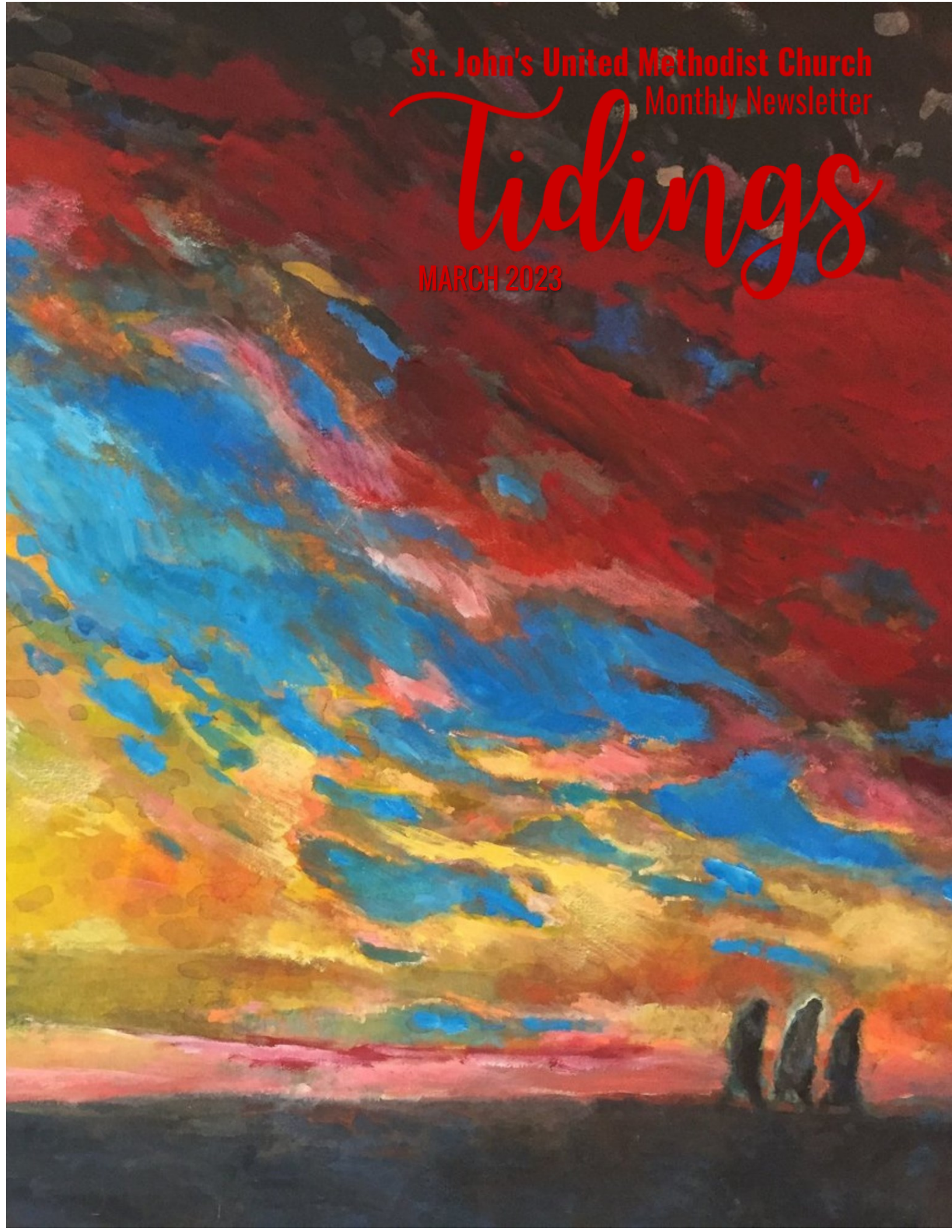


St. John's United Methodist Church
Monthly Newsletter

Tidings

MARCH 2023





Lent is about creating more space for God and it is a good time to grow our faith.

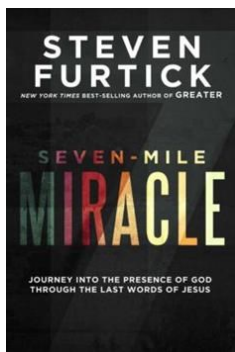
A part of the Lenten tradition involves giving something up, a voluntary sacrifice on the part of the Christian to deny oneself after the example of Jesus. Another choice a believer can make is to add or take up a practice that benefits our health or spiritual growth. We have opportunity to study together during the 7 weeks leading up to Easter. The book chosen for this year asks the question: do you desire "more of God?" Or in other words, do you have a spiritual hunger to be closer to God? I challenge us as a church to give more attention to attending worship, to focus on what God is doing around us and through us, and look for ways to serve this winter.

On February 8, revival broke out at a small Christian college in Kentucky. Wednesday morning the student body was in a required chapel and listened to what has been called a "mediocre" sermon. Towards the end of the hour, what was intended to be a brief closing prayer of confession... actually began a new move of the Holy Spirit... a time of extended prayer and gentle worship that has not stopped for over two weeks now. Nobody left at the end of the chapel period, classes have been suspended, and this work of God has been continuing around the clock as people come and go each day. The Holy Spirit has been reconciling broken relationships and healing inner hurts of many gathered in that chapel.

It is my prayer that God might continue to do this special work all across our nation. Is it too much to hope that God might come close to our congregation as well?

I love being one of your pastors,

Rev. Jeff Dadisman



Lenten Sermon Series: Seven-Mile Miracle

Lenten series—*The Seven-Mile Miracle* connects the 7 last words of Jesus on the cross to the conversation Jesus had with the two men on the road to Emmaus. This study finds us on the Emmaus Road, the very road Jesus walked on the third day after His death on the cross.

In Luke 24, two of Jesus' disciples walked the seven-mile road to Emmaus, discussing what had just transpired on the cross. But it was only after Jesus appeared in the middle of their conversation and after He broke bread with them at the end of their seven-mile journey that they realized who He really was.

The seven-mile journey that the disciples took with Jesus was one of completion and perfection. The disciples had followed Jesus for years, but it was this moment that opened their eyes to see their risen Savior like never before.

As you begin your own journey through the seven last sayings of Jesus, pray that God will open your heart to the work that He wants to do in your life over the next seven weeks or at whatever pace you choose to complete this study.

As you navigate each mile of our journey together, focus your mind and your heart on the teachings you will hear. Take notes throughout, and use the worship time to reflect on the hymns you will hear.

Our prayer is that at the end of this seven-mile journey you, too, will open your eyes to see the risen Jesus like never before.

Study options (Zoom): Wednesdays at 1:00 or 7:00 beginning March 1



St. John's took part in the "QC Storm Faith and Family night at the Arena."

For some it was their first hockey experience! It was a great night out with our church family.



Graduating from High School in 2023?

Consider applying for our St. John's Scholarship! If you are planning to go to college or a trade school, St. John's would like to express our love and support for you.

To qualify, the applicant must be an active member of St. John's UMC. There are applications available on our website or you can get one from Megan Keller. As a part of the application, you are asked to write a 250-500 word essay on how St. John's has helped you develop a belief in God and how that belief will help you going forth in life. We ask that you also give the church ideas on how we can make the church more relevant to youth. Please also obtain 2 letters of recommendation with the application. The application, essay, and letters of recommendation are due in the church office no the first Sunday of April. Award-ees will be announced Mother's Day weekend, 2023.

2023 Confirmands Serving Up Love at Café On Vine



SJUMC Kids & Youth Learning Opportunities



Sunday Learning Hour for all Ages. **Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings 10am-10:45am** directly following fellowship time with donuts and juice. This time is filled with Bible stories, connecting activities, and music time. **Classes are located in the "Kids & Youth Zone" left hallway of the lower level.**



Kid's Bible Club 4:30pm-5:30pm with the family meal at 5:15pm. This time includes games, Bible lesson, and activity. Rides provided if needed. Pick ups 3p-4p and drop offs 5:45pm-6:15



"The Edge" Youth Group meets Wednesdays from 5:30pm-7:30pm. This time includes a meal, large group activity, message, and small group discussions. Rides provided if needed. Pick ups 5:15pm-6:00pm and drop offs 7:30pm-8:30pm

Dear Friends,

The St. John's Foundation was established to provide an opportunity for people to make permanent contributions to the financial support of our church. The Foundation receives gifts through insurance, wills, and other forms, which are then invested to provide income which is available for funding special projects for St. John's Church and The Center. The projects that are funded are chosen through a grant application process.



The Foundation held its annual meeting to award grants on Tuesday, January 31. The Foundation received grant requests exceeding \$83,000 and decided to fund the following:

- A confirmation class trip to The Lion King requested by Youth Ministries: \$1,452
- Organ repairs requested by the Organ Task Force: \$25,000
- Security lights requested by The Center: \$1,626
- Security cameras requested by the Trustees: \$1,800
- An additional refrigerator near Fellowship Hall requested by Youth Ministries: \$3,389
- Round tables requested by The Center: \$476
- Avalon parsonage improvements requested by the Trustees: \$6,000
- A water bottle filling station requested by the Trustees: \$4,312
- Choir microphones requested by the Worship Ministry: \$6,584
- Outreach items requested by Tender Loving Care: \$450
- A drum set requested by Skate Church: \$700
- Ramp building materials requested by Skate Church: \$3214
- A garbage disposal for Fellowship Hall requested by the Trustees: \$2860

Thank you,
Molly Giese, Chair
St. John's Foundation

Mark your calendars
for Holy Week

April 2 Palm Sunday
April 6 Maundy Thursday
April 7 Good Friday
April 9 Easter Sunday



Missions Update

Upcoming Offerings in March 2023

March 4-5, Heifer International

March 18-19, UMCOR Sunday

March 4-5 Heifer International



"At Heifer International, we invest in farmers and business owners around the world because we know that having a secure source of income can be truly transformational for families and their communities. We work with communities in 21 countries around the world as they strengthen local economies and build secure livelihoods that guarantee a living income to local farmers."

Please visit the website for more information;

<https://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/animals/index.html>

March 18-19 UMCOR Sunday

UMCOR equips local churches, annual conferences, and nonprofit organizations to be in mission with their communities and to respond to those left most vulnerable during challenging times. UMCOR responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases and poverty, assists refugees and immigrants, provides clean water, and works to reduce hunger. UMCOR would be unable to do this work without your support. The UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly. **Especially please remember people who are suffering from recent earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria.**



Café on Vine



On Sunday, February 12, **Confirmation Class** and their parents helped us with meal prep. It was a joyful moment with these wonderful young people. Thanks to Megan and their parents, who helped them.

We need your participation. Each time, we need 4-5 people to cook the meals. We have been making spaghetti recently, and it takes only one and a half hours to prepare everything for the meal. It is every second Sunday of

the month, 2 pm-3:30 pm. Two times of participation per year would help us a lot to sustain this meal ministry. If you like to do something meaningful on Sunday afternoon, Café on Vine is one of the things you may want to try. Cooking for our neighbors would bring you joy and satisfaction and be a good moment to teach young children about loving others in Christ. If you like to cook, please get in touch with Pastor Jae or Jan Johnson. Thank you!

Thanks for your donations for Winter Kits!

On February 5, St. John's Contemporary Service Congregation packed the Winter Kits items. We made about 50 packages of winter kits for homeless people on that day and brought them to the Center. Thank you for your support and your donations.



March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30am Men's Bible Study 1:00pm Lenten Study 4:30pm Kid's Club 5:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm Family Meal 7:00pm Lenten Study	2 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	3 5:00pm Smith/Slothower wedding rehearsal 5:30pm Salvation Army	4 Communion 12:00am Heifer International offering 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group 3:30pm Smith/Slothower wedding 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
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March is our month of musical preparation for the Lenten Season and Holy Week

The organ has been removed by Fabry's to complete this part of the restoration project. We expect it to be back before Holy Week. Thank you to all who have so generously been contributing to this endeavor. This phase has been fully funded, allowing the work to be expedited and the bills have been paid as they have been submitted. The company has loved working with us! Thank you again! Thank you also to the task force members who put in extra time and diligence to see this through. Phase 2 will begin in 3-5 years for re-leathering in the pipe chamber.

The choir is preparing now for Holy Week. Feel free to join us. Good Friday (April 7) will be a special Tenebrae Service based on the "Stations of the Cross." Rehearsals for this will be 7:00-7:20 each Thursday and 2 Saturday rehearsals (for anyone who would like to join us but can not come Thursdays): March 4 and 25 from 9-10AM.

Mike Thomas has found digital images of art work that has been inspired by Jesus' walk to the Cross that will be projected to enhance the music. Please put this special service on your calendar.

May you see God's blessings in this season of Lent and find ways to "offer it up" as we ponder Jesus' path to the Cross.

God bless,



Mitzi Harris



United Women in Faith

On **May 7** at 3pm, United Women in Faith will again be sponsoring **Spring Fling** (formerly *Jazz and Just Desserts* and *Swing and Sway*) so mark your calendars! Ray and Scott Wierson will be providing the music to go along with desserts and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets will be on sale Sundays, April 23 and 30, at the Perry Street entrance, and will also be available in the church office during the week and at the door on May 7. Come and join the fun! All proceeds go to support the mission projects of UWF. See you then!

UWF members please check your new books for meeting locations and times. Dorcas Circle has DVAP and Deborah Circle has diapers. Thank you!

Our predictably unpredictable weather doesn't know whether to be winter or spring. I look at this way, regardless of what it is doing outside, it is one day closer to SPRING.

January monetary donations were \$435. down from last January.

Our Drive-up/Drop-off donations totaled 115 items. As the weather gets better, I feel those donations will increase. Again, THANK YOU to the Men's Bible Study Group. They will be at the Perry Street door on March 9 to receive your donations. Give them a big thank you for supporting our Food Pantry. Total food received for February, including the Drive-up/Drop-off, was 339 items.

Our next Food Pantry Sunday is March 19. Special needs for the month of March are dry pasta, canned fruit, canned meats, and canned chili. Watch the ads and Hy-Vee Deals of the Day for some good bargains.

Again, thank you for your support of the Food Pantry. Every food item counts and is much appreciated.

Food Pantry Update

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY @ THE CENTER



by Sharon Imming

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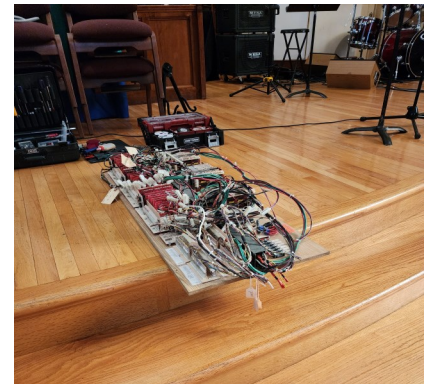
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

5:30PM Saturday Jesus Country in Fellowship Hall

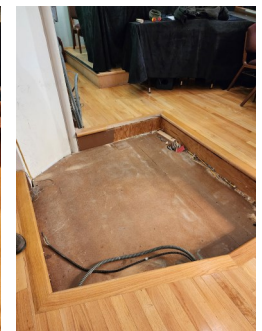
9:00AM Sunday on WOC 1420 AM radio
(previous week's sermon)

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)



Off to the repair shop! When you look for the organ at the front of the church, you will notice that a lot is missing! The console has been removed and is on its way to the Fabry, Inc. repair shop in Antioch, Illinois. We can look forward to seeing and hearing the organ again in the very near future - maybe even before Easter Sunday.



Financial Update

by Marilyn Lihs, Organ Restoration Task Force

Fundraising for the Organ restoration began with the dedication of the Easter Offering of 2022 towards the organ fund. The Task Force began a fundraising campaign in November 2023 after much research and proposals from organ repair companies. Thanks to many generous donations from St. John's UMC members, we have reached our goal to have \$120,000 by the end of February 2023. Easter Offering came to \$25,768. Total funds collected as of Sunday, February 19, 2023, are \$102,329.74. We also received a \$25,000 grant from the Foundation, bringing our total to date: \$127,329.74. Thank you St. John's UMC members!