

St. John's United Methodist Church  
Monthly Newsletter

# Tidings

MAY 2023



TOGETHER

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THE WORLD





## From the Pastor—Holy Land trip: January 30—February 8, 2024

Pastor Jeff and Susan will be hosting a trip to Israel in 2024. Anyone is welcome to join this adventure. Cost will be around \$3,500 to \$4,000 per person. Please reach out to [Pastor Jeff](#) if you want to be on the list for more information. There will be a bus that will take us from Davenport to Chicago O'Hare airport. Here is the planned itinerary:

- Day 1 – January 30 Depart from O'Hare airport
- Day 2 – January 31 Arrive in the Holy Land
- Day 3 – February 1 Sea of Galilee and Capernaum
- Day 4 – February 2 Cana, Nazareth, Tel Megiddo & Caesarea
- Day 5 – February 3 Bet Shean, Jericho & Qumran (site of Dead Sea Scrolls discovery)
- Day 6 – February 4 Bethlehem and Jerusalem
- Day 7 – February 5 Jerusalem and the Old City
- Day 8 – February 6 Masada and the Dead Sea
- Day 9 – February 7 Jerusalem
- Day 10 – Travel home

If you are interested in knowing more, there will be an information lunch at Pizza Ranch after morning worship on May 7 @ 12:15



### Welcome new staff: Linda Kern, Financial Secretary

Staff-Pastor-Parish-Relations Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of Linda Kern. She joined the church staff on April 6 and will be learning her new responsibilities over the coming weeks and months. Please welcome her to our church office if you stop in or call. As we announced last month, Don Sprosty will be retiring from his position as Financial Secretary on May 8.

### Congregational Meeting—Church Conference

Tuesday, May 9 @ 6:00pm

This night will be a time of discussion, a time to share your perspective if you wish, and conclude with a congregational vote. We hope you are aware of the issues within the United Methodist Church that are causing some congregations to separate from the denomination. A major factor in these separations has to do with how the church will minister to or relate to persons who have different perspectives on human sexuality. We recognize and respect that members of St. John's Church have differing views on this issue. We hope that this night will be one in which all who come can be honest, open, and respectful. For more information please access the resources available [on our website:](http://www.stjohnsumcdav.org) [www.stjohnsumcdav.org](http://www.stjohnsumcdav.org)



**Welcome new members:**  
**Karleen Noteboom &**  
**Marilyn Congrove**



**Church Workday**  
Saturday, May 6 @  
9:00am (rake, mulch,  
clean yard—bring a  
wheelbarrow to help)

I love being one of your pastors,

*Rev. Jeff Dadisman*

# SPARK

Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

May 2023



May 14, 2023 at 9:00 AM

## Confirmation

St. John's will confirm 5 youth in their faith journey on May 14 at our 9am worship service. Please come and share your support and stay for a cake reception following worship in Fellowship Hall.

### St. John's UMC Scholarship Recipient



Ephram Huscko is a 2023 graduate of North Scott High School and will be furthering his education at Morrison Institute of Technology in the fall. Ephram will be recognized in Worship for receiving this scholarship on May 14, 2023.

Please come and congratulate him in his accomplishments. Thank you to the scholarship committee for supporting our youth in this way.



*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](mailto:megank@stjohnsusumcdav.org)*



## VBS REGISTRATION

June 11–15, 2023

5:30–7:30pm

(includes dinner)



St. John's United Methodist Church  
Davenport, Iowa

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: \_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_





## Mission Offering Report, March 2023

Human Relations \$50 | UMCOR Sunday \$410 | Heifer International \$352  
Blankets \$25 | UMCOR International \$295



**Easter Offering:** St. John's Church Council has decided to utilize our Easter offering to assist Hopi students residing in the Hopi Reservation Area in Mesa, Arizona. Our offerings will be sent to the First Mesa Baptist Church, which will use them to purchase laptops or tablets for Hopi students who have completed their elementary and middle school education. For this ministry, Rev. Park receives donations mostly from United Methodist Churches in the US. The cost is approximately \$15,000.00 each year to provide laptops and tablets. When we have the details of the Easter offering, we will report it next month.

Rev. Park, who serves at the Mesa First Baptist Church, is a Methodist missionary from Korean Methodist Church in South Korea. He has been serving that church for several years now. When Rev. Park initiated this ministry, the schools in the region were not receptive to any form of assistance from the church. However, now the schools acknowledge the authentic concern for their students and express their gratitude for this ministry. Consequently, the doors of the schools and the community have opened up a little more to the church's ministry.

**Café on Vine** - The cooking must go on! We have been providing meals for 90 people each month. We are seeking volunteers for May (Mother's Day). If you have no plans on Mother's Day, I want to encourage you to come and help feed our brothers and sisters. We prepare meals every Second Sunday, 2 pm-4 pm (May 14, June 11, and July 9). If you are willing to support, please contact Jan Johnson (hawkeyejan@mchsi.com) or the church office.



*Thanks to Noah and Anna, Scott and Jan, Linda and Gary, Ron*

**Upcoming Mission Offering - Change the World Sunday (May 1 - May 21)** 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 21, we will have a worship service at 9 am and service projects afterward. Projects (start at 10 am): We need your Donations for our projects. Items are to be collected now thru May 21.

- **Neighborhood Cleanup**
- 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 Change the World Sunday, don't hesitate to get in touch with Pastor Jae or Don Buser at (309) 236-1176.

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 6:30pm Missions (Conference Room)	<b>2</b> 1:00pm Club of 89 (Parlor, Parlor Kitchen) 6:00pm Hebrews Study (Parlor)	<b>3</b> 9:30am Men's Bible Study (Wesley Room) 4:30pm Kid's Club (Lower Level) 5:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	<b>4</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Communion 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
<b>7</b> Communion 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship 3:00pm Spring Fling (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen - Fellowship Hall)	<b>8</b> 7:00pm SPPRC (Conference Room)	<b>9</b> 6:00pm Hebrews Study (Parlor) 6:00pm Congregation Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 6:30pm Davenport Horticulture Club (Conference Room)	<b>10</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 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	<b>11</b> 9:30am Drive By Food Pantry 3:00pm Drive By Food Pantry 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
<b>14</b> 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship 2:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation (Kitchen - Fellowship Hall)	<b>15</b> 5:00pm Trustees (Wesley Room) 6:30pm Steering Committee (Conference Room) 7:30pm Church Council (Parlor)	<b>16</b> 2:00pm Deborah Circle (Parlor) 5:30pm The Center Board (The Center) 6:00pm Dorcas Circle (Wesley Room)	<b>17</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 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	<b>18</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)	<b>19</b> Tidings Deadline	<b>20</b> 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
<b>21</b> Food Pantry Sunday 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Change the World Service Projects	<b>22</b> 11:30am Ridgecrest lunch	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30am Men's Bible Study (Wesley Room) 4:30pm Kid's Club (Lower Level) 5:30pm Family Meal 5:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	<b>25</b> 8:30am Tidings Assembly 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)	<b>26</b> 5:00pm Wedding rehearsal (Chapel)	<b>27</b> 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 3:00pm Wedding (Alex Perkins, Kiley Bothel) (Sanctuary) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
<b>28</b> 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	<b>29</b> Memorial Day (Office Closed)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 4:30pm Kid's Club (Lower Level) 5:30pm Family Meal 5:30pm Youth Group			

## Music Ministry

Chancel Bells wrap up their season in May. They will be playing on May 7 and 21. (You may hear small groups this summer).

Chancel Choir rehearses through May but will sing through June. Calling ALL men: July 2, please come join us for the men's chorus singing "America" and "America the Beautiful." It would be great to have a large group!

Please consider joining either group beginning in September. Keep your eyes open for this opportunity.

Confirmants join the church on May 14. They will be joining the Chancel Choir.

May 21 will be one combined service for Change the World Sunday. The musicians from 11:00 will join the choir. Bells, low brass and organ will all be part of this service.

Do not miss it!

God bless,



*Mitzi Harris*

## #4 Church history

The Center is not the first outreach endeavor of the Methodist Church in Davenport. From the earliest days there were a number of startup and outreach organizations.



A schism in the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Methodist Church arose in 1855. The leaving group started a new church between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets on Perry, called Asbury Chapel. The 5<sup>th</sup> Street Church, due to overcrowding of the building, started the 14th Street Church. The new church was dedicated in 1867. The 14<sup>th</sup> St. Church started a mission called the Gilruth Chapel, though it seems to have been closed by 1875. After moving from 5<sup>th</sup> and Brady to 9<sup>th</sup> and Brady, the First Methodist Church started two outreach missions: Cook's Chapel, in the 1600 block of W. Third and the Spring Street Chapel (also known as the Kent Mission), in the 1100 block of Spring Street. These were basically Sunday schools with neighborhood outreach. The two missions had a joint attendance of nearly 400 people at their peak. The 14<sup>th</sup> St. and 9<sup>th</sup> Street churches re-joined in 1898. This soon-to-be St. John's eventually "mothered" a number of "daughter" churches in Scott County. New churches included Grace Methodist in 1922, Asbury in Bettendorf in 1950, Broadview in Bettendorf in 1964, Christ Methodist in 1964, Eldridge Methodist in 1972, and New Hope Methodist at Parkview in 1982. The Center, established in 2006, is a recent addition to the long history of outreaches by Methodism in Davenport.



United  
Women  
in Faith



We had a great month of food items for the Food Pantry. We collected 373 items. I noticed a lot of can meats which was one of the items requested. Thank you to all who brought food this month. Monetary donations for March were \$2,465.

## Food Pantry Update

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY @ THE CENTER



by Sharon Imming

The Drive-by/Drop-off the second Thursday of the month has been very successful and well-received. Remember May 11 is the next one! We have wonderful gentlemen from our Men's Bible Study who will unload your car, give you a great smile and chat.

Thank you again for your donations. Every item is appreciated.



## ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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9AM-2PM, M-F

### Appointments are encouraged

*After 2PM by appointment only*

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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)



### Did you know St. John's has a book club?

Have you ever wanted to belong to a book club but didn't want to have to read a book every month? With **Club of '89** you don't have to! The club was started in 1889 by Phoebe Sudlow and is still meeting today. While we are much less formal than in 1889, our format is still the same. One member a month reads a book she/he is interested in. That member gives a book report at a monthly meeting. A signup is done well in advance so it is no surprise when your turn comes. Yummy dessert is served before we "get down to business." We'd love for you to join us. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in the church parlor (except January and February). Dues are \$10 a year. What a deal for good food, educational information, and good friends every month for a whole year. You can just show up or if you'd like us to know you're coming contact one of us by phone or email.

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### Financial Update

by Karen Weimer, Treasurer

The following is a summary of the church's financial position as of March 31, 2023. The year-to-date cash receipts and disbursements compared to the budget are as follows:

	Actual <u>Year-To-Date</u>	Budget <u>Year-To-Date</u>
Cash Receipts	346,241	356,215
Cash Disbursements	<u>183,221</u>	<u>221,950</u>
Receipts in Excess of Disbursements	<u>163,020</u>	<u>134,265</u>

Thank you for your support of St. John's and our ministries!