

St. John's United Methodist Church
Monthly Newsletter

Tidings

OCTOBER 2022



The **Center**
Love in Action 1 John 3:18
St. John's United Methodist Church



PUTTING LOVE INTO ACTION

Many gospel accounts include the phrase..."and moved with compassion, Jesus acted." One could say with a pretty high degree of confidence, Jesus wants his followers to be moved with compassion when they see someone in need of help. The story of the Good Samaritan is an example of a teaching of Jesus to illustrate this point. (see Luke 10:30-37)

A poor soul was beaten, robbed and left for dead along the road and couldn't seem to get any help. A preacher came by and felt sympathy for the man lying there but moved to the other side of the road. The worship leader from the synagogue came by that same place where

the man had been left and maybe he felt some empathy, but he also moved to the other side of the road and passed on by. Finally a Samaritan came and moved by compassion, bound up the injured man's wounds and took him to the hospital. Jesus ended this parable by asking someone in the crowd, "which of these three men was a neighbor to the man who fell into the trap of the robbers?" His listener responds correctly by naming the Samaritan. Jesus says, "Go and do likewise." We will have a chance in October to think about the ways we put love into action as followers of Christ. This is the title of our Stewardship Campaign coming the last part of October and I pray you will join me in making a financial promise in support of St. John's and the ministry of The Center for 2023.

Commitment Sunday is the weekend of October 29-30. Please consider your "estimate of giving" for 2023 to St. John's and The Center. We will be mailing a card to each household in preparation for this day together.

I love being one of your pastors,

Pastor Jeff Dadisman

Sermon Schedule for October

10/2 "Growing in Grace: The Fruit of Kindness and Gentleness" (Ephesians 4:29-32)

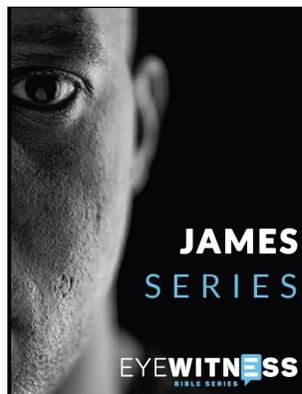
10/9 "Growing in Grace: The Fruit of Goodness" (John 14:4-5)

STEWARDSHIP SERIES: Putting LOVE into action

10/16 "Growing in Grace: The Fruit of Goodness" (Luke 10:25-37)

10/23 "Growing in Grace: The Fruit of Joy" (Luke 6:38)

10/30 "Growing in Grace: The Fruit of Faithfulness" (Matthew 25:14-30)



The book of James gives us practical ways to live out the Christian life. This book teaches how works demonstrate that we have been justified by Christ and that good actions naturally flow from those who are filled with the Spirit. James also questions whether someone really has saving faith if the fruits of the Spirit cannot be seen.

Join us as we study the Book of James

Begins: October 19 – 1:00 or 7:00 via Zoom
(or in person/church office)

Please welcome our newest staff member, **Mark Beauchamp**, to the position of Building Superintendent. He has been an active member of St. John's UMC for about 14 years and began his new role in September. Take a moment to greet him if you see him around the building! He is excited to be working at the church and looks forward to serving in this capacity. When I asked him if he wanted to say anything special for this edition of the newsletter, he said, "I really enjoy sports...and during football I am excited to shout--Go Hawks!"

To help Mark: we are hoping to enlist a new set of hands to assist in weekly cleaning duties and regular tasks around the church. Volunteers (men or women) could assist in a variety of areas. If you have time and a willingness to serve in one of these ways please contact the church office.

- vacuuming of classrooms and hallways
- dusting in the sanctuary each week
- vacuuming of the sanctuary and balcony
- collection & delivery of recycling (office and kitchen)
- setting up tables & chairs for funerals and special events
- wet mopping the Fellowship Hall floor weekly



SPARK

Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

October 2022



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



A safe place to go trick-or-treating

October 31, 4:00 to 5:30 PM

Hey Kids! Come trick-or-treat at St. John's UMC Perry Street Parking Lot.

Decorated trunks with candy also needed.

Come Join Us!

2022-23 Learning Hour (Sundays @ 10am) and Midweek programs for our Kid's, Youth, and Families (times listed above) are kicked-off and ready to go strong. If you have wondered about ways to get involved or even how to be a part of all the fun that is happening, wonder (or wander...however you prefer to identify) no more!

It's going to be a great year full of learning, growing, and proclaiming the message of God's grace and love.

Help Wanted

1. Wednesday Afterschool Kid's Bible Club Adult leader
2. Wednesday Night Family Meal
(Cook, serve, clean-up, or all three)
3. Sunday Morning Learning Areas
(Welcoming, Check-In, Teaching, Assisting, or Subbing)
4. Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants (This is a paid opportunity)

Contact Megan Keller, Director of Christian Education and Youth Programs
megank@stjohnsumcdav.org



St. John's History Committee takes care of the older records of our church. Membership is one type of record. The earlier membership records sometimes have interesting bits of history and genealogy tucked away in them.

These records may tell when and where people came from: **James and Mary Gilruth** arrived in Davenport from Ohio before November of 1851. Sometimes what people did for a living was recorded: **William P. Hall** was a river pilot on the Mississippi in the early 1850s. Sometimes you can discover where people went if they left Davenport: **Mary Eliot** moved to Ohio late in 1852. Deaths, births and marriages are recorded: **Mary Woodward** "went to Glory" in 1856. **Robert Edward Hudson** was born February 24, 1861 to **James and Hannah Hudson**. **Jane Carter** and **Newton De Camp** were married on November 7, 1858.

Sometimes there are other interesting facts included: **Emanuel Franklin**, a "colored man", was a member in 1854. And there are entries amounting to gossip. **Israel Hall** "never comes to class" according to his class leader; **Sarah Platt** was withdrawn under censure in May of 1854; and **William Herrill** was expelled one week later. Are these last two events connected?

Do you have an ancestor who might have been a member many years ago?

Do you just enjoy history?

If you wish to find out more, ask in the church office to contact your history committee members.



The Memorial to the Lost display finished its rotation from church to church on Sunday, September 25. It was set up at Centennial Park to coincide with the community program sponsored by Family Resources. The shirts are a reminder to our community of the accumulation of loss and grief to gun violence. Each of these 50 t-shirts bear the name of someone who was killed in Davenport since 2014.

St. John's hosted the memorial shirts for the week following August 27 and pictured above is the view along Brady Street. The group pictured is the volunteer group that moved them from the previous church to our lawn.



August Offering Report

Self-Help International \$302. | Teach Beyond (for Jason Otten) \$717. | UMCOR \$200.

Thanks for your generous support for the missions of St. John's

Mission Offerings for October

Worldwide Communion Sunday, October 1-2

Reverse Offering for Thanksgiving food for Food Pantry, October 29+30

Future Events

Trunk or Treat, October 31, Church Parking lot, Time: 4 pm-5:30 pm (see below for details)

Collecting Winter Kits for the homeless starts in November

Canned Goods Christmas Tree (December)



Café on Vine: Welcome our new Coordinators! Jan and Scott Johnson have volunteered to be St. John's Coordinators for Café on Vine. I hope you help them continue the good work for the community. We still need volunteers each month to cook and deliver meals down to the meal site. We start cooking by 2 pm, and mostly we finish cooking by 3:30 pm. This cooking time is a beautiful fellowship opportunity. Perhaps you will meet people you never met before and get to know each other. You will be more connected to the body of Christ. In August, we cooked meals for 80 people. I want to thank Jerry, Susan, Jan, Scott, Sharon, and Anna for cooking and great teamwork!



Trunk or Treat is coming Monday, October 31

4:00 to 5:30 PM in the Perry Street parking lot
and we need you & your trunk to join in the fun!

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Communion World Communion 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group 9:00am Funeral for Alicia Garcia 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
2 Communion World Communion 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	3 6:30pm Missions	4 1:00pm Club of 89 6:00pm Romans Bible Study	5 9:30am Men's Bible Study 4:30pm Kid's Club 5:30pm Family Meal 5:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	6 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	7	8 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
9 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship 12:00pm Blood Pressure Check 1:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation	10 12:00pm Etude Students Music Club (Carolee Stanley) 6:00pm The Center Ministry Meeting 7:00pm SPPRC	11 5:30pm Task Force 6:00pm Romans Bible Study 6:30pm Davenport Horticulture Club	12 9:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am UMW Board 4:30pm Kid's Club 5:30pm Family Meal 5:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	13 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	14	15 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
16 Food Pantry Sunday 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	17 5:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Steering Committee 7:30pm Church Council	18 2:00pm Deborah Circle 5:30pm The Center Board 6:00pm Dorcas Circle 6:00pm Romans Bible Study	19 9:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Priscilla Circle 4:30pm Kid's Club 5:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	20 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	21 Tidings Deadline	22 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
23 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	24	25 2:00pm Joanna Circle 6:00pm Romans Bible Study	26 9:30am Men's Bible Study 4:30pm Kid's Club 5:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	27 8:30am Tidings Assembly 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	28	29 Thanksgiving Reverse Offering (Food Pantry) 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
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October brings lots of special music to our 9AM Classic service: solos, duets, and groups sharing music. Marguerite and I will be playing two duets on October 2 which will be dedicated to Betty Souder.

The upcoming fall Stewardship campaign helps us all focus on our gifts and service to the church. As you make your commitment to St. John's, our Handbells and Chancel Choir will be sharing their musical gifts with you. Our choir would love to have you join us anytime! One place to come join us for short time would be right now as we are just beginning to work on the Advent/Christmas program, to be shared December 4. Rehearsal for that music will be from 7:00-7:20 on Thursday nights, just before we work on all the Sunday anthems. Please consider stopping by to join us for the Christmas program.

God bless,



Mitzi Harris



United Women in Faith

Welcome back to our regular fall schedule. Circles are starting up so check your calendar for meeting times and places.

Remember the Children's Bazaar. We especially need gifts for men and teenagers. If you have donations, please take them to the church office and we will pick the items up.

Personally, I would like to thank everyone who supported us with your prayers, thoughts and love we were shown during the difficult time after the death of our granddaughter and great-grandson. It was a difficult time but all of the caring helped us get through it.

Gary and Linda Jantz and Sarah Taylor.

The St. John's Methodist Foundation wish to thank the following members for their Birthday Fund contributions: Bob Fulton, Dean O'Neill, Ruth McGinnis, Don Buser, Betty and Bill Stone, Linda Jantz, and Barb Groenenboom.



Fair Trade Coffee

Believe it or not cooler weather is coming, when the aroma of finely roasted coffee is especially appealing. This is what we have on hand now: Hazelnut Crème; Colombian and Love Buzz. I could really use your help deciding what to order next! The Equal Exchange Cooperative has too many wonderful roasts to list them all. Stop by the office Sunday, Monday or Wednesdays and I'll be happy to show you what is available.

~ Nancy Newton



FRIENDLY THRIFT NEEDS DONATIONS!

Friendly Thrift Center @ The Center is in need boys' and girl's winter clothing and coats, men's jeans and men's pajama pants

Friendly Thrift Center

Food Pantry items collected for September were 154. We received 75 rolls of toilet paper, 15 rolls of paper towels and the remainder in food. Remember the pantry can always use paper products, cleaning supplies, laundry soap along with canned goods, macaroni and cheese, pasta, tuna, chicken, peanut butter and snack items. Yes, they will take any items you would like to donate over and above the listed ones.

Food Pantry Update
ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY @ THE CENTER



by Sharon Imming

Please **DO NOT BRING DENTED OR OUTDATED ITEMS.** The food pantry can not take them.

Monetary contributions for August were \$980. Thank you to all who make donations of money and food.

The third Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday. Lets fill the grocery carts!

Happy Halloween to all. Watch out for the little trick and treaters.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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)



The **Eager Beavers** gathered around soon-to-be-retired Glenn Wilkerson, to celebrate his many years among us and reminisce about their experiences with him. The Eager Beavers were a Monday morning team of volunteers that assisted in caring for the church building very faithfully until the pandemic stopped them from coming (as it did so many of

the activities we enjoyed in spring of 2020). They wished Glenn well in his future endeavors and shared gifts of appreciation. **Pictured L to R:** John Shaw, Paul Holzworth, Doug Koester, Neil West, Bill Otten, Gordon Fordyce, Dick Peterson, Craig Lihs, Gary Smith, and Brian Schlump. Not pictured: Mike Thomas

Financial Update

by Karen Weimer, Church Treasurer

The following is a summary of the church's financial position as of August 31, 2022. 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	538,191	527,886
Cash Disbursements	<u>492,035</u>	<u>502,780</u>
Receipts in Excess of Disbursements	<u>46,156</u>	<u>25,106</u>

Thank you for your continued support of our church and its programs. Fewer people can itemize deductions on their personal income tax return due to the increased standard deduction. And normal distributions from your IRA account are considered taxable income. But there is a way to make a donation to your church (and other qualified charitable organizations) without having to withdraw money from your IRA, paying income tax on it, and then making the donation. If you are 70½ years old and have an IRA account, you can make a qualified charitable contribution directly from your IRA to the church without paying income tax on the distribution. These donations can be part of your required minimum distribution. For further information to set up such a donation and how the laws apply to your particular situation, you should contact your investment advisor.

At the Charge Conference on September 19, the bequests from the estates of Pat and James Clapp totaling \$30,000 were accepted by the church. It was approved that the money will be used for the following designated purposes: \$10,200 will be used for the radio ministry and \$19,800 will be used in the church's general operating fund for church operations.

Commitment Sunday will be the weekend of October 29-30, 2022