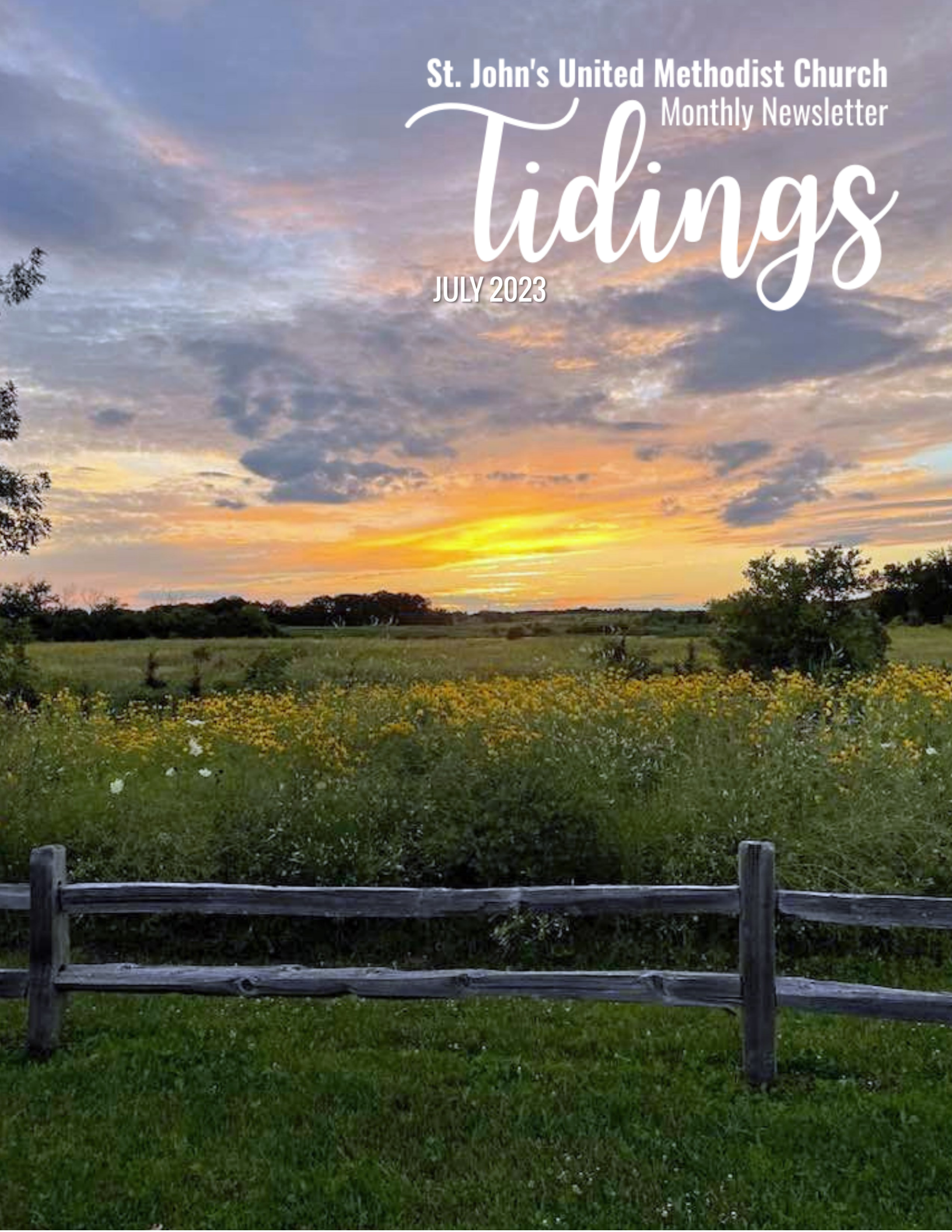


St. John's United Methodist Church
Monthly Newsletter

Tidings

JULY 2023



Annual Conference Summary: June 2-4

**Delegates from St. John's: Pastor Jeff and Pastor Jae,
Gail Bindewald—Lay Delegate**

This year's session included a Zoom night on May 23, specifically called to act on churches that had voted to disaffiliate or leave the Iowa Annual Conference. These churches had each followed a discernment process in regards to how they would go forward in regards to the human sexuality issues facing General Conference and including LGBT persons in the life of the church. In a one-hour meeting, 83 churches were approved for this action. The Zoom session closed with a liturgy of farewell and blessing as our conference experiences a parting of ways. There are 732 United Methodist churches in the whole of Iowa. You recall, on May 9, St. John's congregational meeting ended with a decision to remain in the Iowa Annual Conference.



Annual Conference began on a Friday afternoon, meeting at the MidAmerican Rec / Plex hockey arena in West Des Moines. We experienced a new bishop as leader of Annual Conference business: *Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai*, who came to Iowa on January 1 of this year. She revealed herself as a leader that could keep her composure in moments of tension, and navigate the use of parliamentary procedure as motions were made and amended. She surprised us at the beginning of Saturday morning with a playful beginning: since we were meeting in a hockey arena, she came running down the center aisle with helmet and facemask, hockey jersey and stick... only to be escorted to the penalty box by her two teenage sons for a 30 second timeout. There were many items of church business dealt with and ministry celebrations throughout the weekend.

Sunday morning the bishop was our preacher: "Remember who you are as baptized followers of Christ." Three pastors were ordained, seven pastors were commissioned, and 12 others were recognized or transferred into the Iowa Conference, with 34 pastors retiring from full-time ministry. The conference ended on Sunday afternoon with the "fixing of appointments" in which Pastor Jeff and Pastor Jae were continued as pastors here at St. John's for another year. If anyone has questions or would like to know more, please reach out to one of our delegates.

I love being one of your pastors,

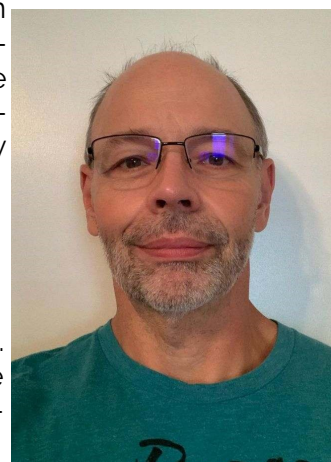
Rev. Jeff Dadisman

St. John's Welcomes New Staff Members!



← Staff-Pastor-Parish-Relations Committee (SPPRC) is pleased to announce the hiring of **Brian Jenkins** for the Building Maintenance position. He joined the church staff on May 30 and will be working with Bill Otten [interim maintenance director] as he learns the responsibilities of caring for our church facilities. Please welcome him to our church staff if you stop in or see him on Sundays. He is the face at the welcome table on Sunday mornings each weekend.

→ The SPPRC committee is also pleased to announce the hiring of **Darrin Plett**. He has joined our church staff and will be our Contemporary Worship Service director as of July 1. As we announced last month, Joel Wise has ended his position as of the last Sunday of June.





Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

July 2023

VBS 2023 was out of this world! Thank you to all who volunteered, participated, and prayed. We had an amazing week filled with the meaningful message that we have hope because God's light shines bright in and through us. Enjoy some snapshots of our week...



Sending our Youth to SGU Summer Camp!

We have 14 youth excited to go to summer camp in Grinnell, IA July 10th-15th for Summer Games University. At this camp our teens learn about the difference Jesus can make in their lives as well as the importance of teamwork, and they do this all through times of worship and lots of games. This is an opportunity that our students have to get away from their daily schedules and influences to experience God's love and acceptance in a new way all while having tons of fun. Please consider supporting us through prayers or through scholarship. I have told our students that money should not be the reason they say no to going.

If you would like to help provide this experience, please contact Megan Keller, Director of Christian Education and Youth Programs.

For more information about the camp, visit... sgu.camp

For questions about details or ways you can get involved in our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries,

*Contact Megan Keller,
Director of Christian Education & Youth Programs*

megank@stjohnsusumcdav.org

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Communion INGATHERING 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
2 Communion INGATHERING 9:00am Classic Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship	3 6:30pm Missions (Conference Room)	4 Independence Day (Office Closed)	5	6 12:00pm Lunch w/ the Pastors @ Mission BBQ	7	8 INGATHERING 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
9 INGATHERING 9:00am Classic Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship 2:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation (Kitchen - Fellowship Hall)	10 7:00pm SPPRC (Conference Room)	11 12:00pm Lunch w/ the Pastors @ D'Lua on the River	12 10:00am UWF Board (Parlor)	13	14	15 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
16 Food Pantry Sunday 9:00am Classic Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship	17 5:00pm Trustees (Wesley Room) 6:30pm Steering Committee (Conference Room) 7:30pm Church Council (Parlor)	18 5:30pm The Center Board (The Center)	19 12:00pm Lunch w/ the Pastors @ Zeke's Island Cafe	20	21 Tidings Deadline	22 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
23 9:00am Classic Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship	24 11:30am Ridgecrest Lunch	25	26	27 8:30am Tidings Assembly 12:00pm Lunch w/ the Pastors @ Los Portales	28	29 7:30am BIX Party (The Center Parking Lot) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
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Mission Offering Report

Easter Offering \$1185 | Change the World Sunday: \$1036

Serve our Community!

Café on Vine is ongoing. Thank you for serving our neighbors.

4-6 people are needed each time to prep the meal, which takes only 2 hours.

Please let Jan Johnson (hawkeyejan@mchsi.com) know if you are interested.



IOWA CONFERENCE *of the* UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Ingathering



Upcoming Offering in July: Ingathering Reverse Offering (July 1-2, and July 8-9)

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 (\$15 Value)



- 1 Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12.5 to 19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2 to 3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag
- \$2 donation for razor and toothpaste

Please note that all items for kits must be NEW. Kits can ONLY contain the requested items. The fabrics used for the cloth bags cannot feature camouflage, handprints, footprints, or paw prints.

Cash is also needed (\$2 for shipping of each kit) as well as to help buy items to complete kits. Boxes will be placed at the entryways of the church or take your items to the church office. Place your monetary donation in the offering, not in the box with the items. Cash donations can be given any Sunday in July. Be sure to mark your check or cash as Ingathering. For more information, visit the Ingathering page on the Conference website:

<https://www.iaumc.org/files/fileslibrary/ingathering/images/2022+iowa+ingathering+mailer+--+final.pdf>



Mercedes Kone and Anna Sloan were baptized at West Lake Park on June 7, 2023.



Russell Charles Johnson, grandson of Scott and Jan Johnson, was baptized at our Contemporary Worship service on June 25, 2023.



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 29, 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 28 by noon**. Any check donations are to be marked for the Bix and made out to St. John's. For further information, please contact Maggie Gillespie at 563-676-9387 or 563-388-3544.

Music Ministry

Happy July! All available men who would like to join us Sunday July 2 for *America* and *America the Beautiful* please come at 8:30 Sunday morning to rehearse. Our own trombone group will be playing too! Come and hear them!

The rest of July will bring special music by various musicians and even time for a Sunday morning hymn-sing. Be thinking about your favorite hymn you would like us all to sing.

We always love to hear people share their special music with us. Let me know if you would be willing to do that some Sunday.

Choirs will start up again in September; please consider joining us on Thursdays. Bells really need players! We have open places for sure ... and always need subs! (Reading music helps with this group).

Youth are welcome to join choir or bells on Thursday evenings if you are available.

God bless,

 *Mitzi Harris*



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Equal Exchange Products

United Women in Faith thanks you for being loyal customers of the wonderful products they sell. You have helped Equal Exchange's mission to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers, and to demonstrate, through our success, the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world. Thankfully their products are now widely available. Here at St. John's, we are no longer selling them. To thank you for your patronage everything is 50% off. During Sunday mornings you can buy:

Green Tea w/Ginger - \$3
Breakfast Blend K-cup packs - \$3
Cozy Cup Decaf - \$4
Baking cocoa - \$4

I hope it is warm enough for you. I am ready for the mid 80's. Remember if you are outside, drink plenty of water.

April cash donations were \$810. May cash donations were \$255. Total cash donations through May is \$4,255.

June food donations were 40 items. This is the lowest we have been. I hope to see more items for July. School is out, children need snacks and food. Snack items can be cheese & crackers, cookies, chips, fruit cups, pudding cups, roll ups and applesauce. Peanut butter and jelly is another lunch item.

Remember there is no Drive Up/Drive By drop off for the summer months. Food Pantry is the 3rd Sunday of the month. You may also bring your donations to the church during business hours.

Wishing each and every one a SAFE and HAPPY 4th of July.

Food Pantry Update

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY @ THE CENTER



by Sharon Imming

THE MAKING OF A DISCIPLE

July Sermon Series

July 8-9 **Andrew**

(Good at bringing others to Jesus)

July 15-16 **Joanna**

(Follower of Jesus, in Herod's court)

July 22-23 **Matthew**

(No one could forget his past)

July 29-30 **Lydia**

(She and her whole family were baptized)

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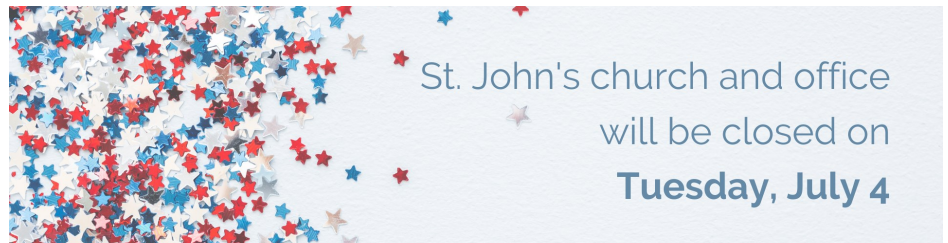
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

5:30PM Saturday Jesus Country in Fellowship Hall

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

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

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



LUNCH WITH THE PASTORS

Thursday, July 6 — Mission BBQ
(2815 E 53rd St., Davenport)

Tuesday, July 11 — D'Lua on the River
(1201 E River Dr, Davenport)

Wednesday, July 19 — Zeke's
(131 W 2nd St., Davenport)

Thursday, July 27 — Los Portales
(1012 E Kimberly Rd., Davenport)

Contact the church office if you would like to attend any of these dates. You'll meet us at noon and everyone buys their own lunch.



THE CENTER is making some Internet upgrades this summer to better support the partner agencies on site. These changes will replace the original system setup from 2006 and provide better access to Wi-Fi to all who come to The Center each day. A Foundation Grant has been approved for \$7,000 and there is another \$7,000 in expected expenses with the new equipment fully installed. **If you are looking for a special project above and beyond your regular giving to St. John's, please consider supporting this equipment upgrade.**

Financial Update

by Karen Weimer, Treasurer

The following is a summary of the church's financial position as of May 31, 2023. 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	424,363	442,284
Cash Disbursements	305,710	346,472
Receipts in Excess of Disbursements	<u>118,653</u>	<u>95,812</u>