

St. John's United Methodist Church  
Monthly Newsletter

# Tidings

MAY 2022

Change the World Sunday  
May 22, 2022



**GOD**  
**@**  
**WORK**



## It hasn't happened yet... but it soon will.

Have you spotted your first butterfly? Usually a butterfly appears later in the season after a caterpillar has munched on many leaves, spun a cocoon, gone dormant for a spell, then hatched to fly away.

Some butterflies appear in early spring much before any caterpillar could



have gone through its growth cycle. How can that be? Here's one example of this occurring. The Mourning Cloak Butterfly hibernates in holes or behind loose bark. And before it goes to sleep for the winter, it fills its body with antifreeze. Normal cells are filled mostly with water, but when water freezes it expands by 9% within the space that it occupies. This expansion within a cell would cause all the cell membranes to burst – killing the butterfly. So this particular butterfly synthesizes glycerol within its cells, allowing the butterfly's body to cool to -50 degrees without freezing in the winter. In early spring when this butterfly re-appears, it feeds on the sap of spring trees, which drips from broken branches or winter storm injuries that let the flowing sap leak. The Mourning Cloak butterfly also has mostly black wings that act as solar collectors absorbing the warmth from the sun; thus allowing this cold blooded insect to move in the cool spring breezes. Maybe you've noticed in my monthly articles that this butterfly isn't the only creature to make antifreeze to help survive the cold temps of winter. I believe we have a God who has created all things with much attention to detail. We live in a very finely tuned universe that bears witness to the creative hand of a loving Creator. And God delights when his children notice the beauty and details all around.

I love being one of your pastors,

*Pastor Jeff Dadisman*

**Mina Saige Mahmutovic** (daughter of Peyton Mahmutovic and Zaida Bradley, granddaughter of Jennifer Jones) was baptized during our Contemporary worship service on April 24, 2022



### CHARGE CONFERENCE

Monday, May 16 at 7:30pm we have a single-issue Charge Conference. We have been authorized to vote on the recommendation of Benjamin Quint as a candidate for ministry in the Iowa Annual Conference. The opening minutes of Church Council will be reserved for this matter, then the regular monthly meeting will follow. Benjamin is a seminary student that joined our church last August. He is scheduled to graduate in May and start his first appointment on July 1.

# SPARK

Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

May 2022



**VBS IS COMING!**  
July 24-28  
5:30-7:30pm  
(includes dinner)

**Register for VBS today!**

*Registration is available on our website or included in this month's newsletter*



**We had a very successful Campership Bake Sale, and it is because of you!** I wanted to say THANK YOU to all who donated to our bake sale. We raised a total of \$1,196. in order to help send our children and youth to camp this summer. Camp can have a lifelong impact on our students and it is great for them to know that their church supports them.

## WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

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@stjohnsumcdav.org



## SJUMC Wednesdays

**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

## 2022 Graduates...We are proud of you!

All level graduates will be **recognized in worship on June 5**. 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 Megan Keller at: megank@stjohnsumcdav.org by May 30, 2022.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Mission Offering Report, March 2022

UMCOR Sunday \$1,482; Heifer International \$320; UMCOR (Ukraine) \$1,245.; CWS Blankets \$20, Kids Against Hunger \$25

*Thanks for your generous gifts!*

## CHANGE THE WORLD SUNDAY May 22, 2022

Our May mission offering will go to the Change the World Sunday project. Throughout May, we will receive the offering for Change the World Sunday. On May 22, we will have a worship service at 9 am and service projects afterward.

**Projects** (start at 10 am): We need your Donations for projects we do. Items are to be collected now thru May 22.

- **Neighborhood Cleanup** (Leader: Josh Jackson)
- For **Summer Kits** (all travel sized): hand Sanitizer and wipes, lip balm, sunscreen, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, quart-sized Ziplock bags, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, bug repellent, washcloths, bus tokens.
- For **Layettes**: Fabric (cotton, cotton knit, or flannel -- Please NO camouflage nor 🖐️, 🖕, or 🐾 prints), and double-fold bias tape.
- For **Random Acts of Kindness**: cases of water bottles and Aldi grocery bags
- **Kids Against Hunger** meal assembly
- **TLC cards and letters** to the homebound
- If you are able, please bring a donation for the food pantry (not only food, but dish soap, toilet paper, or laundry items)
- If you have any questions about the Change the World Sunday, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Jae or Don Buser at (309) 236-1176.



### Upcoming Events

**June 6:** Larry and Jane Kies are visiting us. They will 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 and 19:** Rev. Paul Witmer, the Woman at the Well ministry will be preaching at all three services.

# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Communion 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Missions Team (Conference Room)	<b>3</b> 1:00pm Club of 89 (Parlor, Parlor Kitchen)	<b>4</b> 9:30am Men's Bible Study (Wesley Room) 4:30pm Kid's Club (Lower Level) 5:30pm Youth Group (The Wheel) 6:30pm Bible Study (Parlor)	<b>5</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Change the World Offering Communion 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
<b>8</b> Change the World Offering 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary) 1:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation (Kitchen - Fellowship Hall)	<b>9</b> 6:00pm The Center Ministry Meeting (The Center) 7:00pm SPPRC (Conference Room)	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Davenport Horticulture Club (Conference Room)	<b>11</b> 9:30am Men's Bible Study (Wesley Room) 10:00am UMW Board (Parlor) 4:30pm Kid's Club (Lower Level) 5:30pm Youth Group (The Wheel) 6:30pm Bible Study (Parlor)	<b>12</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Blood Pressure Checks (Fellowship Hall) Change the World Offering 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
<b>15</b> Blood Pressure Checks (Library) Change the World Offering Food Pantry Sunday 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)	<b>16</b> 5:00pm Trustees (Wesley Room) 6:30pm Steering Committee (Conference Room) 7:30pm Charge Conference (Parlor) 7:30pm Church Council (Parlor)	<b>17</b> 2:00pm Deborah Circle (Parlor) 6:00pm Dorcas Circle (Wesley Room)	<b>18</b> 9:30am Men's Bible Study (Wesley Room) 12:00pm Priscilla Circle (Parlor) 4:30pm Kid's Club (Lower Level) 5:30pm Youth Group (The Wheel) 6:30pm Bible Study (Parlor)	<b>19</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	<b>20</b> Tidings Deadline	<b>21</b> 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <b>Pastor Jae @ Preaching Conference May 16-21</b> </div>						
<b>22</b> Change the World Sunday 9:00am Worship (One Service) (Sanctuary)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 2:00pm Joanna Circle (Parlor)	<b>25</b> 9:30am Men's Bible Study (Wesley Room) 4:30pm Kid's Club (Lower Level) 5:30pm Youth Group (The Wheel) 6:30pm Bible Study (Parlor)	<b>26</b> 8:30am Tidings Assembly (Parlor) 5:45pm Bell Choir (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
<b>29</b> 9:00am Classic Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00am Sunday School Celebration 11:00am Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>				

# Music Ministry

.Thank you for supporting the busy musicians who were preparing and enhancing worship opportunities during April.

More than 100 people came to the Good Friday cantata!

This month brings more opportunities. If you have thought about maybe trying choir, this is the time!

We are reading through pieces, **no late rehearsals**, and enjoying fellowship with a purpose.

If you have a favorite anthem we have sung in the past and you would like to hear it again, or even sing it with us, please pass that along to me, or anyone in the choir..

BELLS??? If you read music and would like to try handbells, **we can find a place for you!** We always need subs!!!

And that is a great way to begin.

We love to look out at the congregation and see your smiles. Thanks again for your support!

## UPCOMING ORGAN PROJECT!

We have a magnificent instrument, (currently valued at \$1.2 million), however, the organ is going to need some *major* refurbishing.

Some of the re-leathering was done 20 years ago. That part is fine. There are parts *within* the bellows that have never been touched since it's installation 62 years ago.

That leather is crumbling. Just by opening one "box" for inspection, we now have a couple more notes that do not sound. The list goes on: The wiring within the bellows is original, so will need to be brought up to code; the larger pipes are beginning to show signs of weakening and need to be strengthened; and some revoicing needs to be done, to make all the stops useable.

As we get a quote, more exact details will be forthcoming. Stay Tuned!

Hope to see you in worship!

Mitzi Harris

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thank you to everyone who supported the soup supper sponsored by WISH ministries. Then went upstairs for Jazz & Just Desserts on April 22. Needless to say, Scott and Ray Wierson gave us a great program.

UMW will still be meeting in May before summer break. Dorcas has diapers and officers have DVAP. Anyone is welcome to visit and see what UMW is all about. Priscilla Circle meets on the 3rd Wednesday at noon in the Parlor. Deborah Circle meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 2:00 in the Parlor. Joanna meets on the 4th Tuesday at 2:00 in the Parlor and Dorcas meets the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 in the Parlor.

Remember, if you have medium to large purses or string backpacks for *Change the World Sunday* on May 22, please take them to the church office. We will fill them with personal items. You may also donate personal items (toothpaste, deodorant, nail clippers, sunscreen, shampoo, disposable razors, etc.). These will be donated to the Street Team at The Center. It is difficult for one person to make much change but working together we can really make a difference and the need is so great.

**Happy Spring** (I think)! Days are longer, flowers are starting to bloom and trees are budding.

April items donated to the pantry were 298, and money collected in March was \$517. Good job St. John's.



I was talking to one of the food pantry volunteers and he mentioned how much the contributions were helping. The Pantry is having trouble getting food from the Food Bank. The Food Bank is having problems getting food for the Pantries. As we all know, prices have risen out of sight, With that said, every dollar donated and every can that is donated, is very much appreciated and we thank you.

Like I have mentioned before, watch the HyVee "WOW" deals Monday through Thursday. There are some great prices. I recently bought two different boxes of Kellogg's cereal for 99 cents. Skippy peanut butter has been on the "WOW" deals for 99 cents. This is the time to stock your pantry plus pick up an extra item or two for the Food Pantry,

Remember third Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. Boxes are by both doors.

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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

At the end of March, the year-to-date cash receipts exceed the disbursements by \$158,000. Though the month of March was a loss, this positive year-to-date balance will help carry us through the next few months. I hope all of you who attended the Good Friday Service enjoyed the cantata. The additional musicians for that service were paid from the Music Fund rather than the church's General Operating Fund. The Music Fund is made up of money donated by individuals who designated their gifts be used by the music department. The asphalt in the Perry Street parking lot is in need of repairs. The Foundation of St. John's has granted money to make those repairs. As a result, the cost of these repairs will not have to come out of the church's General Operating Fund.

# Thank You!

We appreciate all who added a gift to the Easter Offering last month--\$11,500 was received in April. This covers the first step of organ repairs and maintenance which was estimated to be around \$8,000. Detailed information about Step #2 and Step #3 repairs will be coming in the opening weeks of summer. Please talk with Mitzi Harris, our organist, if you would like to have a conversation about the project.