

St. John's United Methodist Church
Monthly Newsletter

Tidings

SEPTEMBER 2023



A new photo directory is coming for our church. It's happening in a new way that has not been available until recently. Our church database now gives us the ability to "self-publish" a new directory and print as many copies as we want, and also to make it available in electronic format. It's been 5 years since St. John's did a directory. New people are attending. Some of you didn't get included last time. It will help match names and faces between the three different times that attenders come to worship. Will you help us to include your family?

This new option comes with some good news:

- No pressure to buy pictures after your sitting
- You can submit a photo for your family or yourself (as long as it is not copyright protected)
- We would like to include new people in this directory.

Sunday picture takers needed: As Lynda Notter is ending her position on staff with us we could use a volunteer to help take pictures on Sunday mornings in September.

- Times: Sundays (first shift) 8:30 to 9:00 (second shift) 10:00 to 11:00
- Equipment needed: a smart phone with a good camera (portrait mode)

How to participate:

- Saturday evening after Jesus Country
- Sunday--come to the dedicated room across from the church nursery (signs will direct you)
- Schedule a time during the week during office hours (between 9:00 and 2:00)
- We're also updating addresses, phone numbers and email addresses during the next month. There is a button on our website by which you can share changes in your contact information.

DIRECTORY UPDATE



Staff Changes: We appreciate the 5 years **Lynda Notter** has served as our Communications Director and Office Manager for St. John's. She has resigned from her role on staff effective August 31. She has added much to our publications with her creativity and eye for design. We will miss her talent for selecting graphics and visuals for sermon ideas and special events. She will be supporting the office during the next few weeks as a new person is hired. Our Staff-Pastor-Parish-Relations Committee has concluded interviews and offered the position to **Jessica Silvernail**. Jessica will begin on Monday, September 18 after her family relocates to the community from out of state.



A note from Lynda: My dear friends at St. John's; Thank you for welcoming me into your family when I arrived in the Quad Cities five years ago, sharing with me your stories, your joys and your sorrows. My health will no longer allow me to provide all that you need from my position, so I am stepping aside to make room for someone who can. Know that I will miss you and think of you often, and I wish you all the very best.

Annual Charge Conference date: Sunday, September 24 @ 2:00pm

Location: Asbury UMC – meeting in Fellowship Hall

Charge Conference, the annual business meeting of our church, is scheduled on this day together with the other churches in our "circuit." Our new District Supt. Rev. Brian Oliver will be presiding. This meeting is open to anyone from the church who wants to attend. Church Council members are asked to participate and are the only voting members for this process.

Business to be covered includes: 2024 salaries for both clergy, election of new church leaders, the reception of annual reports from lay leaders, lay servants, and Trustees, and setting church goals for the coming year.



Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

September 2023

FALL KICK-OFF

Backpacks have been blessed and the last splashes of summer have been made. This must mean that its time to kick-off the school year and fall programming. **Sunday School begins September 10, and Wednesday kids and youth programs begin September 13.** After a great summer, we are looking forward to seeing everyone together again!



WE NEED YOU!

*Needed: Sunday School Teachers,
Wednesday Kids and Youth Leaders, &
Wednesday Night Meal Providers.*

*For questions about details or ways you
can get involved in our Children, Youth,
and Family Ministries,*

*Contact Megan Keller at
megank@stjohnsusumcdav.org*



September Sermon series

Lessons We Learn From the Games We Play

(When the game is over, it all goes back in the box)

September 3: Euchre: A Card Laid is a Card Played

September 10: Football: It's All About Teamwork

September 17: Sorry: Dealing with the Regrets of Life

September 24: Win/Lose/or Draw: Winning Alone is Still Losing

Pastors' Zoom Study

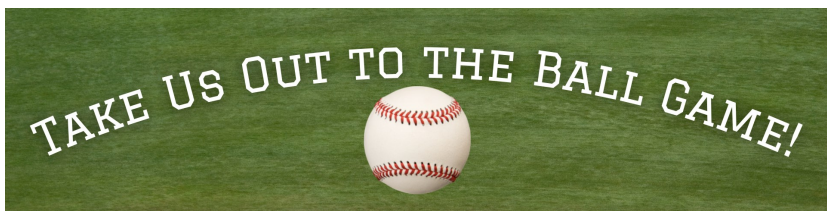
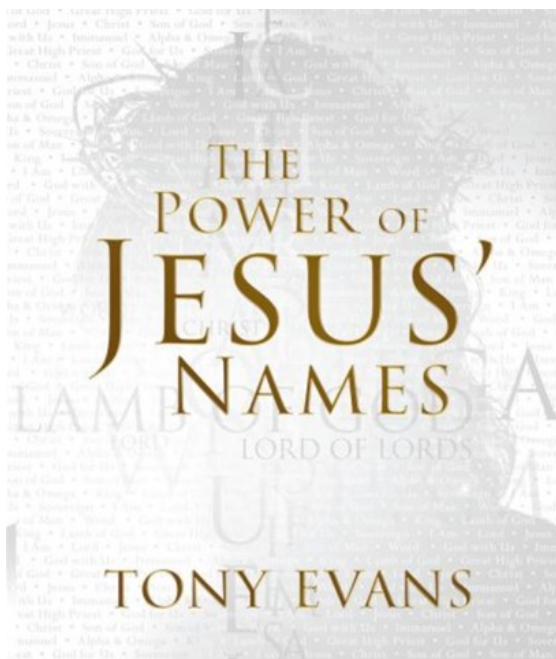
Pastor Jeff and Pastor Jae will lead the Bible Study via Zoom on Wednesdays at 1 pm and 7 pm beginning September 13. If you like to join the study, please call the church office.

Title of the Book:

The Power of Jesus' Names by Tony Evans.

Some names live in infamy, and some names inspire the greatest kinds of hope. But there is one name above all other names, and it belongs to the Son of God, Jesus. Jesus is the most unique person who's ever lived, and his names carry with them great weight.

In this six-session series, Dr. Tony Evans journeys around the stomping grounds of Jesus in the land of Israel and presents a complete picture of the Incarnate God. By teaching on each of the major names of Jesus, Tony brings us face-to-face with the Second Person of the Trinity. Shot in the major locations where Jesus himself lived and taught, we find ourselves asking one question: "What will we do with Jesus?"



Our St. John's family enjoyed a summer evening ball game on Tuesday, August 8 at Modern Woodmen Park as our Quad City River Bandits took on the Cedar Rapids Kernels — and won!





Mission Offering Report (July):

Ingathering school kits: \$366 | Women at the Well \$150 | Change the World Sunday \$50
Salvation Army Christmas in July \$477

Ingathering: We will continue collecting items until the end of September, packing in October, and sending those items on the first weekend in November.

Upcoming offering in September 2023



Student Day September 9-10 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. 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 2 CROP Hunger Walk collection begins

The prolonged 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 Church World Service (CWS). When you join this movement, donate, and raise funds, you will provide life-saving support like emergency food along with the seeds, tools, and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.



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."

Café on Vine is ongoing, preparing meals one time per month. Thanks to those who served on August 13. If you want to serve, please get in touch with Jan Johnson (hawkeyejan@mchsi.com).

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Communion CROP Walk-Special Offering 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country
3 Communion CROP Walk-Special Offering 9:00am Classic Worship 11:00am Contemporary Worship	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 1:00pm Club of 89 6:30pm Missions	6	7 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	8	9 Student Day - Special Offering 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country
10 Student Day - Special Offering 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Sunday School Kickoff 11:00am Contemporary Worship 2:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation	11 7:00pm SPPRC	12 6:30pm Davenport Horticulture Board	13 10:00am UWF Board 1:00pm Pastors' Study - The Power of Jesus' Names 4:30pm Kids Club 5:30pm Family Meal 5:30pm Youth Group 7:00pm Pastors' Study - The Power of Jesus' Names	14 9:30am Drive By Food Pantry 3:00pm Drive By Food Pantry 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	15	16 9:00am Emmaus Reunion Group 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country
17 Food Pantry Sunday 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	18 5:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Steering Committee 7:30pm Church Council	19 5:30pm The Center Board	20 1:00pm Pastors' Study - The Power of Jesus' Names 4:30pm Kids Club 5:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm Family Meal 7:00pm Pastors' Study - The Power of Jesus' Names	21 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	22 Tidings Deadline	23 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country
24 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship 2:00pm Charge Conference - @Asbury UMC	25 11:30am Ridgecrest Lunch	26 2:00pm Joanna Circle	27 1:00pm Pastors' Study - The Power of Jesus' Names 4:30pm Kids Club 5:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm Family Meal 7:00pm Pastors' Study - The Power of Jesus' Names	28 8:30am Tidings Assembly 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	29	30 4:00pm Jesus Country Rehearsal 5:30pm Jesus Country

Music Ministry

We are all back!

Thank you to everyone who "stepped up" this summer to help with special music and lead the hymns for our "on-line" congregation.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Rehearsals are OPEN TO ALL! Beginning on Thursday, September 7, at 7:00, we will meet in the choir room: (upstairs behind the sanctuary.) Just show up! We will have a folder of music ready for you. Come when you can. We sing every week in worship. TRY US!

CHANCEL BELLS; Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 7, at 5:45.

- If you read music and can commit to every week, come see me!
- Being a substitute can also be a key role!
- We play in worship: an average of once a month (plus every week in Advent).

Children's Sunday School music TBA

Possible Youth Bells? Let me know if you can find a time when your youth would be available. Maybe you would like to direct it??? This could be your opportunity to work with youth in a positive, musical setting.

Hope to see you soon!
God Bless,

 *Mitzi Harris*

Pathfinder Sunday School

class starts on Sunday, September 10 @ 10:00 in a downstairs classroom.

Topic: **The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to Stay Emotionally Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the Chaos of the Modern World**

Format: 5 week study, video segment + group discussion

Facilitator: Susan Dadisman

**John
Mark
Comer**

**The
Ruthless
Elimination
of
Hurry**

"...a remedy for our overworked and tired souls."

—Jeremy and Audrey Roloff, bestselling authors of *A Love Letter Life*



Is it Christmas in September? Is it clean out time?

Well, not really; but Marti Puls and Jamie Kreuger, with the support of so many others, are going to try to keep the UWF wonderful tradition of the Children's Bazaar. So mark your calendars for December 2, and remind everyone of this St. John's tradition. With all that being said, we could use some help in replenishing our stash of gifts for guys and gals, teens and between. If you have things to donate they can be left in the Church office cabinet. Thank you so much for your support.

IT'S BACK!

Please support the Food Pantry by bringing non-perishable food items to the church on **Thursday, September 14**
9:30-10:30 AM and
3-4:00 PM

FOOD PANTRY DRIVE-THRU DONATIONS



Help! Our Food Pantry count is down and we need items! Items needed are: canned soup, peanut butter, jelly and canned pasta. School has started; lunch boxes are being packed. Watch the HyVee Daily Deals and watch the ads. Please help the food pantry located at the west end of The Center. Bring your items to the church during office hours or any Sunday. The third Sunday of each month is designated Food Pantry Sunday. We need your help!

Food Pantry Update

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY @ THE CENTER



by Sharon Imming

Items collected for August were 141 items. Monetary donations for July were \$515.

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 our YouTube channel)

11:00 AM Sunday Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

(simulcast online on our YouTube channel)

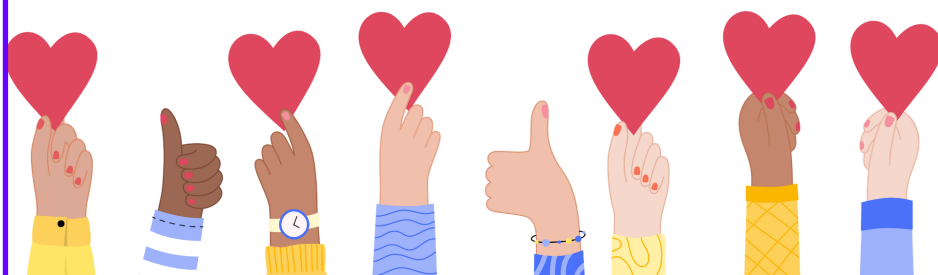
Volunteers
needed

If you would like to volunteer to **usher** at our in-person **Contemporary Worship service**, on a monthly or periodic schedule, please contact:

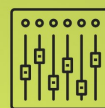
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**LIVE
STREAM**



JOIN OUR MEDIA TEAM!

We need volunteers for both Sunday services to run cameras, Powerpoint, livestream, and sound.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Pastor Jae.

Financial Update

by Karen Weimer, Treasurer

The following is a summary of the church's financial position as of July 10, 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	515,775	536,536
Cash Disbursements	<u>433,542</u>	<u>472,376</u>
Receipts in Excess of Disbursements	82,233	64,160