September 2026

Monthly Newsletter

Tidings

St. John's United Methodist Church

Davenport, Iowa

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thoughts from the Pastor-If we are not learning..we're not growing

I had a chance to attend a local venue for The Global Leadership Summit the first week of August. A Bettendorf church hosted the Summit for anyone who wanted to be challenged, inspired, and encouraged in their leadership skills. It was a Christian conference but it wasn't just for pastors. Four other staff and leaders from St. John's came along as well. We sat with about 95 people from around the QCA; but the event was shared with over 400,000 attendees in the U.S. and other countries.

It was good enough that I would like to go again and invite you to come along next year. It's always the first Thursday/Friday of August. Three of the speakers were pastors, 2 were Bible teachers, 2 were lawyers, two were Christian business leaders, two speakers were leaders from the entertainment industry, and one person was a mountain climber. They all had something to offer to help a leader navigate change, solve difficult problems and work with difficult people.

The encouragement of our kickoff speaker was this: everyone wins when a leader gets better. Who doesn't want to get better at what they do? My favorite speaker was Craig Groeschel, a pastor from Oklahoma. He challenged us to see the "patterns" that affect us as a congregation. Leaders need to be able to see the patterns at work, decide which patterns need to be disrupted, then create healthy new patterns and protect those patterns that bring growth.

You can check out the speakers in the side bar. I invite you to consider coming along in August of 2027. A great way to find refreshment for your soul, inspiration for your faith, and brush up on your people skills at the same time.

I love being your pastor!

Pastor Jeff Dadisman

September Sermon series: *How do we hear God's voice?*

Do you ever wish to hear God's Spirit speak to you, but feel disconnected or discouraged? Samuel was only a young boy when the voice of God reached out to him in the night. He grew up to be a faithful prophet, but at the age of 12 he was only an assistant in the temple. Yet God by-passed all the adults in Israel to speak to this boy. What was it about Samuel that God chose him? Join me as we explore Samuel's relationship with God and consider how God might want to communicate with us today.

Kickoff Sunday is September 13

(Sept. 13) What might God say if we were listening?

(Sept. 20) How to come to worship with an open heart?

(Sept. 27) Why is God sometimes silent?

SPARK

Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs **September 2026**

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.

Wednesday kids and youth programs begin September 9th

All Ages Sunday School begins September 13th

After a great summer, we are looking forward to seeing everyone together again!

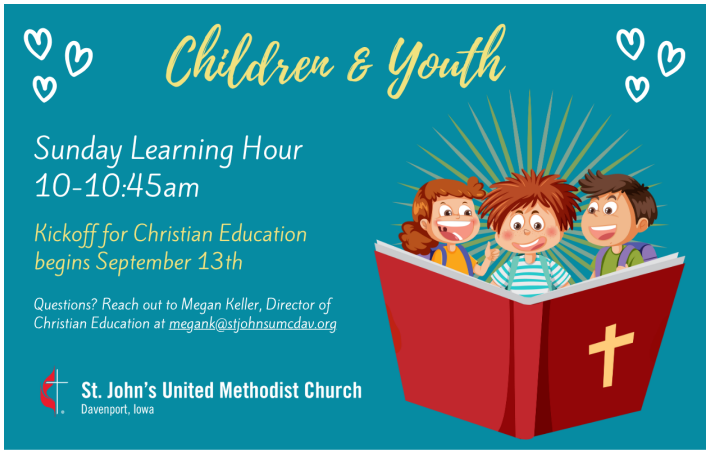
If you have been in the building weekdays this summer, you may have met our new friends "People With Purpose" which is a program through an organization called "Hand In Hand."

We are excited to share that "People With Purpose" loved our space so much that they want to stay year round! It is a blessing to host such a spirited group of people who have a heart to serve their community and embrace each member of the team's abilities while doing it. Our staff have loved getting to meet them and are excited to continue getting to know them.

A big thanks to some of the "People With Purpose" team that helped us pack the backpacks to bless our students with as they go back to school.

Our community room is fully up and running!

If you have not heard the exciting news, our community room has had a facelift and a new addition thanks to the hard work of one of our youth who made it his Eagle Scout project to remodel the space and establish a foster closet that local foster families can use in order to alleviate some of the stress of receiving a child into their care by offering resources needed such as clothes and equipment.



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

Contact Megan Keller

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September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00pm Club of '89	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5** Communion Special Offering - St. John's Scholarship 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
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13 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship 2:00pm Cafe on Vine Prep	**14** 6:00pm Missions Meeting 7:00pm SPPRC	**15** 1:30pm Deborah Circle 6:30pm Dorcas Circle	**16** 9:00am Bob's Bible Study 12:00pm Priscilla Circle 5:30pm Kids Club & Youth Group 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	**17** 5:45pm Bell choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	**18** Tidings Deadline 5:00pm Kinzenbaw Rehearsal	**19** 12:00pm Kinzenbaw Wedding 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
20 Food Pantry 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	**21** 5:00pm Trustee Meeting 6:30pm Steering Committee 7:30pm Church Council Meeting	**22** 2:00pm Joanna Circle	**23** 9:00am Bob's Bible Study 5:30pm Kids Club & Youth Group 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	**24** 8:30am Tidings Mailed 5:45pm Bell choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	**25** 6:00pm Rehearsal-Daily Wedding	**26** Special Offering - CROP Walk 2:00pm Daily Wedding 4:30pm Girl Scout Meetings 5:30pm Jesus Country Worship
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Mission Report –August 2026

Mission Offering Report

Peace with Justice offering: $143

Self Help International: $440

Thank you for your generous giving!

Upcoming Mission Offerings

September 5-6 : St. John's Scholarship Fund

These scholarships embody the spirit of our church's support financially and is St. John's way of saying, We care about you." The scholarships is a symbol of belief in the recipient and of encouragement. Having the members underwrite the scholarship represents the collective faith we have in the potential of each recipient to make a difference in the world. The scholarship committee thanks you for helping funding the scholarship.

September 26-27: CROP WALK

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe, through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised are returned to the host community (Quad Cities) to support local hunger fighting efforts.

The money raised through donations helps young families, homeless folks, the elderly, the hungry, the hurting, and poor neighborhoods; helps to build wells, rebuild farms, resettle refugees, and, above all else, provides hope. Thank you to all who have contributed to CROP Walk. Our goal is for $2,000 or more, of which a portion stays here locally. You can give on Sunday mornings in the lobby at the table two weeks prior to the walk or take the online option on our church website.

Come walk with St. John's! We already have a team. See more local updates on the CROP Facebook page, **CROP Hunger Walk in the Quad Cities.**

Join our team at: https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/st-johns-united-methodist-church-2
Contact Patrick Mahoney for questions at: Scimitar12@yahoo.com
Or Jenny Eckhardt at: officemanager@stjohnsumcdav.org

Mission Highlights

Café On Vine: St. John's prepares meals on the second Sunday of each month, from 2pm to 4pm. If you wish to help in coming months you can sign up on the church website or contact Jan Johnson at johnsongrandma98@gmail.com

(Thank you August volunteers, pictured right)

Music Ministry

Have you ever thought about joining a choir?

September brings us all together again.

Come meet us, make some music, make new friends, and discover the joy of singing together. No experience necessary—just bring your voice and your enthusiasm!

There is a kickoff party August 30th at 5pm that is a potluck. This would be the prefect time to come meet people and talk about joining the choir. Reach out to me for more details. *Contact: mitzijoh5674@gmail.com*

Midwest Mission Trip 2026– Jefferson, Iowa

Thank you to this years group of members who are sharing their time and talents with those in need while serving at the Jefferson location. The emphasis with the Midwest Mission at present is to provide amenities to the people of Venezuela affected by the earth quake. There are several projects for our members to choose from with sewing and bike repair shown in the pictures to the right.

We appreciate Norlan and Cindy Hinke for coordinating this trip.

"God has given each of you some special abilities. Be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings." I Peter 4:10

Find out more at **www.midwestmission.org**

Church Updates

Friendly Thrift News

We have requested donations for the Friendly Thrift if you are cleaning out closets. Items needed: men's jeans, men's shoes, children's clothing, women's bras and undergarments, and bed clothes. They have an abundance of women's jeans and are not seeking these at this time.–Mission Committee

UWF (United Women in Faith)

Our world thank offering suggestion for **September** is: put in a quarter for every meeting you attend this month. We are about to start our Fall circle meetings. Please check your books to find where you are meeting. **Thought for the day:** The future belongs to those who are wiling to work for it. "For fifteen years we've had these words where we can see them as we go out the door. We've found them to be a truly positive thought, one that's helped us through some tough times." by Diana Lockerby. All of us have tough times, and this, along with prayers, will help. – Linda Jantz

Coming soon! The October Annual Meeting. As a member of United Women of Faith, it is time to plan for our Annual/Unit Meeting. Lunch is at 11:30 am is always a treat and having the chance to visit with other circle members is always fun. Our speaker this year is Missie Heinrichs from Empower House. She will provide information they have developed regarding brain injuries and how to cope during recovery. Organized as a "brain injury clubhouse", they deliver connections, purpose, and support for brain injury survivors so they can live fuller, more independent lives. This can be helpful to someone you know who has had a brain injury. Mark your calendars for October 14, 2026! We hope to see everyone there. -Marilyn Lihs

Food Pantry

I hope September brings us some more sun, less humidity and rain. The frustrations of current gardeners, they can't get in their gardens and the poor veggies can't ripen. Our total food items collected for August was 177. Monetary donations for July were $495, for a yearly total of $3,115.

The Pantry is looking for dry pasta, canned chili, and canned pasta of any kind. School is back in session and we need snack items for lunch boxes and after school (ex: juice boxes, pudding, roll ups, individual bags of chips, cookies). Thank you for your contributions to the Food Pantry. Watch the sales!! Blessings -Sharon Imming

Children & Family Christmas Bazaar Committee

On July 29th we had a wonderful meeting of the young and the young at heart. Thank you attendees!

Next meeting will be on September 23rd at 6pm in Fellowship Hall.

In the meantime, we are continuing to collect donations. We need lots of things for teens, men, and boys. Our youth told us that athletic equipment would be a big hit. Balls, bats tennis balls, golf balls, etc. Kiddos love buying things for their pets and our supply is depleted. We have also noted that teens love the plush novelty blankets; they have been seen in the middle schools. To join us, please note the next meeting. If you have suggestions, please call the church or text Jamie Krueger at (563) 349- 4067.

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Worship Schedule
Saturday at 5:30pm , Sundays at 9am and 11am, Sundays at 9:00 on WOC 1420am

St. John's Financial Update

The following is a summary of the church's General Fund financial position as of July 31, 2026. 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	493,487	541,420
Cash Disbursements	475,706	492,247
Receipts in Excess of (Less Than) Disbursements	17,781	49,173

The Quarterly Giving statements through 6-30-26 were recently sent out. Please review them and let the church office know if you have any questions.

Memorial to the Lost

Procession for Quad Cities gun violence victims

Memorial t-shirts will be on display at the 7 participating churches during September

"For those lost to hate and violence and the communities mourning in our area, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the first responders and caregivers, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the people of the USA, resurrect our instincts to honor our common humanity and our compassion to the suffering of our neighbor, beyond empty words. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of power and influence, grant them the will and courage to protect life over 'freedom' to kill. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer."

MARCHA Prayer