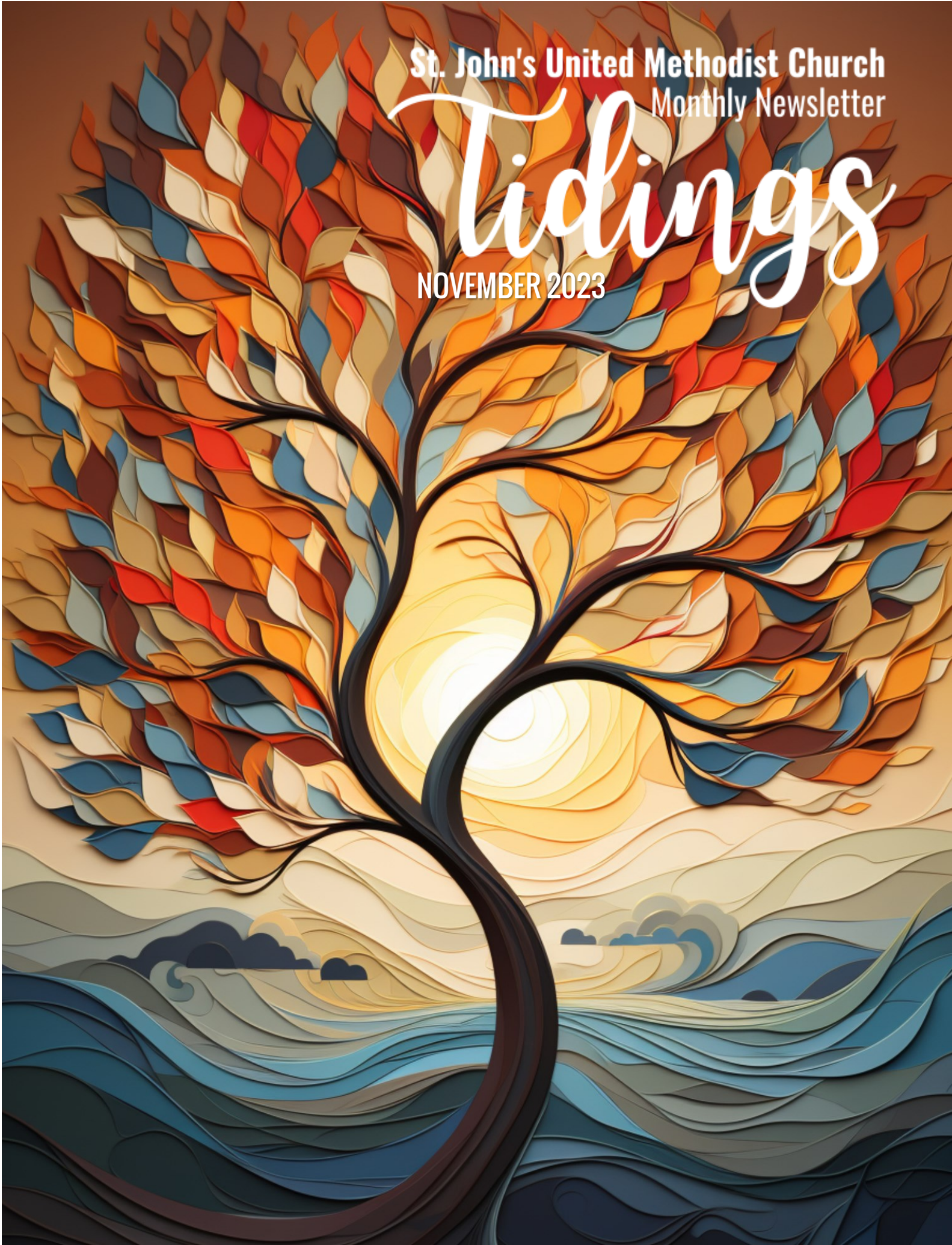


St. John's United Methodist Church
Monthly Newsletter

Tidings

NOVEMBER 2023





Reflections on faith and death: for All Saints Day

The story is told of two men viewing a famous painting of a chess game. One character in the painting looked like a despairing young man; the other looked very much like the devil. The young man had come to his final move. The title of the painting was *Checkmate*. One of those viewing the painting was an international chess champion. Something about the painting had captured his attention and he wanted to linger. His partner grew impatient and asked what he was doing. The chess champion answered, "Something about this painting is not right. I want to study it for a while. You go ahead and look around."

When the friend came back, the chess master declared, "We must locate the artist that painted this piece! He must either change the picture or change the title."

His friend asked, "What's wrong with the painting?"

The chess champion replied, "It's titled *Checkmate*, but that's wrong. The king still has one more move!"

When Jesus was arrested in Jerusalem, he was put on trial, then beaten and mocked, and finally nailed to a cross to die. Then his body was taken to a tomb where it would rot like every human body has rotted since death entered our sin marked world. The devil then announced, "Game over! Time to go home. Checkmate!"

But he was wrong, for three days later, **the King had one more move!**

No matter how burdened we might become by the cares of life; no matter how overwhelming the circumstances or difficulties of your day, no matter how final the sting of death; never forget...we can walk by faith because **our King has one more move.**

I love being one of your pastors,

Rev. Jeff Dadisman

All Saint's Day – Celebrated on the first weekend of November

The first weekend of November we will celebrate the memory of those who have died in Christ during the past year. A hallmark of our Christian belief is that those who die as followers of Jesus enter their heavenly reward on the other side of death; joining that great "cloud of witnesses" written about in Hebrews 12:1-2.

We hope you can join us for worship on the first weekend of November. All services will have a time of remembrance. The following list of names will be honored in these services. If you have a person you would like to add please contact the church office by November 1.

Jack Babcock

Ron Baker

Kay Belt

Doris Blackburn

Harold Bolterman

Neale Bowman

Janice Bradley

Donna Caldwell

Jason Day

Debbie Doltz

Marsha Findlay

John Gaines

Cimberly Hanson

Matthew Hansen

Danny Lapsey

Dawn Larson

Jordan Lauhon

Darrell Lietz

Dan Lindemier

Thomas McGowan

Michael Oldegaard

Keith Osborn

Harland Rapp

Lori Rutten

Frances Sheckler

Sandy (Sophronia) Smith

Darlene Specht

Neil West

Danny White

Amy Wolcott

Phil Yerington

Rose Zemanek

Helga Zepeda

On October 22, five students received their 3rd grade Bibles to celebrate the next level of Learning Hour. These students were able to receive their very own Bibles that will be a source of learning about God's love for them and the hope He provides His people each and every day. In October, the Church also celebrated the ministries of the Church and the opportunities we can support through our stewardship campaign. These two events go hand-in-hand as your giving is in part how we can gift these Bibles to our kids. It's a gift that keeps on giving!



*For questions, needs, or inquiry
of ways to get involved...*

*Please contact Megan Keller,
Director of Christian and Youth Programs
megank@stjohnsumcdav.org*

Come Join Us!

2023-2024 Learning Hour (Sundays @ 10am) and Midweek programs for our Kids, Youth, and Families (4:30 Kids' Club, 5:30 Dinner, 6:00 Youth) would love your presence. If you have wondered about ways to get involved or even how to be a part of all the fun that is happening, wonder no more!

It's a time full of learning, growing, and proclaiming the message of God's grace, hope, and love.

save the date

Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming! Here are the special activities for our Kids' and Youth

NOVEMBER 22...No Wed. PM Kids & Youth (Happy Thanksgiving)

NOVEMBER 26...No Learning Hour (Happy Thanksgiving)

DECEMBER 2...Children's Bazaar @ 9am-1pm

DECEMBER 10...Christmas Cantata @ 4:00pm

DECEMBER 13...Family Christmas Dinner @ 5:30pm

DECEMBER 17...Kids' Nativity Musical Narrative @ 9am Worship (with distribution of nativity pieces)

DECEMBER 20—JANUARY 3...Christmas Break for Kids' and Youth Programs

DECEMBER 24...No Learning Hour (Join us for Christmas Eve Worship! Times listed in this month's newsletter.)

DECEMBER 31...No Learning Hour





Free Thanksgiving Dinner Sponsored by P.U.N.C.H. (People Uniting Neighbors and Churches)

Each year, a free neighborhood Thanksgiving dinner is held on Thanksgiving Day at First Baptist Church for the homeless and anyone who wishes

to join us. The dinner is served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Every church in P.U.N.C.H. provides food. St. John's is committed to providing 2 gallons of green beans, 20 lbs. of mashed potatoes, (2) 20 lb. turkeys, 1 bag cornbread dressing, 5 pumpkin pies, canned turkey gravy, 6-lb can cranberry sauce, 4 dozen rolls, 3 large cans of whipped cream. St. John's cooks and debones the turkeys too.

Monetary donations are also appreciated, made payable to St. John's UMC, with "PUNCH Thanksgiving Dinner" on the memo line.

VOLUNTEERS are needed on Wednesday and Thanksgiving morning in Fellowship Hall kitchen at St. John's. Pies can be delivered on Wednesday to Fellowship Hall by 1:00 p.m. Please contact Maggie Gillespie (563-676-9387) if you have questions, would like to donate items, or to help prepare or serve food.

Celebrate Advent and Christmas at St. John's

Tuesday, November 28 at 12:30PM: Advent decorating at the church

(Contact the church office if you'd like to participate)

Friday, December 1 at 7PM: River Bend Bronze concert at St. John's

Saturday, December 2 at 2PM: River Bend Bronze concert at St. John's

Saturday, December 2, 9AM to Noon: Children's Christmas Bazaar in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 3: First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 10 at 4PM: Christmas Cantata

Thursday, December 14, 5-7:30PM: Family Caroling

Friday, December 15 at 7PM: Cool Yule

Saturday, December 16 & Sunday, December 17: Nativity Pieces will be given to children in all services. At the 9AM Sunday service, children will perform a Nativity musical narrative.

Sunday, December 17 at 4PM: Blue Christmas worship

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Worship at 7PM and 11PM

ST. JOHN'S FOUNDATION
2024 GRANT REQUESTS

The submission deadline for completed grant request forms is December 15, 2023.
Questions may be addressed to **Molly Giese**.

The **St. John's Foundation** is accepting grant requests for the 2024 calendar year. We invite all St. John's Church and The Center committees and staff members to submit grant requests which meet the following criteria. Grant requests will be considered for building improvements, equipment purchases, one-time projects, or seed money to initiate new programs. Grant request forms are located in the church office and are available electronically from the church office. The submission deadline for grant request forms is **December 15**.



Mission Offering Report (September 2023)

UMC Student Day: \$185 | CROP Hunger Walk: \$375

Winter Kits: Don Buser and our Change the World Team will be collecting items for winter kits through mid-January. There is a box by the elevator for donations. Distribution will occur in February.

Winter kit Items: hand/foot warmers, cough drops, small hand lotions/cream, gallon-size Ziploc bags, hand sanitizer, masks, hats, ear muffs, gloves, scarves, socks, bus tokens, and lip balm.

Upcoming Offering for November

Reverse offering for Thanksgiving food items. (November 4-5, 11-12)



Café on Vine is ongoing, preparing meals the second Sunday of each month. If you want to serve, please get in touch with Jan Johnson (hawkeyejan@mchsi.com).

Five volunteers gathered in October to prepare meals for 80 people. Thanks to Matt Loper and Anne Thirtyacre, Scott and Jan Johnson, and Mike Thomas.

Mission Ingathering Kits – On October 16, at Don and Michelle's house, Mission Team members gathered and assembled about 100 school kits and 50 hygiene kits. Thank you for your generous donations for Ingathering Kits. We will bless them on the last Sunday of October and deliver them to Mt. Pleasant by November 4.



Do you want to serve Jesus?

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."



November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30am Men's Bible Study 4:30pm Kids Club 5:30pm Family Meal 5:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Praise Team rehearsal 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	2 2:00pm WISE Seminar 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	3	4 Communion Thanksgiving Reverse Offering 12:00pm Baby Shower - private event 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country
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19 Food Pantry Sunday 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	20 5:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Steering Committee 7:30pm Church Council	21 5:30pm The Center Board 6:00pm Dorcas Circle	22	23 11:00am Thanksgiving Dinner @ First Baptist	24	25 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country
26 9:00am Classic Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship	27 11:30am Ridgecrest Lunch	28 12:30pm Advent decorating	29 9:30am Men's Bible Study 4:30pm Kids Club 5:30pm Family Meal 5:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Praise Team rehearsal 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	30 Children's Bazaar Setup 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal		

Music Ministry

November brings our extra sense of Thanksgiving! We can show this through our Prayers, our Presence, our gifts and our service.

We hope you can join us in worship to experience the special music this month.

November 5, All Saints Day, the Chancel Bells will play in honor of loved ones celebrated this day, with "I'll Fly Away" for an organ postlude.

Solos and duets will be featured various weeks, sharing God's gifts for all.

Please put special December musical opportunities on your calendars:

- December 1 @ 7:00 and December 2 @ 2:00 will be the River Bend Bronze Handbell Christmas concerts at St. John's.
- December 10 @ 4:00 will be "Promises of Advent" shared by Bells, youth, children, brass, Chancel Choir, strings with Kathleen Figaro singing a special Magnificat.

Watch for more Christmas events in the December Tidings.

Thank YOU!

God Bless,

 *Mitzi Harris*

Drama Team volunteers for Advent

Would you like to be part of a drama for worship the four Sundays in December? We need 3-4 people to cover the parts in telling the stories of what God did leading up to the first Christmas.



United Women in Faith

EXCITING NEWS! United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) will be holding a craft and food event in Fellowship Hall on December 10 between services and after the 11:00 service. The between-service coffee will also be upstairs. The proceeds will help support our many mission projects. Hope to see you all there.

Circles please check your books for November meetings. Joanna has DVAP and diapers.

Food items collected for October was 157 items. Monetary donations for September was \$250.

Food Pantry Update

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY @ THE CENTER



There will be NO Drive By/Drop Off Up for the rest of the year.

by Sharon Imming

November 4 & 5 and November 11 & 12 will be our Thanksgiving Reserve Offering. Please take a slip or two after service, buy the items (watch the ads) and bring your items back to church by Sunday, November 19. Items collected will be counted and taken to The Center on November 20 to be handed out to clients for their Thanksgiving meal. Monetary donations may be made noting Food Pantry in the memo section.

Watch the December Tidings for more information about the Christmas Canned Goods Tree.

Blessings for a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Happy
THANKSGIVING



children's

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

at St. John's UMC

DECEMBER 2

9AM till noon

Entering its 16th year, countless numbers of children have enjoyed shopping with "elves" for their family members and others. To make this year one of its best, committee members will be circulating in Sunday school rooms and at services with sign up sheets for various volunteer opportunities. These include baking cookies (3 dozen), helping serve the children's adults, elves to take the children shopping, gift wrapping, cashiers for the sales, setting up and helping clean up.

If you are doing the Fall Cleaning Sweep before you put up the holiday decorations, gently used or new items for children, women, men, teens, tweens, grandparents, teachers and even pets would be appreciated. They can be left in the Church office. Men and boys seem to be the hardest to find items for. Cash donations would also be welcome for shopping for those hard to find items the children want for their special people on their list.

For further information and if you have any ideas, please contact Jamie Kreuger at 563 349 4067 or Marti Puls at 563 940 4706.

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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 Classic Worship sermon)

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

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

END OF YEAR GIVING OPPORTUNITY

If you are 70½ years old and have an IRA account, all or part of your "required minimum distribution" can be directed as a charitable contribution to St. John's United Methodist Church. When your distribution goes directly to a charity of your choice, it does not count as taxable income and 100% of the withdrawal goes to the charity.



Commitment Sunday will be **October 28-29**. Each worship service will include a time at the end of worship for each person to bring their estimate of giving card forward to place in the basket at the front during the closing song. We hope you will join us in taking this step of faith together.

Our church website has a giving option in which you can donate from home. For those giving online, we have also created a way you can fill in your "Estimate of Giving" card online too. We do wish to receive an online giving card to know if you plan to continue into the next year. Please take the time to let the leadership team know your level of support for next year.

Financial Update

by Karen Weimer, Treasurer

The following is a summary of the church's financial position as of September 30, 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	582,160	609,231
Cash Disbursements	<u>554,320</u>	<u>603,780</u>
Receipts in Excess of Disbursements	27,839	5,451