

St. John's U.C.C.



2017

Newsletter

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“The purpose of this congregation is to be a faith community promoting the kingdom of God through worship, teaching and action...GET READY!”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: magenta; text-align: center;">May 2017</p>	1	2	3 1:30 p.m. Women's Guild meeting 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir practice	4 8:00 a.m. National Day of Prayer Breakfast 6:30 p.m. Christian Board of Education meeting	5	6
	7 Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday school, Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship (Senior Choir sings) 11:15 a.m. Music Committee meeting (after church)	8	9 <div style="text-align: center;"></div> 6:30 p.m. Council meeting	10 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir practice	11	12
14 Mothers' Day 9:00 a.m. Sunday school, Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship (Children Choir sings) <i>Family Christian Home day</i>	15	16 9:00 a.m. Newsletter information deadline <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	17 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir practice	18	19	20
21 Graduate Recognition Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday school, Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Worship (Senior Choir sings) After church New Member Brunch	22	23	24 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir practice	25 1:00 p.m. Assemble newsletter (please call Kim to confirm on schedule)	26	27
28 Summer Schedule Begins 9:00 a.m. Worship	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30	31 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir practice	<p><i>“Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised” (Proverbs 31:30 NRSV).</i></p>		

Crucifixion & Resurrection: A Gift of Love...

Last month, we celebrated Easter and gave thanks for the great gift of love proclaimed from the empty tomb. Now, as May dawns upon us, we await Pentecost—the day when the ministry of Jesus was handed over to the disciples, and the Church was born. In this month of renewal, as we watch the natural world awaken from winter and blossom into summer, we, Christians, also experience a season of renewal as we prepare to carry on all that Jesus started.

As this season of change and renewal dawns upon us, it might be good for us to reflect for a moment on what our Lord's death and resurrection are all about. They are, after all, the foundation on which the Church is built.

The world into which Jesus came was a harsh and judgmental one. Jewish laws were guilt-oriented. When a law was broken, one had to go to the temple and make the proper sacrifice to “erase” the sin and restore one's standing with God. There were so many such laws that one could not make it through the day without breaking at least one of them. This of course, led to a wonderful system at the temple. Persons seldom had a dove or the proper grain offering with them when they needed to atone for their law-breaking deed, so these were always available at the temple, where for a *small price* individuals could purchase the required animal or grain, and then make their sacrifice. Selling such things made some folks very wealthy. It was capitalism at its finest!

Jesus came to confront this flawed system with the power of God's grace and love. He drove the money-changers and merchants from the temple. He confronted the

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Summer Schedule

Our summer worship schedule is quickly approaching. May 21, is the last day of Sunday School classes and Adult Bible Studies, until Sunday, September 10 (Kick-off Sunday).

Commencing Sunday, May 28th,

we will gather together to worship at **9:00 a.m.**



Traditionally, summer is a time of leisure and vacation times; as you take much needed times of rest and time to enjoy recreational activities with family and friends, please remember to join us for worship regularly, and keep St. John's ministry in your prayers. *Please see our Grillin' and Chillin' article on page 8 of this newsletter.*

Thank You!



Saturday, April 8, as my husband and I prepared to leave the house, to attend a funeral, there was an unexpected knock on our front door—*very* unexpected—as we do not usually use that door. I went to the door, and there was Troy, from the Black Creek Lyon's, holding a beautiful bouquet of red roses and baby's breath! I certainly was even more surprised when Troy informed me these gorgeous flowers were for me, from St. John's council!

You are SO thoughtful and kind. Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of roses and your kindness and generosity toward me!

Gratefully, Kim Hakenjos

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Menning with Aron Rasmussen, Gary VanderLinden, Judy Samson, Connie Wheeler, Lisa Waterstradt and Pastor Tom Fritz present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Pastor Tom Fritz.

A motion was made by Aron Rasmussen and seconded by Lisa Waterstradt to accept the minutes from last month. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Aron Rasmussen and seconded by Connie Wheeler to accept the Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Motion passed.

Pastors Report (February)

- Conducted 3 Worship Services
- Attended 2 church meetings, 1 administrative meeting, and 3 group meetings
- Made 3 home visits, 1 hospital visit, 5 other visits and 1 counseling visit



Committee Reports

Membership: *nothing at this time*

Christian Ed: Family Christian Home Day will be on Mother's Day during Sunday School time, they are working on tie blankets for the Good Shepherd Home, the palms were ordered for Palm Sunday service.

Worship: There will be a meeting on Sunday, April 23, after church service.

- Music:** There will be a meeting on Sunday, May 7, after church service.
- House:** Aron will look into the repairs. Pastor Tom would like to have a higher sitting toilet put in on the main floor. We will need to look into the shingles on the roof. The ditch by the railroad tracks needs to be cut down.
- Stewardship:** Gary sent out the January/February statements
- Campital Campaign:*** For the month of February, we deposited \$150.00; our YTD amount is \$300.00
- Parish Committee:** They will be meeting with Pastor Tom after Easter, sometime.

Old Business:

- Telephone and Internet was looked into by Connie, Verizon was priced at \$20 for the phone line and about \$55 for 5 GB of data with a total of about \$75 per month vs the \$200 we are currently paying. We are still looking into the elevator phone line, which Verizon can't do because it needs to be an uninterrupted line.
- License for the copyright on music is \$124.00 per year. We will be signing a contract.

New Business:

- Elevator contract went up 5% for the maintenance plan as of May 1, 2017. There is a maintenance scheduled for March.
- We have the eggs, ham, and sausage for Easter Breakfast, but we still need butter, milk, and juice.
- We will be starting a list of ideas for Memorial Funds for families to utilize.

- Aron will check on the storage unit we have in Shiocton and clean out the shed to make room, so we can discontinue the use of the storage unit.
- The dumpster is in need of repair. We will check with Grant Krull, as he is a license welder. We may give the town a key to the dumpster for when they come to empty it, so we don't have to have it unlocked prior.
- LED Lighting is more economical than fluorescent lighting in terms of energy use. We may want to get estimates for converting our fluorescent lighting to LED, so that we can determine if such a conversion is cost effective for our situation.
- We will be looking into creating a New Member Committee.
- We will have a wedding in May 2018 (Gregg Holz).
- Summer Worship hours will start on Sunday, May 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.
- Randy Miller is pursuing Lay Ministry as a vocation, in our Association, and to do so he must submit himself for psychological evaluation to determine his mental fitness for such ministry. The cost is \$1,200.00, with the cost being divided between the Association, the congregation, and the applicant. We voted and approved to pay for the congregation and applicant portions for a total of \$800.00.

A motion was made, by Aron Rasmussen and seconded by Gary Vander Linden, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Pharisees, scribes, and temple officials with their inhumane and grace-less ways, and declared that God's Kingdom was based on grace, not on law. God's rule was not about measuring up or making amends. It was about celebrating love and living from grace.

What Jesus had to say presented challenges to those in power, so they killed Him. God defeated their power by raising Jesus from the grave—revealing that Divine Love can never be killed. So in the crucifixion and resurrection, we experience the most wonderful gift of love ever seen. John proclaims the gift in his gospel: *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life”* (John 3:16 NRSV). The events of Holy Week point us to our purpose as followers of Jesus. We proclaim the power of love and gracefully share it with the world—at least that is what is supposed to happen!

Sadly, we, human beings, have trouble shedding our penchant for guilt. Guilt is a wonderful tool. When you can make someone feel guilty, you have power over him or her. The Pharisees and the scribes knew that, and they used the power of guilt to control the Jewish people. In today's world, we often mimic their behavior. We opt for guilt instead of grace. We seek to control others with their feelings of inadequacy. We tend to make people feel “less than” instead of “more than” as we communicate the message of the gospel. How often have we passed those billboards that declare that Jesus died for the sins of the world? How many times have preachers railed at their congregations saying, “Jesus Christ died for you, you miserable sinner”? Sadly,

much more often than is helpful, or truthful. Jesus was **not** a sin offering. **He was a love offering!** God did not send Jesus to be a sacrifice for our sins, but to be a gift of love that would restore us in mind and spirit, so that we might better serve God's purpose of love and reconciliation.

Yes, we humans are so often a sinful bunch. We let greed and power distort our thinking. Surely, we are all in need of grace. That, however, does not make Jesus a sacrifice to sin. Rather, Jesus gives Himself out of love. He clearly stated this to His disciples when He said, *"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"* (John 15:13 NRSV). Jesus does not rail at the disciples declaring that He has to die because of their sin. Rather, he tenderly encourages them to love the way He loves and to see His life as the greatest gift of love. Jesus urges them to do the same—to love with reckless abandon.

Sometimes, I think that we, Christians, have trouble giving up the "guilt card". We play that card too much, using guilt as a weapon of intimidation. Is it any wonder that many persons, who believe in God and in Jesus, choose not to come to church?

I think it is time for us to reclaim the rightful foundation of all that we do. We do not build on guilt, but on grace. We were not called by Christ to stand in judgment of others, but to love others and restore their value as blessed children of God.

As we prepare for the birthday of the Church on Pentecost, we would do well to re-claim our rightful role as followers of Jesus. We are dispensers of love and grace—nothing more, and nothing less.

Peace, Pastor Tom

Grillin' and Chillin' With the Lord . . .

Summer is a time when all of us like to get away from routine. We use the weekends to “get away from it all”, and summer attendance in worship often falters. This **June**, we are going to try something to make worship easier to attend, while still allowing our members and friends to get away for the weekend.

On **Wednesday evenings in June**, we will hold “Grillin' and Chillin' with the Lord”! When weather permits, we will gather in the backyard of the parsonage for a cookout and informal worship. (*When the weather does not cooperate, we will eat and worship indoors.*) A main dish will be provided, and those planning to attend are invited to bring chips, potato salad, or some other side dish to share. We will enjoy a cookout-style meal, and then spend some time in worship. The meal starts at 6:00 p.m., and worship will follow, with the intent that you can be on your way home by 7:00 p.m.

Plan to join us for Grillin' and Chillin' on the Wednesday nights in June!

Peace and joy, Pastor Tom

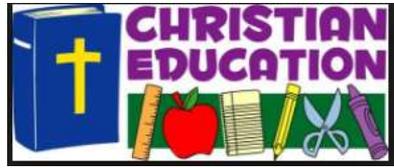
FOR
GOD
so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that
whosoever
believeth in
Him should
not perish,
but have
everlasting
life.
JOHN 3:16

Christian Education Meeting – April 4, 2017

There were 8 people present at the meeting.

Current Balance is \$1,790.00

Pastor Tom will try to use the Sunday School lessons with his sermons and children time to get the story out.



Pastor Tom suggested we have everyone bring in a dime for every year old you are and then donate to a charity or the *Campital* Campaign.

The Lenten cards were handed out to the children. The money collected will be going to the *Campital* Campaign. Cards are due back the Sunday after Easter.

Samantha Rasmussen is the confirmand, this year; confirmation Sunday is April 30.

We are selling Candy Bars for \$1.00 each and will support the *Campital* Campaign.

Family Christian Home day will be celebrated on Mother's Day May 14, at 9:00 a.m. We will have snacks and milk along with a few projects, and the tie blankets for the Good Shepherd Home to finish. Bonnie will order the flowers.

Youth Group (grades 5 and up) will continue to meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., in the upstairs Youth Group Room. For April we will be working on the parade items.

Our next Christian Education meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m.** Please note: the day of the week changed, along with the start time.

Connie Wheeler, Secretary

Happy May Wedding Anniversary!

*Love grows more tremendously full,
swift, poignant, as the years multiply (Zane Grey).*



Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 21, we plan to honor those graduating this year. If you are graduating, please let us know so we can be sure to include you in our celebration. Please fill in the form below and submit it to Pastor Tom or Kim in the office.



Graduate's name: _____

Where graduating from: _____

What are your immediate plans going forward? _____

Happy Birthday to those born in May



Women's Guild



WOMENS GUILD

The Women's Guild met on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., with nine members present.

Our devotional leader, Audrey Hooyman-Blake, shared a story from "The Sweet Old Lady—Instead of a Grumpy Old Grouch." The story was written by a pastor's wife. As the story goes, she and the family were invited, by a friend, to an expensive restaurant, at a special table, with her special Christmas decorations as her memories. This friend invited them every year on the first Saturday of December. It is still a special day to the family, who gather on the first Saturday each December in her memory. We, then, shared our memories and family traditions. It was very interesting with all the ideas being shared.

The offering was taken and a closing prayer was prayed.

The business portion of our meeting was called to order by President Roberta Lorenz. The secretary's report and the treasurer's report were read and approved with \$427.98 in the memorial fund and \$2,937.31 in the general fund.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU! To Peggy Rihm-Rohm for the handy measuring cups and the two pizza cutters! They will be put to great use. Thank you, Peggy. We signed cards for LeRoy M., and Larry and Jan R.

Esther Meyer shared the dates of the Shiocton Paper Recycling Event—they are April 24 through 28, and May 30 through June 2, 2017. They will accept paper products for recycling.

We are still checking for a large can opener.

We discussed the use of the church basement facilities. A

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motion was made and seconded that anyone using the basement must furnish their own paper plates, napkins, and cups. All equipment, such as the coffee pots, Nesco roasters, tables, and chairs do not leave the church. Motion carried.

We discussed ways to *advertise* our church. Some ideas include wear matching shirts at Bake Sale, Rummage Sale, or any Church related activities. More details to follow.

We adjourned the meeting and closed with praying the *Lord's Prayer* in unison.

After signing the Doxology, we shared a delicious Spice Cake made by our April hostess, Lisa Raaths.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., with our Devotional Leader and Hostess Marian Zuleger.

Audrey Hooyman-Blake, Guild secretary

Youth Service

March 19th was a special Sunday, here, at St. John's. We were blessed to have the entire service given to us by the youth of our church, under the direction of Sue Biese, Robin Schmidt, Liz Tesch, and with the help of Choir Director Bonnie Vander Linden! The youth group did a great job.

**YOUTH
GROUP**

The main theme was the *Lord's Prayer*. A prayer very familiar in most churches—that perhaps sometimes, we are not even thinking what we are saying when praying it. Two youth delivered a reminder of what each line means by doing a responsive reading line-by-line skit. As one began with “Our Father...” a voice from the balcony booms, “Yah,

what do you want?"

Even with the suggestions of *humor*—we were reminded that each line we say, when we call on God, has meaning. When we “ask God to forgive us,” we are expected to forgive others! Along with that promise we are reminded that it is HIS Kingdom—HE has the power, and to HIM is the glory!

Other youth brought the message of the *Lord’s Prayer* to us by enacting the *Lord’s Prayer Contata*, with songs and a video. The congregation was directed in singing in rounds, “My God Is An Awesome God!” What an inspiring song! (We had no problem with the words). The youth sang “Who is the King of the Jungle?” with much enthusiasm! We enjoyed a video, “Jesus Loves the Little Children,” and Liz sang the old spiritual “Down by the Riverside.”

It was an inspiring service—but that wasn’t the end of all their efforts. After they had fed us spiritually, we were invited to a benefit soup and sandwich meal, which they had prepared the day before to *feed our bodies*.

Well done Youth and Advisors! Your efforts to serve your church are really a gift to serve the Lord!

Happy Mother’s Day!

Moms come in all shapes and sizes,
Have all kinds of knowledge and wisdom,
time and patience, fortitude and perseverance.

When one has a great mom, *like you*,
There is always time for love and joy
for each little (and no so little) girl and boy

Happy Mothers’ Day to all our moms!

We love you!

Kim Hakenjos



National Day of Prayer

All are welcome to gather at the 11th Annual Salvation Army National Prayer Day Breakfast,

Where: St. John's United Church of Christ (101 S Clark St., Black Creek.)

Date and time: Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 8:00 a.m.

Details: Prayers, inspirational speakers, & music.

Free-will offering proceeds will go to benefit the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

RSVPs are welcome, but not necessary. If you would like to RSVP or have questions, please call 920-984-9305, and leave a message if no answer.

The theme this year is **For Your great name's sake!**

Hear Us... Forgive Us...Heal

Us! Taken from Daniel 9:19a,

which says, "*O Lord, listen!*

O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear

and act! For Your Sake, O My

God..." As the 2017 National Day of Prayer

approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christian's to, once again, heed this call!

Scripture tells us again and again that fervent prayer is effective. That our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much and ultimately determine the course of history

([http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/theme and ver se](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/theme_and_verse)).



May 2017 Schedule

Sunday, May 7 @ 10:15 a.m. — Communion Sunday

Reader Jan Rohloff
Greeter / Usher Gary & Carla Lathrop
Usher Jan & Brandon Rohloff

Sunday, May 14 @ 10:15 a.m. — Mothers' Day

Reader Randy Miller
Greeter / Usher Randy Miller & Gary Vander Linden
Usher Morgan Vander Linden & Darwin Ethington

Sunday, May 21 @ 10:15 a.m.

Reader Bryce Vander Linden
Greeter / Usher Stephanie Julius & Lisa Waterstradt
Usher Grant & Brandy Krull

Sunday, May 28 @ 9:00 a.m.

Reader Marian Zuleger
Greeter / Usher Marian Zuleger & Mark Hooyman
Usher Gene Blake & Audrey Hooyman Blake

June 2017 Schedule

Sunday, June 4 @ 9:00 a.m. — Communion Sunday

Reader Jim Rucci
Greeter / Usher Marian Goodwin & Steve Hanson
Usher Kerri & Judy Samson

Sunday, June 11

Reader Bob Menning
Greeter / Usher Bob & Carla Menning
Usher Ray & Elly Menning

Sunday, June 18

Reader Vi Brown-Luebke
Greeter / Usher Vi Brown-Luebke & Bonnie Vander Linden
Usher Gary & Morgan Vander Linden

Sunday, June 25

Reader List St. John
Greeter / Usher Todd & Lisa St. John
Usher Mark & Keegan Hooyman

July 2017 Schedule

Sunday, July 2—Communion Sunday

Reader Roberta Lorenz
Greeter / Usher Roberta Lorenz & Audrey Hooyman-
Blake
Usher Eugene Blake & Lisa Raaths

Sunday, July 9

Reader Connie Wheeler
Greeter / Usher John & Connie Wheeler
Usher Cailey Wheeler & Karleigh Hooyman

Sunday, July 16

Reader Robin Schmidt
Greeter / Usher Carol & Robin Schmidt
Usher Ryan & Stephanie Julius

Sunday, July 23

Reader Marian Zuleger
Greeter / Usher Marian Zuleger & Barb Sassman
Usher Jennifer Sassman & Kimberly Marcks

Sunday, July 30

Reader Bryce Vander Linden
Greeter / Usher Aron Rasmussen & Mike Holz
Usher Bryce Vander Linden & Brandon
Rohloff

August 2017 Schedule

Sunday, August 6—Communion Sunday

Reader	Jan Rohloff
Greeter / Usher	Jan & Mike Rohloff
Usher	Brandon & Connie Rohloff

Sunday, August 13

Reader	Trudy Koon
Greeter / Usher	Sadie & Portia Fenske
Usher	Grant & Brandy Krull

Sunday, August 20

Reader	Vi Brown-Luebke
Greeter / Usher	Vi Brown-Luebke & Audrey Hooyman-Blake
Usher	Eugene Blake & Bonnie & Morgan Vander Linden

Sunday, August 27

Reader	Kent Abel
Greeter / Usher	Kent & Val Abel
Usher	Marian Goodwin & Judy Samson

LEAVEN—Celebrating 30 Years of Service

Members of the faith community are invited to learn what LEAVEN is doing to help address poverty in our community. Some of the topics they'll cover in upcoming sessions:

- New mission, vision and strategies
- Pay it forward no fee, no-interest loan program
- Situations in which LEAVEN may not help
- Embedded services: work of their on-site providers
- Major initiative that will help them respond in a new way to neighbors in need (be among the first to hear).

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September 2017 Schedule

Sunday, September 3—Communion Sunday

Reader	Jim Rucci
Greeter / Usher	Jim Rucci & Keith Kruse
Usher	Brenda Holz & Lisa Waterstradt

Sunday, September 10—Fall Schedule Begins (10:15 a.m.)

Reader	Sue Biese
Greeter / Usher	Duane & Carol Henke
Usher	Karen Arnold & Esther Meyer

Sunday, September 17

Reader	Bob Menning
Greeter / Usher	Bob & Carla Menning
Usher	Kerri & Wyatt Samson

Sunday, September 24

Reader	Robin Schmidt
Greeter / Usher	Carol & Robin Schmidt
Usher	Steve Hanson & Mark Hooyman

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Sign up for the session that fits your schedule by contacting Kiara West, 920-257-5696, or Kiara.west@leavenfoxcities.org. Please include the name of St. John's and names of will-be-attendees when emailing Kiara. Faith leaders, staff, and committee members are encouraged to attend one of the sessions:

- Tuesday, May 9 9—10 a.m., or 4—5 p.m.
- Thursday, May 11 9—10 a.m.
- Monday, May 15 9—10 a.m. or 5—6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 17 3—4 p.m.

Meetings will each be held at LEAVEN, 1475 Opportunity Way in Menasha. Please contact LEAVEN with all questions you may have regarding this posting.

13th Annual Make Miracles Happen

Golf Outing

Community 2000 is sponsoring a golf outing, Thursday, June 1, 2017, at Crystal Springs Golf Course, Seymour. You are invited to participate in this fundraiser event!

They are seeking golfers and sponsors to help assist with their event so all funds raised can go directly toward the community! Their goal is to surpass 2016's event—which included 88 golfers and raised over \$10,000!

Ways you can help:

- ↳ Golf (*Early bird registration due by May 15*)
- ↳ Sponsor a hole
- ↳ Make a monetary donation
- ↳ Donate auction or raffle items
- ↳ Buy raffle tickets
- ↳ Attend the live auction (*Early bird registration due by May 15*)
- ↳ Spread the word, and invite your friends to participate



Please address all questions to, and to register contact,
Community 2000 Golf Committee, 920-833-0277,
c2000@vpind.com, or via Facebook
[facebook.com/Community2000Seymour](https://www.facebook.com/Community2000Seymour).

The Mission of Community 2000: *“To assist individuals with basic needs and to promote better use of available resources within a community while aiding and promoting self-sufficiency.”*

Schedule for June 1

Team Best Ball Scramble

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| 10:00 a.m. | Registration |
| 11:00 a.m. | Shotgun Start, Hole Contest, 4-person scramble, and Bucket Raffles |
| 5:00 (approx.) | Award dinner, quick raffle, door prizes and live auction |

Treasurer's Report - March 2017

Building Fund	Deposits	\$ 4,800.50	
	Interest	\$.10	
	Disbursements	\$ (5,969.50)	
Memorial Fund	Deposits	\$	
	Disbursements	\$ -	-
Organ Fund	Deposits	\$ -	-
	Disbursements	\$ -	-
General	Deposits	\$ 8,384.85	
	Disbursements	\$ (7,128.88)	
<i>Campital Campaign</i>	Deposits	\$ 150.00	
	Total YTD	\$ 450.00	
	<i>Goal for 2017</i>		\$3,500.00
OCWM	Deposits	\$ 1,506.00	
	Disbursements	\$ (395.00)	
	Total YTD		\$1,998.00
	<i>Goal for 2017</i>		\$7,000.00



Total	Beginning Balance	\$ 34,167.72	
	Deposits	\$ 14,691.35	
	Interest	\$ 0.10	
	Disbursements	\$ (13,493.38)	
	Ending Balance	\$ 35,365.79	

General Fund	\$ 8,140.43		
Building Fund	\$ 9,831.36		
Memorial Fund	\$ 12,402.00		
Organ Fund	<u>\$ 4,992.00</u>		<u>\$27,225.36</u>
Building Fund Balance	\$ 38,632.66		
Interest YTD	\$ 552.18		
Payments Made YTD	\$ 15,186.00		
YTD Giving	\$ 38,448.61		
YTD Expenses	<u>\$(34,594.97)</u>		
Net Amount			<u>\$ 3,853.64</u>

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Mar-17

DATE	03/05/2017	03/12/2017	03/19/2017	03/26/2017	DIRECT DEPOSIT	TOTAL
CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$4,405.85	\$2,664.50	\$2,513.00	\$4,908.00	\$200.00	\$14,691.35
GENERAL FUND	\$2,585.35	\$2,174.50	\$1,983.00	\$1,248.00	\$75.00	\$8,065.85
OCWM	\$575.00	\$85.00	\$35.00	\$316.00		\$1,011.00
BUILDING FUND	\$900.50	\$205.00	\$165.00	\$3,205.00	\$75.00	\$4,550.50
CAMPITAL CAMPAIGN				\$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	\$345.00	\$100.00	\$50.00			\$495.00
NEIGHBORS IN NEED						\$0.00
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH						\$0.00
CHRISTMAS FUND						\$0.00
FUEL FUND		\$100.00	\$30.00			\$130.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
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						\$0.00
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						\$0.00
TOTAL MEMB. CONTRIBUTIONS	\$4,405.85	\$2,664.50	\$2,263.00	\$4,869.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
OTHER INCOME						TOTAL
KITZINGER MEMORIAL			\$250.00			\$250.00
Mens dartball				\$39.00		\$39.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
						\$0.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CHECKING DEPOSIT	\$4,405.85	\$2,664.50	\$2,513.00	\$4,908.00	\$0.00	\$200.00

Good Shepherd Annual Meeting

The 38th annual membership meeting for Good Shepherd Service LTD was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

Doreen Kluth, president, was in charge of the meeting. She announced the 2017-2018 officers for the Good Shepherd Board of Directors.

Jane Jerzak gave a presentation of the 2016 Good Shepherd Services annual financial audit results.

Good Shepherd staff served 162 individuals in 2016. There are 50 rooms in the home, with 40 currently occupied. Good Shepherd reports a \$700/day loss per resident in the nursing home. Forty percent of the people in the nursing home are in rehabilitation, with sixty percent of those live in the nursing home, and the remaining forty percent of rehabilitation clients reside outside the facility. There are thirty-six units in Meadow Wood Residential Care Apartments. These are occupied by private pay clients. The twenty-six units in Shepherd's Inn CBRF are private pay and Medicaid paid units. Thirteen units in Birch Way CBRF are also private and Medicaid paid, as well as the nineteen units in Forest Glen CBRF.

In total, Good Shepherd reports a loss of \$313,000.00, in 2016, from the nursing home and childcare services. Rehabilitation services broke even, and Meadow Wood yielded a profit of \$118,000.00 in 2016. Netting a loss of \$128,000.00, but with contributions and investments, Good Shepherd balanced the budget, which is better than they did the two previous years.

Submitted by Roberta Lorenz and Judy Samson

New Member Brunch

On Sunday, May 21st, we are holding a New Member Brunch for persons who are interested in exploring membership at St. John's UCC. This brunch is for church leaders and prospective new members only and will be served in the fellowship hall following our morning service of worship.

If you are interested in exploring membership, or know someone who is, call the church office to provide us with names and information no later than May 18th.

St. John's UCC will be receiving new members on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th.



Plan to come, and shop at our **Annual Rummage Sale** **In June**

Open to the all
8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 15

Friday, June 16

Saturday, June 17

Thursday, June 22

Friday, June 23

Saturday, June 24



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Donations are welcome. If you would like to donate items to St. John's UCC and need to drop off outside Tuesday and Thursday mornings, or Sundays before or after worship, please contact a council member, (*please see your 2017 church directory for telephone numbers*) and he/she will gladly make sure you can gain access to the yellow room, in the church basement. Rummage sale setup will commence June 1, in the basement. If you want to help us, we'd appreciate that! Contact Roberta Lorenz if you have questions, please.