

# St. John's United Methodist Church

Monthly Newsletter | May 2024

# Tidings



## **Pastor's Page – From the Pastor—Reflections on Change...who moved my cheese?**



In April we offered 2 congregational meetings to prepare for the change coming in which St. John's will move from two pastors to one pastor. A presentation on the "dynamics of change" started each session and 55 members of the church attended. A small book was briefly referenced during our time together and I want to dig a little deeper into the idea behind it.

*Who Moved My Cheese?* is a parable about change that takes place in a Maze where four characters look for "Cheese"—cheese being a metaphor for what we want in life. The four imaginary characters depicted in the story—the mice: "Sniff" and "Scurry," and the Little people: "Hem" and "Haw"—are intended to represent the simple and the complex parts of ourselves. Whatever parts of us we choose to use, we all share something in common: **a need to find our way in the Maze and if we want to succeed in changing times.** Our four characters begin with a delicious cache of cheese that they enjoy nibbling on each day, until one day; they arrive at the location to be startled by the fact: their cheese is gone! Sniff & Scurry head off into the maze to see if they can find a new pile of cheese, but Hem & Haw are stuck. They end up paralyzed in the empty spot crying, "Who moved our cheese?" This simple parable has some good life lessons we can all apply. By the end of the tale the four little characters have each experienced these realities. The two mice accepted these lessons quite easily, but the little people had to learn the hard way. *(If you want to catch the whole story just google the title and enjoy a quick read)*

**Change Happens.** They Keep Moving The Cheese

**Anticipate Change.** Get Ready For The Cheese To Move

**Monitor Change.** Smell The Cheese Often So You Know When It Is Getting Old.

**Adapt To Change Quickly.** The Quicker You Let Go Of Old Cheese, The Sooner You Can Enjoy New

We didn't really talk much about cheese at our congregational meetings. We did discuss the changes that will come when Pastor Jae moves to his new church. The coming season of transition may elicit many feelings inside as we each experience this change differently. Donna Honold's presentation was recorded and is now available on the church website. ([www.stjohnsumcdav.org](http://www.stjohnsumcdav.org))

Pastor Jae has had responsibility in a wide variety of areas at St. John's but I named three priorities that Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) has identified and been working on over the last few months to prepare for his move. Those priorities include: (1) preaching (2) pastoral care/visitation (3) support for technology and the media team in worship. The other areas under his leadership will be cared for in time, but this is our starting point.

1. For Preaching responsibility: Pastor Jeff will be the weekly preacher with others invited into the rotation during his vacation times and breaks.
2. Pastoral Care – we would invite members to consider the role of Parish Nurse. There is training available in the QCA and this role is how other United Methodist Churches have assisted the pastor with hospital visitation and caring for shut ins.
3. Technology support—SPPRC has drafted a job description and will be exploring an internship with college students at local universities that have production departments to train students in this specialty.

We will be gathering those who have volunteered to be part of the "TRANSITION TEAM" in the coming weeks, to develop a strategy for guiding St. John's through this season of transition. If you have questions or new ideas, please submit them to the [transition tip](#) box outside the church office. In our effort to communicate updates to the congregation, the SPPRC will seek to respond to your questions in a weekly article in the worship bulletin.

I love being one of your pastors,

Jeff Dadisman

# SPARK

Be the change and pass it on!

St. John's Christian Education and Youth Programs

May 2024



**Save the date:**  
**Vacation Bible School June 23rd-27th**  
**5:30pm-7:30pm (Dinner Included)**

**Register Today**



## We Welcome YOU!

2023-2024 Learning Hour (Sundays @ 10am) and Midweek programs for our Kid's, Youth, and Families (4:30 Kids Club, 5:30 Dinner, 6:00 Youth) we 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, "wander" no more!

***Our last week of Learning Hour before summer break will be May 19th and the last night for Kid's Bible Club will be May 22nd. Youth Group will still meet through the summer.***

***Stay tuned for dates for family movie nights and special events throughout the summer in our June newsletter.***

## Campership Update...

Thank you to all who supported our campership bake sale. We were able to raise \$1,300 to help send our kids and youth to camp.

That's AMAZING!!!

Most camp registrations cost between \$350-\$400 so we have a little ways to go in order to sponsor all our students interested in going to camp. Keep your eyes and ears open for a date to come play trivia with your friends as we hope to be fully funded for summer camps by mid June. Thank you for supporting our youth in this way!

## Help us celebrate our 2024 graduates!

Our St. John's UMC Scholarship Recipient will be announced on May 11th & 12th.

We would also like to celebrate ALL the graduates of various learning achievements.

If you or your child would like to be recognized, please submit a photo with where you are graduating from and what comes next for you by May 5th, and we will recognize graduates on Mother's Day weekend.

Many Blessings,

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



**Fun on Easter Morning!**  
**Christ is Risen,**  
**He is RISEN**  
**INDEED!**

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 1:00pm The Third Day Study 4:30pm Kids Club 5:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study 7:00pm The Third Day study	<b>2</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	<b>3</b> 5:00pm Shuppy Wedding Rehearsal	<b>4</b> Communion Women at the Well special offering 4:00pm Shuppy wedding 5:30pm Jesus Country
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<b>12</b> Celebrate Graduates 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship 2:00pm Cafe on Vine Meal Preparation	<b>13</b> 7:00pm SPPRC	<b>14</b> 10:45am History Meeting 6:30pm Davenport Horticulture Board	<b>15</b> 12:00am Priscilla Circle 4:30pm Kids Club 5:30pm Family Meal 5:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	<b>16</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	<b>17</b> Tidings deadline	<b>18</b> Change the World Sunday offering 5:30pm Jesus Country
<b>19</b> Change the World Sunday offering Food Pantry Sunday 9:00am Classic Worship 10:00am Learning Hour 11:00am Contemporary Worship	<b>20</b> 5:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Steering Committee 7:30pm Church Council	<b>21</b> 1:30pm Deborah Circle 5:30pm The Center Board 6:00pm Dorcas Circle	<b>22</b> 4:30pm Kids Club 5:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm Family Meal 6:30pm Jane Lange Bible Study	<b>23</b> 8:30am Tidings Mail Prep 7:00pm Chancel choir rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Change the World Sunday offering 5:30pm Jesus Country
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## Mission Report May 2024

### Mission Offerings Report, April 2024

**Kids Against Hunger** \$265

**UMCOR** \$50

**Easter Offering-** It is a joy to tell you we were able to use our Easter offering to support Hopi Students in Mesa, Arizona, this year again. The offerings we received were \$1,154 between the last weekend of March and the first weekend of April. I want to encourage you to think about those children, who get to receive laptops and tablets, and imagine their smiles and joy. The money we send will be good seeds to support and help for their future. I am proud to be one of your Pastors here at St. John's. You are doing something good and essential for God's world. Thank you for your generous support.

### Change the World Sunday is Coming!

It is time to prepare for Change the World Sunday, June 2, 2024. We may have a new project called the Looms project. The project makes sleeping mats with plastic bags for the homeless.

**Projects** (start at 10 am): We need your Donations for our projects. Items are to be collected now through May 26.

- **Neighborhood Cleanup**
- For **Summer Kits** (all travel-sized): hand sanitizer and wipes, lip balm, sunscreen, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, quart-sized Ziplock bags, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, bug repellent, washcloths, and bus tokens.
- For **Layettes**: Fabric (cotton, cotton knit, or flannel -- Please NO camouflage nor prints), and double-fold bias tape.
- For **Random Acts of Kindness**: Cases of water bottles and Aldi grocery bags
- **Kids Against Hunger** meal assembly
- **TLC cards and letters** to the homebound
- **Looms project: plastic shopping bags (bags from grocery stores)**
- If you are able, please bring a donation for the food pantry (not only food but household items such as dish soap, toilet paper, or laundry items).
- If you have questions about Change the World Sunday, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Jae.



### Mission Opportunity – Café on Vine.

We have had some people repeatedly. They have been doing an excellent job. We are grateful to those who have been helping. The Café on Vine Team prepares the meal here in the Fellowship Hall kitchen and brings it down to the Café on Vine site, but we do not serve the meal there. There are different groups of people who do serving at the site. We only cook and deliver the food, so it only takes 1.5 hours. Preparation starts at 2 pm. If you have not tried it yet, you should try it. It is not only cooking but also fellowship with church families. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office or Jan Johnson.

([hawkeyejan@mchsi.com](mailto:hawkeyejan@mchsi.com)). Thank you!



## UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

DURING THE SPRING FLING, UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH PRESENTED A SPECIAL RECOGNITION PIN TO LINDA JANTZ. THANK YOU TO ALL EVERYONE WHO CAME TO THIS EVENT AND HELPED MAKE IT A SPECIAL DAY. FOOD WAS GOOD AND THE MUSIC BY RAY AND SCOTT WAS TERRIFIC.

CIRCLE PROGRAMS THIS MONTH ARE BY CO-LEADER. CHECK YOUR BOOK FOR TIME AND PLACE. DEBORAH HAS DVAP AND PRISCILLA HAS DIAPERS.

children's  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
at St. John's UMC  
12/7/24

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-JAMIE KREUGER

## MAY SERMON SERIES: FAMILY MATTERS

5/5 MYTHS ABOUT HAPPY FAMILIES

5/12 THE VALUE OF MOTHERS

5/19 COPING WITH MEMORY LOSS

5/26 MENDING FENCES

6/2 CHANGE THE WORLD SUNDAY

(9:00 WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY MISSION PROJECTS @ 10:00)

### Property Pulse: Monthly Maintenance for the Church building

4/3 - Sewer back up in basement affecting the north end boiler room restrooms and south end youth room and adjacent restrooms.

Petersen Plumbing called to evaluate. Petersen recommended calling B & B Drain Tech.

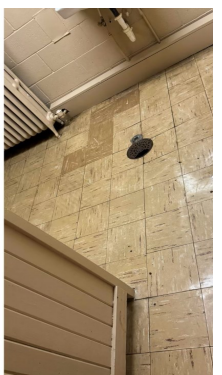
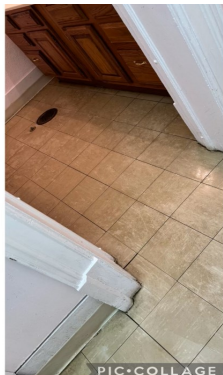
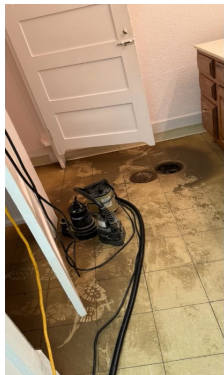
4/4 - B&B was able to jet pipes and help determine it was an issue with the City storm sewer system at Perry St. manhole. City arrived on site and flushed their system to remove the obstruction and the water receded from the basement.

4/10 - Actually Clean arrived and cleaned the flooded basement area.

4/18 - Plans moving forward are to have Ragan plumbing install backflow balls in all the drains in the basement. Additional floor cleaning in the basement will be scheduled for the rooms not flooded. Trustee's plan to ask the City of Davenport for reimbursement for these costs, which will total approximately \$5000 or more.

4/22 – Our current Maintenance Director (Brian Jenkins) is living in the Parish House. During a scheduled walk through it was reported that the freezer part of the refrigerator in the Parish House is no longer working. A new refrigerator will be purchased.

Chair of Trustees—Cristian Carlton, Chair of Steering—Shane Gross



# Music Ministry

May Music at the 9:00 service will bring Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells (one last time for the season) and brass.

This year, a low-brass group (that is growing as I write this) has played several times in worship and special services.

If you play a brass instrument and would like to join this group, please talk to me or any of the brass players you see in the group. This group will plan to play in May and again June 30. We will keep you posted about future brass engagements.

Chancel Choir needs singers! Feel free to pop into a choir rehearsal any time. We will rehearse at 7:00 through every Thursday in May. We will sing each Sunday morning through June. The men will be singing June 30th. Any male voice in the congregation that would like to join us is welcome. We will rehearse after 9:00 service in June. Women will sing the anthem for the Ministry of Music on July 7th. Any female voice is welcome to join us. We also will rehearse after the 9:00 service through June. More specifics will follow.

Thank you for your continued support of our musicians and this ministry of music.—Mitzi Harris



## Church History | Art Collection

St. John's owns a collection of original and reproduction art works which can be seen in various places around the church. Some of these are by world famous artists. Some are by local artists. Some are by members of our church. Some of these are not currently on view.

In 1996 members Marj and Percy Hier designed and built several stained-glass panels including an eagle symbolizing St. John, which is above the Perry Street lobby door. Another set of their glass panels were in the elevator lobby doorway. This set is currently in storage with hopes to redisplay later. Percy and Marj also created the window at the foot of the steps to Fellowship Hall and the transom above the hall leading out of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street lobby. This window is an exact match of an original one above the doors from the porte cochere into the 14<sup>th</sup> St. lobby. The stained-glass lamp currently in the Parlor was created by Rev. Steve Braudt, former Pastor Ann Lippincott's husband. Father Edward Catich, head of the St. Ambrose art department, created the lighted, stained-glass panel called Flight into Egypt in the Perry St. lobby.

Fabric work decorates many places in the church. Most of the banners which flank the chancel in the Sanctuary were created by Liz Jansen and her helpers. Special Father's and Mother's Day banners created with old neckties and old handkerchiefs were created by Deb Buchanan. The quilted and embroidered "Welcome to St. John's" items in the lobbies were created by Carolyn Rancier. The larger banners gracing the hall outside the conference room were created by Marilyn Lihs. The angel quilt hanging by the door to the parking lot was made by Maureen Van Loon.

We have two old and large Madonna and Child oil paintings, a tondo (round picture) in the parlor (copy of an original by Raphael) and one in the SW upper entrance to the balcony (artist unknown, probably 19<sup>th</sup> century Italian copy). This one hung above the altar in the Chapel at one point. Shirley Vorek Heysinger, painted an oil portrait of member Henry Newman who was head of the committee in charge of the 1950 Sanctuary remodel. This sits on an easel in the history room. Donna Lapsey painted the pictures of earlier Methodist church buildings hanging in the conference room and a large picture of members of her family with Jesus, not now on display.

An original Paul Norton watercolor of St. John's church (1979) hangs in the parlor. Local artist Shirley Christensen created a small etching of Christ on the cross which is in storage. There are two larger Isabel Bloom sculptures in the office. There are also several smaller Bloom works scattered around the church. Marj Hier's is also represented by original art work: a watercolor titled White Water and an original print titled Dawning. Take an art tour of St. John's and see how many of these beautiful items you can find.—Shared by the History Committee

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**Worship Schedule**

Saturday at 5:30pm

Sundays at 9am and 11am

(simulcast on YouTube channel)

## Upcoming Events



**OPEN HOUSE**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH  
2:00-4:00 PM

JEFF AND SUSAN WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE CONGREGATION TO STOP BY THE PARSONAGE

2237 FAIRHAVEN RD.  
DAVENPORT

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**Punch Report**

*This is a picture of the student that received the bicycle our church donated to the day: 230 children came to the Easter Egg Hunt at Herington Park the day before Easter. Each member church in PUNCH brought donated items that were given away in drawings at the end of the morning.*



*If anyone is interested in serving as our church representative and participating in PUNCH events, please let Pastor Jeff know. We need someone who feels a call of God to serve the hilltop neighborhood around The Center. The PUNCH board meets once a month on the 3rd Thursday afternoon to prepare for coming events during the year.*

### Church Financial Update

*The following is a summary of the church's financial position as of March 31, 2024. 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	365,634	334,970
Cash Disbursements	197,463	199,470
Receipts in Excess of Disbursements	168,170	135,500

By Karen Weimer, Treasurer

