

St. John's United Methodist Church
Monthly Newsletter

Tidings

JUNE 2022



*Making a
Difference
in our community
and the world!*





Have you seen the moon lately?

Just 2 weeks ago we all had a chance to glimpse a “blood moon.” I had heard that the eclipse was occurring but was not really planning to go outside and look...then it happened! I was sitting in my recliner facing the large window in our home that faces east and about 10:30 that night the blood moon came into view. I didn't even have to get out of my chair—wow! I find the interplay between various parts of creation to be fascinating. Think about the many functions of our moon:

--A night light: In the countries of the northern hemisphere, the full moon closest to September 22 is called the harvest moon. This occurs during the harvest season and gives farmers lots of extra light while their working late to bring in the crops.

--The calendar: We get the word “month” from the moon. During each month, our moon goes through its phases to cycle through the days of each period; this repeats 12 times a year.

--The moon controls the seasons: The moon stabilizes the tilt of the Earth. Without the moon the Earth would swing from 0 to 90 degrees, and our seasons would be most unpredictable.

--Protective shield: The moon prevents many space rocks from colliding with the Earth. Instead, the rocks and meteors are drawn into the moon. Scientists can see that the far side of the moon is heavily cratered from these incoming objects.

--The moon keeps the oceans healthy: Each day, tides result from the gravitational pull of the moon. From 30% to 50% of our oxygen is provided by sea plankton. If there were no tides, then there would be greatly reduced marine plants due to ocean water becoming stagnant and overheated—thus, reducing the oxygen supply of the whole Earth. Humans need at least 18% oxygen in the air to survive. The current level in the atmosphere is a perfect 21%. There is a delicate and complex balance that undergirds all of life.

The next time you have a chance to admire the moon, give thanks to our Creator!

I love being one of your pastors,

Pastor Jeff Dadisman



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES COMING: Lunch with the Pastors

if you would like to join the pastors for an informal midweek lunch this summer, please contact the office to make a reservation. The place for eating will vary from time to time, with each person responsible for the cost of their own meal. The goal is 6-8 people for conversation to help build back some of the connection that was lost during the pandemic and make space for new people to get acquainted. (Time to gather: noon)

Weds., June 8—Sippi's American Grill (406 W 2nd St., Davenport)

Tuesday, June 14—Filling Station (305 E 35th St., Davenport)

Thursday, June 30—Pizza Ranch (Duck Creek area, Bettendorf)

(July dates will be announced later)



SPARK

Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

June 2022

2022 St. John's United Methodist Scholarship Recipients

"Thank you to our scholarship committee for supporting our youth in this way."



Abigaile Paper, graduate of Davenport West High School. Abigaile has been involved in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School as an attendee and helper and for years helped with the Nativity ministry, a shopping elf at the Children's Bazaar, and has been a Diaconos at the Iowa United Methodist Annual Conference. Her confirmation experiences in the community helper her see, "The smallest things can make a big difference in someone's day."

Abigaile plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa.



Autumn Skahill, graduate of Bettendorf High School

At St. John's Autumn has volunteered at Vacation Bible School, Wednesday evening Kid's Bible Club, Skate Church, The Center's Thanksgiving Baskets and has been working in the church nursery. She volunteers with Fishers of Men Ministries with their administrative needs and is helping to sponsor a child. She says, "volunteering in Vacation Bible School has given me the opportunity to spread the word of God to children. These opportunities have allowed my faith to grow."

Autumn plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Plattville where she will major in Biology and then will attend Palmer College of Chiropractic to receive her Doctorate.



Trenton Gross, graduate of Davenport North High School. At St. John's UMC he has taken part in youth group activities, Confirmation, acolyting, and Sunday School. Trenton has also helped serve Salvation Army meals to the homeless. Trenton has had some health issues and said it has taught him, "God has a plan for everyone but it is not always the plan you think it will be."

Trenton has an offer from Cornell College to play baseball.

2022 Graduates... We are proud of you!

All level graduates will be **recognized in worship on June 5th**. To enhance the recognition, we will be compiling a slideshow. If you would like to submit a picture with details of where you are graduating from and what your next adventure is, please send it to megank@stjohnsumcdav.org by May 30, 2022.

**Way to go 2022 Graduates,
well done!**



VBS Volunteers Needed

Crew Leaders
Station Leaders and Helpers
Check-in/ Registration
Supplies Donors
Prayer Warriors

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to be involved with our student ministries at St. Johns.

Vacation Bible School Registration

July 24-28, 2022

5:30 - 7:30 PM (dinner included)



Child's Name (One child per registration): _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Last School Grade Completed: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____ Alt. Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Allergies / Medical Concerns: _____

Do you have a family you would like your children to be placed with in their Crew? If so, who?
(If you are registering multiple children from the same family, include those names here.)

Who is authorized to pick up your child?

Name	Phone Number	Relationship to Child
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Parental/Guardian Consent:

- In the event of an emergency, or a situation that is reasonably considered to be an emergency, I, the parent/guardian give permission to St. John's United Methodist Church to seek and authorize emergency medical care to be given to my child named above. (For example: first aid, medication, anesthesia, or surgery.) This care may be given under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve life, limb, or well being of my dependent. St. John's UMC will make reasonable attempts to notify parents/guardians prior to authorizing any such emergency care. **Initial:** _____
- I fully understand that my child must abide by all rules governing conduct and safety while attending St. John's UMC Vacation Bible School Program activities. **Initial:** _____
- Additionally, I give permission for my child to be photographed during activities associated with St. John's UMC Vacation Bible School. I understand that said photos/videos may be used for the St. John's VBS program, and that my child's name will not be used with the image. **Initial:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Missions Update

Mission Offering Report (April 2022)

Change the World Sunday \$895.87

UMCOR Sunday \$100

Thank you for your generous support for God's ministry.

UMCOR (Ukraine Relief) \$130

Native American Ministry Sunday \$195

Thanks from the Change the World Sunday Team

Praise God! St. John's had a wonderful time with Change the World Sunday projects!

We thank you all who participated in projects, supported us financially, and prayed for beautiful weather. And I want to acknowledge Don Buser, director of Change the World Sunday, and Project Leaders for preparing everything for the projects. It was a wonderful day to share the love of Christ Jesus through our actions and a good time for fellowship. I pray that our actions planted as a seed on Sunday may grow and change the community, the country, and the world. Thank you again for your support and your actions of Faith!

- Pastor Jaeseong Lee



Layette Sewing



Kids Against Hunger Meal Assembly



TLC Cards and Letters to the Homebound



Random Acts of Kindness



Summer Kits for the Homeless



Summer Kits for the Homeless



Neighborhood Clean-Up



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Upcoming Mission Offerings

June 4-5: Peace with Justice

June 18-19: Women at the Well

Upcoming Events

June 6: Larry and Jane Kies will visit with us and share their stories from the mission field (Zimbabwe) at 10:30 am, and lunch will be served at 11:30 am. (in the Parlor)

June 18-19: Rev. Paul Witmer, the Woman at the Well ministry, will be preaching at all three services.



50% of our Christmas offering (\$2600) was presented on May 1 to Fishers of Men Ministries and Pastor Joshua Ngao

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30am Men's Bible Study (Wesley Room) 5:30pm Youth Group	2	3	4 Peace with Justice Offering 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
5 Peace with Justice Offering PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)	6	7 1:00pm Club of 89 (Parlor, Parlor Kitchen) 6:00pm WISH (Parlor)	8 9:30am Men's Bible Study (Wesley Room) 10:00am UMW Board (Parlor) 5:30pm Youth Group	9	10	11 Blood Pressure Checks (Fellowship Hall) Communion 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
12 Blood Pressure Checks (Library) Communion 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 1:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation (Kitchen - Fellowship Hall)	13 6:00pm The Center Ministry Meeting (The Center) 7:00pm SPPRC (Conference Room)	14 1:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)	15 9:30am Men's Bible Study (Wesley Room) 5:30pm Youth Group	16	17 Tidings Deadline	18 Women at the Well Offering 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
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Pastor Jeff will be on vacation June 20-26						
26 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)	27 5:00pm Trustees (Wesley Room) 6:30pm Steering Committee (Conference Room) 7:30pm Church Council (Parlor)	28	29 9:30am Men's Bible Study (Wesley Room) 5:30pm Youth Group	30		



ATTENTION: The choir is looking for boys and men volunteers to sing on July 3. We will be singing "America" and "America the Beautiful" and plan to rehearse right after the first service any Sundays in June that you would be available. Stop by the choir room and we'll have music for you.

The choir has paused Thursday rehearsals; however we will continue singing through June. July and August is our time of rest and renewal. We look to St. John's congregation to share your musical offerings during this time. There is a sign up calendar in the choir room on the piano....or just talk with me. We will also have a couple of HYMN-SINGS during worship, so pass along your favorite hymns.

Major organ work is imminent, but we have no further info about a timeline or exact costs at this time. Patrick Budelier is our organ technician, working with Dr. Brett Wolgast. They are currently doing work on an organ in Iowa City. They have one other project in NW Iowa before they get to us. We will keep you posted, as we know more.

Consider adding Thursday night choir or bells to your own calendars this fall. We take all ages!

Safe travels, whether it is near or far and God Bless

 *Mitzi Harris*

Hope everyone has a happy summer. We will start up our meetings and programs again in September. In the meantime, we will plan a day in August to work on the items for the Children's Bazaar. Your callers will contact you when we have a date. We are still working on the date for the bazaar. It will be the first or second Saturday in December. As you are doing your spring cleaning as run across items you think would work for the bazaar, please take them to the church office. Thanks and stay tuned for further details!

We collected 177 items in May, and our April monetary donations were \$383.50.



Summer has arrived and children are out of school. Snack items are always welcomed, but especially now when children are not getting a daily meal at school. Now is the time to watch the "WOW" deals from HyVee. There are some good bargains. Other needs of the food pantry besides everyday products are laundry detergent, bathroom cleaner, dish soap, bath soap and items that can't be bought with food stamps.

by Sharon Imming

I learned the food pantry has to pay for things they purchase from the food bank. With rising costs, I know it is hard on everyone but it is very appreciated on all donations. Thank you, St. John's, for all you do for the Food Pantry!



New Members class in June: If you would like to join St. John's or transfer your membership, please contact one of the pastors or call the church office for more information. There will be an opportunity to take this step of commitment this summer.

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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 Facebook, YouTube, website)

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

Financial Update

by Karen Weimer, Church Treasurer

Our April year-to-date balance in the church checking is \$131,382; this amount continues to be used down as monthly expenses are greater than the monthly offerings. The beginning of the year gifts carry us through the spring and summer months. Our Organ Repair Fund has about \$12,000 in it as of the end of April. You may have noticed some asphalt repairs in the church parking lot. Additional repairs including resealing the asphalt and new parking striping will be completed soon.

Report from the May 16 Charge Conference: The first 20 minutes of our monthly Church Council meeting was given to a special called Charge Conference. Benjamin Quint is a recent graduate of Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Chicago and a new member at St. John's UMC. He is progressing in his steps towards ordained ministry within the Iowa Annual Conference. He interviewed with the Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee in April and was recommended to move forward. After some discussion (the evening of May 16) and time for him to respond to questions from those gathered, the Charge Conference voted unanimously to recommend Benjamin to the District Committee on Ministry. This moves him forward into the district level of ministry preparation. He will begin as pastor in a 2-point charge at Columbus Junction & Columbus City on July 1.

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. JOHN'S

Tuesday June 14, 2:30-6:30 PM
MASKS AND APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

To schedule an appointment, email
Jamie Kreuger at
luvoldcars@aol.com or online
www.bloodcenter.org
Group Code 046

LAST DATE TO DONATE ELSEWHERE:
4/19/22

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THE WORLD
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