

St. John's United Methodist Church  
Monthly Newsletter

# Tidings

SEPTEMBER 2022

**September Sermon Series**  
*Growing in Grace:*  
*The Fruit of the Spirit*

**September 4**

God helps those who help themselves, right? (*Luke 16:1-13*)

**September 11**

Self Control (*Galatians 5:13-24*)

**September 18**

Peace (*Colossians 3:12-17, John 15:16*)

**September 25**

Patience (*Numbers 20:1-13*)



LOVE  
JOY PEACE  
patience  
KINDNESS GOODNESS  
FAITHFULNESS  
gentleness  
SELF CONTROL



## Memorial to the Lost

These t-shirts moved across the hilltop area of Davenport in 2018 and 2019, as a way to raise awareness of the tragic effects of gun violence in the QCA. Each shirt is a memorial to someone and lists their name, age, and date of death. Our hope continues to be that grieving families might find healing for their loss and help in the difficult process of grieving a tragic loss of life. I invite you to come as the Body of Christ to stand with a part of our community that is hurting.

St. John's will be hosting The Memorial to the Lost on Saturday, August 27. There are 45 T-shirts representing names of people lost to gun violence in the QCA over the past eight years. You are invited to join with a short time of prayer at 10:00 Saturday, August 27 where the shirts will be placed in the lawn of our church along Brady Street.

If you come at 9:45 to First Baptist church across from the parking lot of St. John's, you can help walk the t-shirts from the Baptist church to their location in our own lawn. The following Saturday the memorial t-shirts will be moved to Third Missionary Baptist Church at the same time.

Our schedule will conclude on Sunday, September 25 @ 2:00pm in Centennial Park when the greater QCA community will come together for a Day of Remembrance honoring the lost.

*Pastor Jeff Dadisman*



### Fall Updates:

--**Glenn Wilkerson is retiring** the end of September; please take a moment to thank him for his many years of service at St. John's when you see him over the next few weeks. All are invited to a farewell reception on Sunday, October 2 @ 10:00.

--**Search process** for hiring a new Building Superintendent continues. Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee is in the middle of interviews for candidates that have applied and hope to offer the position to the best applicant in the next couple weeks.

--**Pastor Jeff & Pastor Jae would like to thank all** who took time to join the "lunch with the pastors" opportunities this summer. There were 66 individuals that took them up on the offer of good food and a chance for some conversation and discussion in one of the weekly lunch appointments. These lunch visits provided a valuable time to respond to questions some had about issues in the life of our church and also a chance for the pastors to have face-to-face meetings with small groups in a relaxed setting.

--**Safety & Security Team updates:** it is the recommendation from a recent police officer training with our staff, that Sunday morning access be focused on the Elevator entrance. The Security team has decided to implement this recommendation as of this weekend. The Security Team would like all Sunday worship attenders to know that the 14<sup>th</sup> Street entrance will no longer be unlocked. Everyone is requested to use the doorway at the portico which will be unlocked at 8:35 for first service and 10:35 for second service. We hope anyone who has to change will be understanding of the changing dynamics of our community and our priority to minimize the security risks when the congregation gathers for worship and special events.

# SPARK

Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

September 2022

## SJUMC Wednesdays

Wednesday Programs begin  
September 14



**Kids' Bible Club**  
4:30pm-5:30pm with  
the family meal  
5:30-6:30pm. 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 dis-  
cussions. Rides provided if need-  
ed. Pick ups 5:15pm-6:00pm and  
drop offs 7:30pm-8:30pm

## Start-Up Sunday September 11

Sunday School of all ages and  
Confirmation will begin again for  
our 2022-2023 program year on  
September 11 @ 10am

*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*

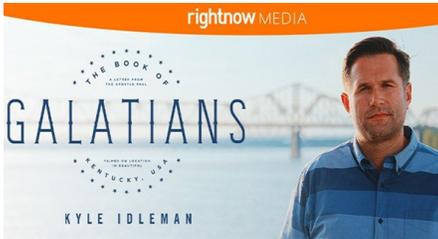
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Fall is right around the corner and we are looking forward to getting everything back up and going for the school year. As we do, we have some great ways to get involved in our children, youth, and family ministries at St. John's. You can...

- Sign up to serve a meal for our Wednesday programs
- Help to teach or lead a Sunday School Class or Wednesday Kid's Bible Club
- Chaperone and/or Lead a small group for Wednesday Youth Group
- Be a Confirmation Student Mentor
- Commit to praying for our students and programs

Thank you for your commitment to our student ministries. Our kids and youth need you!

# Bible Study Options for Fall 2022



## **The Book of Galatians (In-person & Online)**

(Wednesday, 7 pm, @ Conference room and Online), Class begins on September 7) - Pastor Jeff and Pastor Jae will be lead this Study together.

Description of the Study by Kyle Idleman

If someone asked you to explain the gospel, what would you say? What is the good news of the Christian faith? Writing to the Galatians, Paul made it clear how easily we can be tempted to turn toward fraudulent gospels, especially those that teach we can earn God's love through our works. Though they may

have the appearance of truth, they are lifeless and leave us empty in the end.

In this Book of the Bible series, Kyle Idleman dives into the book of Galatians, one that contains some of the clearest explanations of the gospel in the New Testament. Through biblical Study and engaging lessons, Kyle shows that true freedom is found in surrender, not self-dependence. Because our gospel is not one based on our works but faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

## **Jane Lange's Bible Study (In-person)**

(Wednesday, 6:30 pm, @ Parlor, Class begins on September 7)

EARLY CHURCH: Becoming a Light in the Darkness

by Ray Vander Laan with Stephen & Amanda Sorenson

This five-session small group bible study by noted teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan, is volume five of the *That the World May Know* series. In this volume, Vander Laan uncovers the passion and commitment early believers displayed as they claimed Jesus in the face of fierce consequences and powerful adversaries.

Faith Lessons is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers.

*Lessons include:*

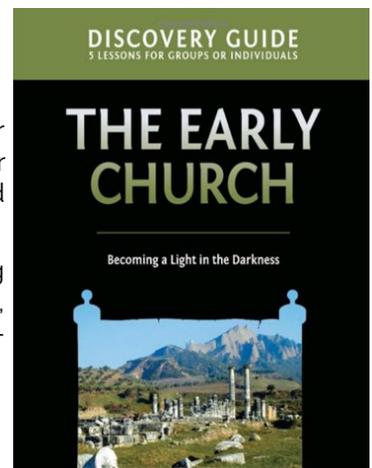
Everything to Lose, Nothing to Gain – Filmed in Caesarea Philippi

The Salt of the Earth – Filmed in Sardis

Where Satan Lives – Filmed in Pergamum

The Mark of the Beast – Filmed in Ephesus

Hot or Cold – Filmed in Laodicea



## **The Book of Romans (In-person)**

(Tuesday, Dinner at 6 pm, Class at 7 pm, @ Parlor, In-person, Class began August 16)

Leader: Marti Puls

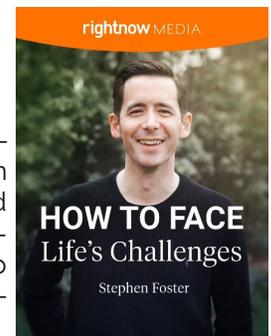
Each week, the group will read a chapter together and discuss it. You are encouraged to ask any questions and listen to each other. There will be 16 sessions through the fall; there's still time to join us. As the group reads through the Book of Romans each week, you will have more knowledge about God and know yourselves better. This class will guide you to build and deepen your relationship with God and God's will. Dinner will be provided at 6pm, and class will begin at 7pm.

**Sunday morning adult Sunday School class:** facilitated by Susan Dadisman

Meeting room (LL06) is in the lower level @ 10:00 (on Sunday mornings)

Starting: September 11

Stephen Foster presents this six-part series on how Jesus' teachings unlock some of life's major challenges. Each session will equip you with Biblical, practical, and relatable application relating to different challenges like worry, failure, anger, loving enemies, judging others, and facing temptation. Be inspired and encouraged to approach each of these struggles or setbacks with confidence in the love, power, and wisdom of Jesus, who is worthy of our worship even amidst the very real difficulties of life. (Each week will begin with a video segment followed by group discussion)



# Missions Update

## Mission Offering Report (July 2022)

Human Relations \$20 | UMCOR Sunday \$50 | Native American Ministry Sunday \$25 |  
Peace with Justice \$20 | World Communion \$25 | Student Day \$50 | Lit Lit program \$75 |  
Heifer International \$100 | Blankets \$50 | Self Help International \$100 | Ingathering \$375 |  
Women at the Well \$25 | UMCOR (Ukraine) \$250 | Kids Against Hunger \$50 |  
Manna for Mission \$915 | Change the World Sunday \$70

**Thank you for your generous offerings!**

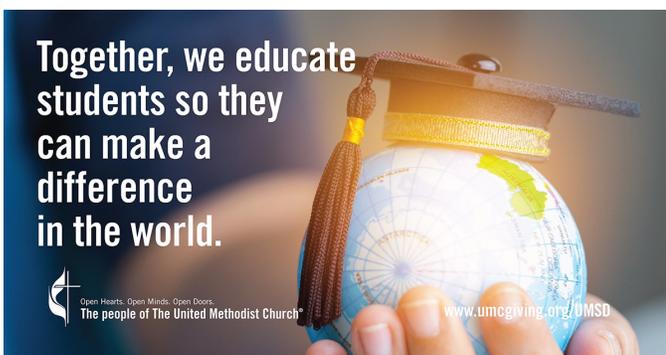
**Ingathering** – Continuing collecting items until the end of September, packing in October, and sending those items on the first weekend in November.



**Café on Vine** – Served 75 people in August. (Thank you for your help, Madison, Joel, Isaac, Pat, and Melanie.)

We cook meals every Second Sunday, 2 pm-4 pm. Each time, we need 4 or 5 people to cook. We welcome you even though you do not have cooking skills. Sign up sheet is in the church office. St. John's needs a coordinator for Café on Vine. The coordinator does the ordering, picks up food from the food bank, recruits volunteers, and manages cooking and delivering meals to the site and all materials for it. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Jae.

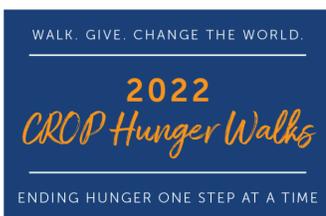
## Upcoming Offerings in September



### September 10-11 Student Day

Students are the future of The United Methodist Church. In the 18th Century, our Wesleyan roots were formed around the importance of education and its role in spiritual formation. In fact, the original Special Sunday was created to help advance education for children - and today we call it United Methodist Student Day. By investing in our students, the Church supports potential in students who will one day pay the investment forward to society. Together, we support their effort to become Christian leaders of tomorrow.

### September 11 CROP Hunger Walk collection begins



The ongoing war in Ukraine, on top of the pandemic and other disasters is causing a global food crisis. Millions are on the brink of famine. The CROP Hunger Walk and the funds we raise will feed the hungry through CWS. When you join this movement to raise funds and donate, these gifts will provide life-saving support like emergency food along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.

# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Communion 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
<b>4</b> Communion 9:00am Classic Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship	<b>5</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Club of 89 (Parlor, Parlor Kitchen) 6:00pm Romans Bible Study 6:30pm Missions (Conference Room)	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study (Conference Room, ZOOM)	<b>8</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Blood Pressure Checks (Fellowship Hall) Student Day 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
<b>11</b> CROP Begins Student Day 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship 12:00pm Blood Pressure Check (Library) 1:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation	<b>12</b> 6:00pm The Center Ministry Meeting (The Center) 7:00pm SPPRC (Conference Room)	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Romans Bible Study 6:30pm Davenport Horticulture Club (Conference Room)	<b>14</b> 10:00am UMW Board (Parlor) 4:30pm Kid's Club (Lower Level) 5:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study (Conference Room, ZOOM)	<b>15</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)	<b>16</b> Tidings Deadline	<b>17</b> 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
<b>18</b> Food Pantry Sunday 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	<b>19</b> 5:00pm Trustees (Wesley Room) 6:30pm Steering Committee (Conference Room) 7:30pm Church Council (Parlor)	<b>20</b> 2:00pm Deborah Circle (Parlor) 5:30pm The Center Board (The Center) 6:00pm Romans Bible Study 6:00pm Dorcas Circle (Parlor)	<b>21</b> 12:00pm Priscilla Circle (Parlor) 4:30pm Kid's Club (Lower Level) 5:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Small Group Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study (Conference Room, ZOOM)	<b>22</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group (Parlor) 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship (Fellowship Hall)
Pastor Jeff @ Continuing Education Conference Sept. 20-23						
<b>25</b> 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 2:00pm Joanna Circle (Parlor) 5:30pm Foundation Committee (Parlor) 6:00pm Romans Bible Study	<b>28</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 Small Group Bible Study (Parlor) 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study (Conference Room, ZOOM)	<b>29</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)	<b>30</b>	



# Music Ministry

We Are BACK! September restarts all of our musical ensembles and brings us together, reconnecting and meeting new friends.

Thursdays, Chancel Bells will rehearse from 5:30-6:45. If you read music and would like to try us out, we would love to have you join us. Bells is definitely a "time commitment" for rehearsal, but substitutes are always needed. That could be a good way to join this group. We play in worship once a month (except December is every week)

Also on Thursdays, Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7-8:15. We sing in worship each Sunday September-June. We would love to have you join us.

Children and youth will have music time during Sunday School, preparing for worship leadership and the Advent/Christmas program. If anyone would like to help with this, let me know.

**SPECIAL INVITATION:** We will be having a Saturday morning "read-through" session to go through the music chosen for the December Advent program. ANYONE and EVERYONE who would maybe like to join us for the December program, may come Saturday, September 10, from 9:15-10:15 to get your very own folder of music and see what it is all about!

**Organ update:** On hold as we await the final bid from Patrick Budelier, our organ maintenance person. He does plan to speak with the committee and/or trustees as soon as he can get all his numbers in order and the plan in place. This is a huge undertaking for all of us! Thank you, in advance, for your help and support.

Please consider joining our musicians in worship. It will be FUN and inspire you in ways nothing else can!

Musically yours,



*Mitzi Harris*



## United Women in Faith

We had a good day on August 17 getting ready for the Children's Bazaar. Thanks to everyone who helped. We now have everything sorted and priced that has come in so far. Keep your donations coming and turn them in to the church office. We especially need items for men and teenagers. The Children's Bazaar is scheduled for the first Saturday in December, so mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

Thank you to the individual who made a generous financial donation to the purse ministry. It allows the opportunity to serve those in need of assistance through the street team at The-Center. It was greatly appreciated.

You can donate diapers and wipes for pregnancy resource center and personal items to the domestic violence center; take them to the Parlor and place them in the large closet and they will be delivered where they need to go. Thanks.

I hope everyone is enjoying this early fall like weather we have been having. I know I am enjoying it.



by Sharon Imming

Food items collected for August were 271. With school starting, children need food for their lunch boxes and snacks for after school. Watch the grocery ads for bargains and the HyVee "WOW" deals each day. Canned vegetables and canned fruit are also needed.

Monetary contributions for July were \$2,527. Thank you one and all for this wonderful and much needed donation. The Food Bank is struggling as much as the Food Pantries.

Remember the 3rd Sunday of the month is Food Pantry. If you can't make it then, you may drop off your items anytime during office hours.

Blessings,  
Sharon Imming

## 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 Facebook, YouTube, website)

**11:00 AM Sunday** Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

(simulcast online on Facebook, YouTube, website)

### Welcome our Newest Members!

**Steve & Jeanette Nantz** have transferred to St. John's from the DeWitt UMC

**Lex Hinke** comes to membership by profession of faith; he is just beginning his classes in Dubuque to become a pilot.

**Autumn Skahill** comes to membership by profession of faith; she is a recent graduate and is starting college this week in Platteville, WI.



### Financial Update

by Karen Weimer, Church Treasurer

The following is a summary of the church's financial position as of July 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	505,603	485,026
Cash Disbursements	436,752	443,961
Receipts in Excess of Disbursements	<u>68,851</u>	<u>41,065</u>

Thank you for your continued support of our church and its programs.

### Charge Conference notice: Monday, September 19 @ 7:30pm

This is a special Charge Conference called for a single purpose: the guidelines of the United Methodist Church direct the members of our Church Council to act on bequests that come to the church to "officially receive" the money/gift. The estate of James and Patricia Clapp have designated St. John's UMC as the beneficiary for \$30,000. The first 10 minutes of our regular monthly Church Council meeting will deal with this action.