

June 2018 Newsletter

St. John's United Church of Christ



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St. John's UCC 101 S Clark St. (PO Box 264) Black Creek, Wisconsin 920-984-3845	<div>June 2018</div>				1	2
3 Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship (Rev. Moira Finley preaching) After Worship Special Congregational Meeting (see page 1) Don't Miss This	4 Graduate <i>information due in the church office today, in order to be included in our bulletin next week.</i> Contact information is due <i>in the church office today for directory</i>	5 Signup Deadline for Confirmation Revisited 4-week class	6 1:30 p.m. Women's Guild meeting (E. Meyer Devotions; M. Goodwin Hostess)	7 6:00 p.m. Light meal 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Revisited Class— Session 1 of 4	8	9
10 9:00 a.m. Worship (Recognizing our 2018 Graduates) Please help the Women's Guild set up tables and move donations for our upcoming Rummage Sale	11 <div>← Setup Rummage sale →</div>	12 6:30 p.m. Council meeting	13	14 6:00 p.m. Light meal 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Revisited Class— Session 2 of 4	15 Ice Cream Social Publicity due in office	16
17 Happy Father's Day! 9:00 a.m. Worship	18 Newsletter info due in office	19	20	21 First Day of Summer <div>Shop/Work Rummage sale?</div> 6:00 p.m. Light meal 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Revisited Class— Session 3 of 4	22	23
24 9:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Senior Choir Brunch Song requests due to Bonnie VL by today	25	26	27	28 <div>Shop/Work Rummage sale?</div> 6:00 p.m. Light meal 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Revisited Class— Session 4 of 4	29	30

Special Congregational Meeting



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Burdick and Clark Streets

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Dear Members of St. John's UCC Black Creek!

St. John's UCC Black Creek Council sent a letter to all members informing you of the upcoming Special Congregational Meeting. **We request your attendance!**

Event: **Special Congregational Meeting**

Date: **Sunday, June 3, 2018**

Time: **Immediately following our 9:00 a.m. worship service.**

Purpose: To **vote** regarding a call of **Pastor Moira Finley**, as half-time pastor and teacher of St. John's, *as recommended by our transition committee.*

You: Your presence is greatly appreciated at our Special Congregational meeting, Sunday, June 3. Please stay after our 9:00 a.m. worship service to cast your vital vote (*Rev. Moira Finley will preach and will serve communion at this service*)!

**Don't
Miss
This**

Additional Event: *Everyone is, also, welcome to join us, on Wednesday evening, May 30, between 4:00 and 7:00, to get to know, talk with, (or quiz) Pastor Moira! This Meet and Greet, will be held in our basement fellowship hall. Refreshments will be provided. Join us!*

join us!

Confirmation Revisited

A Four-Week Refresher Course for Adult Christians

When were you confirmed—5 years ago, 10 years ago, 20 or more years ago? Do you remember what you learned back then? Chances are you may have forgotten *just a little* of what you learned back then. Do you have a young person heading for confirmation in the next year or two? Would you like to be prepared for what they will need to learn?

Last month, we confirmed three young men into our fellowship. To be confirmed, they participated in two years of study and reflection. This month, you have a chance to do what they did—in only four weeks.

Confirmation Revisited will take place on the four Thursday nights of June. It will begin with a light meal at 6:00 p.m. and an hour of study and reflection will follow. For those who do not want a meal, you can arrive at 6:30 p.m.

Come; join us for fellowship, study, and dialogue as we seek to grow in our faith and service.

To assist in planning and preparation, please call the church office, or sign up in worship, **before June 6th**.

If you have questions about this series, please feel free to speak with Pastor Tom.



Join Us!

Pastor's Message...

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come . . ."

Do you recognize those old familiar words? They come from a hymn of the church, one that we have been singing for over one hundred and fifty years. We usually sing these words in November, and associate them with Thanksgiving. It is, after all, a harvest song, and Thanksgiving is a harvest festival.



While we associate thanksgiving with the fall because of our climate, there are places in the world where harvests happen earlier in the year. In the Mediterranean climate, the first harvest takes place in May and June when the first grains and fruits of the season are gathered in.

Our Hebrew ancestors in the faith had their own harvest festival. It was called Pentecost, but it was also known as the *Festival of the First Fruits*. It was a celebration rooted in the Exodus experience. When God freed the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, the key moment was the Passover, when the angel of death passed over the first-born of Israel. Because of this act of grace, Hebrews believed that "first things" belonged to God. So, during Pentecost the first of everything was brought to the temple and dedicated to God. Many of these donated goods were then made available to the less fortunate—a kind of ancient food pantry. Others were sold to raise funds needed for the temple.

As we Christians know, Pentecost has a different meaning for us. We celebrate it as the day that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and empowered them to carry...

St. John's Got Musical Talent!



The Music Committee is looking for input and talent! We would like your input on songs you might like to hear the choir sing or have played during a worship service starting

this fall. Song requests will be accepted until **Sunday, June 24**, to be worked into the music's lectionary schedule the best we are able. We are also looking for your musical or artistic talent. Please sign up on the Gathering Room bulletin board, if you would like to share God's gifts of song, poem, or interpretive dance, during our summer worship services. Thanks for your willingness to share!

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 10, we plan to honor those graduating this year. If you are graduating or have recently graduated, 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, by June 4, 2018. **Congratulations to all of our graduates!**



Graduate's name: _____

Where graduating from: _____

Honors: _____

What are your immediate plans going forward? _____

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... on what Jesus had begun. For this reason, we often call Pentecost “The Birth-day of the *Church*”.

Last month, Christians around the world celebrated Pentecost and reflected on what it means to be filled with the Spirit. The scriptures tell us that the Spirit enabled the disciples to tell about God’s power and might to all people. They were able to speak in languages that they had not been taught, and they could communicate with people from all nations that had gathered in Jerusalem for the *Festival of the First Fruits*.

Whenever we hear and reflect on the story of Pentecost found in the *second* chapter of Acts, we tend to focus on the outward signs, on the wind, the tongues of fire, and the ability of the disciples to speak in languages they did not know. What we often miss is the story behind the story.

When the disciples gathered for the Hebrew holiday of Pentecost so long ago, *they* were a sad and dis-heartened group. Their leader and friend, Jesus, had been killed by the Roman authorities in collusion with their religious leaders. All of their hopes had been dashed, and they were filled with grief. In addition, they were also fearful—fearful that their religious leaders would come after them as well.

Even though they were filled with sadness, grief, doubt, and fear, they gathered to give thanks anyway. I am convinced that their thankful attitudes is what paved the way for the Holy Spirit to come *into* their hearts and transform their lives. I am further convinced that having a thankful heart is what allows the Spirit to do its work in each of us as well. When we are thankful, our heart is like an...

June 2018 Schedule

Sunday, June 3, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. - Communion Sunday

Reader	Jim Rucci
Greeter/Usher	Jim Rucci & Steve Hanson
Greeter/Usher	Duane & Carol Henke



Sunday, June 10, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.

Reader	Bob Menning
Greeter/Usher	Bob & Carla Menning
Greeter/Usher	Gary & Carla Lathrop

Sunday, June 17, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. — Fathers' Day

Reader	Trudy Koon
Greeter/Usher	Trudy Koon
Greeter/Usher	Ryan & Stephanie Julius

Sunday, June 24, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.

Reader	Sue Biese
Greeter/Usher	Joe & Sue Biese
Greeter/Usher	Dallas & Lisa Waterstradt

Strengthen the Church Offering



During the month of June, St. John's will have *Strengthen the Church* (STCO) offering envelopes available in the East Entrance and the West Entrance. This is an UCC offering that supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC congregations. Support of this offering helps the UCC fulfill its commitment of creating a "just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities"

(<http://www.ucc.org/stc>).

Please consider a gift in addition to your regular tithes and offerings to St. John's, as our STCO gifts do not stay with St. John's. Thank you!

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... open door, through which the Holy Spirit enters. When we are resentful and lacking in gratitude, then our heart is like a locked door, and the Spirit cannot gain entry into our heart.

I am convinced that the Spirit needs grateful partners, now more than ever. Our world is increasingly fragmented by jealousy, envy, hatred, prejudice and bigotry. All these lead to more and more outbreaks of violence. Whether it is a school shooting, the use of chemical weapons in Syria, the rise of white supremacy and fascism around the world, racial injustices in Starbucks, or lies and name-calling that flow copiously from the White House—all around us we see the damage inflicted when hearts are closed to gratitude. In frustration, many wring their hands and wonder aloud, *why God allows such things to happen.*

*I am
convinced*

The truth is that God can do nothing until we open our hearts to gratitude. God calls us to be partners, but does not force us. God wants us to be grateful partners, but will not bail us out when our selfishness leads to pain, suffering, and death. Saving us from such consequences would only serve to enable our bad behaviors and irresponsible actions.

God is willing to help us, however! When we open our hearts to gratitude, God unleashes the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, and we and our world are changed for the better.

Long ago, a group of grieving lives gathered with ...
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... thankful hearts, and the Spirit entered their lives. Today, there are millions of Christians around the world who owe a debt to that little band of believers. It is now time for us to repay that debt by opening our hearts to gratitude and lending our lives to the Spirit. It is time, my friends. It is time!

Peace and joy, Pastor Tom

Treasurer's Report—April 2018

Building Fund	Interest	\$ 1.11
	Disbursements	\$ (0.00)
Memorial Fund	Disbursements	\$ (0.00)
Organ Fund	Disbursements	\$ (0.00)
General	Disbursements	\$ (7,582.30)



Total	Beginning Balance	\$ 36,075.26
	Deposits	\$ 11,448.00
	Interest	\$ 1.11
	Disbursements	\$ (7,582.30)
	Ending Balance	\$ 39,942.07

General Fund	\$ 23,398.18	
Building Fund	\$ 5,847.42	
Memorial Fund	\$ 5,699.47	
Organ Fund	<u>\$ 4,997.00</u>	<u>\$39,942.07</u>

YTD Membership Giving	\$ 38,653.60	
YTD Expenses	\$ <u>(37,959.11)</u>	
Net Amount		<u>\$ 649.49</u>

Important Directory Notice

Thank you for being patient as Kim has been taking care of her husband around the clock. Now, she is able to create our 2018 Member Directory! If you have noticed that we are using *old* information to contact you, NOW is the time to get your **correct contact information** to her. Here is what we need by Monday, June 4:

- ☒ **Member's (Members') name/(s)**
- ☒ **Unconfirmed Children's names (*who live with you*)**
- ☒ **Address**
- ☒ **Telephone number(s) (*whether a cell or home#*)**
- ☒ **Email address**



If you have children living at home, we want to be sure they are included in our directory as well, so please list them in birth order. If they have a different last name as the surname you use, please provide that as well. We want our 2018 Directory to be as up-to-date as possible, so don't delay contacting Kim if you had ANY change since February 2017's directory. Did you change your marital status? We need to be sure we have that information correct in our database too.

Any questions? Please feel free to leave a note for Kim or email her, at STJcreek@gmail.com. The office phone number is 920-984-3845. Notes may be left in the box between the office doors, too. Make sure your note is legible and you include a contact number or email so Kim may reach you if she has a question about your listing!

Thank you!

Women's Guild Minutes



WOMENS GUILD

The Women's Guild met on Wednesday,
May 2, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., with ten
members present.

Our devotional leader was Marian Zuleger, who shared several well known hymns from a special hymn book, *Just As I Am* was written by a lady who was bedridden and started to write verses that became a lifelong work for her. She started when she was forty-eight-years old and lived to be eighty-two-years old. One never knows what lies ahead for one's life and what God might provide. Another hymn, *Sweet By and By*, was put into words and melody by two chatting friends—a song sung at funerals. A hymn sung often is *God Will Take Care of You*—of a husband whose wife was very sick and started writing the words, and he put it to melody! They sung it together at their training school. It was published in 1905. Another hymn—*I'll Be There*—was put into words by Mr. Black and published with music in 1894. *America the Beautiful* is a familiar patriotic song that bonded people together as a national hymn, published in 1912.

Marian also shared a beautiful poem and some great jokes. The offering was taken, and our devotional time closed with the *Lord's Prayer* prayed in unison.

The business-meeting portion of our meeting was called to order by President Roberta Lorenz. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. The balance in the general fund is \$5,003.60 and \$472.98 in the memorial fund.

Our old business response was "We are all old."

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Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 19, 2018



Serving from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

All families are asked to bring donations of desserts and pickles

GREETER **Marian Goodwin** 984-3668

BEANS **CHAIR: Roberta Lorenz** ... 984-3824

Jan Boman

BRATS AND HOTDOGS *Volunteers needed; please step up*

HAMBURGERS **CHAIR: Doris Schmidt** 984-3615

Val Abel; Kent Abel; Esther Meyer; Carol Schmidt; Robin Schmidt

POTATO SALAD / CHIPS **CHAIR: Jan Rohloff** 984-3418

Karen Arnold; Vi Brown-Luebke; Judy Samson

ICE CREAM AND POP **CHAIR: Roberta Lorenz** 984-3824

Trudy Koon; Dorothy Kominowski; Nancy Noack; Lisa Raaths

SERVING **CHAIR: Ila Mae Jens** 984-3036

Judy Samson; Carol Schmidt; Robin Schmidt; Denis Shepard

DINING ROOM **CHAIR: Audrey Hooyman-Blake** 984-3092

Debbie Boettcher; Caitlyn Pingel; Verla Pingel; Lisa St. John; Tori Scott; Makenna Scott; Cailey Wheeler; Connie Wheeler; Holly Wheeler

KITCHEN dishes & clean up **CHAIR: Connie Rohloff** ... 833-2417

Mike Rohloff; Kerri Samson; Sue Schneider

SERVING DESSERTS **CHAIR: Vi Brown Luebke** ... 920-428-8840

Jan Boman; Esther Meyer

CASHIERS *Treasurer will get change*

CO-CHAIRS: Val Abel and Kent Abel 715-745-4314

Lisa Waterstradt

PUBLICITY *provide details to church secretary by June 15, 2018*

CHAIR: Vi Brown-Luebke ... 920-428-8840

Todd Arnold; Ruth Hanson

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New business discussed included our Annual Ice Cream Social, which will be held on July 19, 2018. **Please see page 11 for a list of participant assignments.** Please help wherever you can. We will discuss it further at our June meeting. The Black Creek Rummage Sale and Bake Sale profited around \$633.60. The bakery was greatly supplied! Thanks to the workers and bakers who provided so much! Thanks to all!

Our annual Rummage Sale is set for June 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30, 2018. You may bring items to the Yellow Room, which is located downstairs.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., with Esther Meyer leading devotions and Marian Goodwin serving as our June hostess.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. We sung the *Doxology* and enjoyed a delicious chocolate-caramel cake, with ice cream served by our May hostess, Marian Zuleger!

Thank you and blessings of good health to all.

Guild Secretary Audrey Hooyman-Blake

A Riddle – Just for Fun



Question: A certain five-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it. What is the word?

Come to church on June 3, 2018, and you'll find the answer in your bulletin!

Council “Preliminary” Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018



The meeting was called to order by President Bob Menning, with Aron Rasmussen, Gary VanderLinden, 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 Gary VanderLinden, 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 (April)

- Conducted 4 Worship Services, 1 Confirmation, and 1 Baptism
- Attended 4 church meetings, 1 administrative meeting, 1 conference, and 3 group meetings
- Made 3 home visits, and 3 other visiting times

Committee Reports

Membership: *Nothing at this time*

Christian Ed: Black Creek Family Daze Parade is June 2, and we are looking for walkers. Bonnie is getting the flowers for Family Christian Home Day to be handed out on Sunday, May 13, 2018. Pastor Tom is trying to get a date for the animal shelter and funeral home for the confirmation class for June.

Worship: *Nothing at this time.*

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Music: If you are interested in performing special music for the summer services, please see Bonnie VanderLinden. If you have any hymn requests, please turn them into Bonnie by June 24.

House: Aron did his monthly walk through, and everything looked good.

Campital Campaign/Mission Projects - For the month of April, we collected \$410.00. We have collected \$2,360.00 YTD. Our yearly goal is \$3,500.00.

Old Business

- **Transition Committee** has had 3 meetings and plans to meet on Wednesday, May 9, with the Joint Transition Committee from the other churches. They will meet again on Thursday, May 10, with Moira for an interview and decision.

New Business

- **Summer Service Time Change** will begin on Sunday, May 27 and run through Sunday, September 2, with service starting at 9:00 am.
- Pastor Tom will be conducting **Adult Classes in June** on Thursday nights, at 6:30 p.m., at the parsonage on the back patio.
- **Summer Office days** for Pastor Tom will be Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Prayers and Thanks: Kim and Ron, Ralph and Helen Sassman, Leroy Minlschmidt, and Earl Zuleger

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A motion was made, by Lisa Waterstradt and seconded by Connie Wheeler, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting ended with the *Lord's Prayer*.

Connie Wheeler, Council Secretary

Best Choice Save-A-Label

Let's see how many UPC labels from Best Choice products St. John's can collect this year! The more the better. Would you please include the quantity of UPC labels with your bundles, when you give them to the office? Thank you!



Here are some guidelines from Best Choice:

1. Save only the UPC symbol from Best Choice products. Cut the UPC symbol from labels or cartons. *For glass items with a glued label, the labels can be removed by first soaking in warm water. Please dry the label afterwards.*
2. Products excluded from the Best Choice Save-A-Label Program: aluminum soda cans, aerosol cans, and cigarettes. *(UPCs from 12-pk. & 24-pk. soda cardboard cartons **are acceptable**),*
3. Any questions or inquiries: please contact BEST CHOICE SAVE-A-LABEL, at 913-288-1165 or www.awgbrands.com.

Rummage Sale Donations



Now is the time! If you would like to donate items to our Summer Rummage Sale, now is the time to bring them to the lower level (Yellow Room). If you want to volunteer to help prepare the basement for our sale, please speak with Roberta Lorenz or Steve Hanson. We need as many hands onboard as possible to be as successful as possible. Thank you in advance for your help, donations, and for shopping!

Rummage Sale Helpers Needed

We would like your help in two weeks—setting up the tables, for our upcoming rummage sale, and pulling donated goods out of the Yellow Room. Please plan to stay, and help us—Sunday, June 11, 2018, after our 9:00 a.m. worship service.



Pilgrim Center Internship Opening



Is someone you know looking for an amazing summer job or internship opportunity? Please share this information and encourage him/her to apply for the Summer Ministry Team, at Moon Beach & Pilgrim Center!

Here's what applicants might want to know:

- Moon Beach is a UCC Camp located on 110 acres just outside of St. Germain—primarily a Family Camp in the summer—a variety of camps: Family Church Camps, Camp AweSum Family Camps (*for families affected by Autism Spectrum Conditions*) and Memory Family Camp (*for participants with Dementia, their Care Partners and...*)

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...families).

- Pilgrim Center is a UCC Camp located on beautiful Green Lake. Youth Camp and Multi-Generational Camp in the summer looking for excited, dedicated, and skilled staff to fill many summer positions.
- They hire about 30 staff to fill their needs and positions—cabin counselors, waterfront staff, nature and arts & crafts specialists, nursing/medical—and more.

Because they're camps, they've got all the stuff for an incredible summer: FANTASTIC food, campfires every day, great waterfront areas with kayaks/paddleboards/sail boats and other watercraft, tons of games, arts & crafts, yoga classes, worship and more, all in a breathtaking natural setting. Summer staff housing was updated over the winter!

Affiliated with the United Church of Christ, they have an ecumenical staff and encourage anyone who loves caring for God's people and creation (age 18+) to apply!

To submit an application for 2018 Summer Ministry, please complete an online application at <https://ucc.org/pilgrim-center/staff-opportunities/> (Pilgrim Center) <https://ucc.org/moon-beach/staff-opportunities/> (Moon Beach)

United Church Camps, Inc.

Attn: Tiffany Ludwig

Director of Marketing and Development—U CCI

tiffany@ucc.org / 715-479-8255

United Church Camps, Inc. - Moon Beach

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ucc.org, Facebook <https://s3.amazonaws.com/htmlsig-assets/spacer.gif>

Thank You!

Ron and I cannot say it enough, "Thank you!" Each of you praying for Ron and me is a gift beyond our ability to express your preciousness in our hearts, lives and sight. The Lord is our strength, and in Him we do find rest—and it is by faith and your prayers that we are comforted by the Lord Jesus. We certainly are not the only ones who are living in tough circumstances—some of you are in battles of your own. We pray that the Lord God Almighty blesses you a hundred-fold for your prayers, kindness, generosity, and support and that He continues to provide all you need.

Thank
you

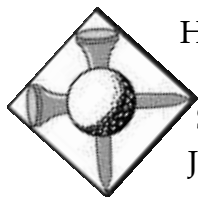
The latest update: Ron is able to be home on his own for a few hours at a time—the doctor said, as long as I am within minutes of being able to respond to a call for help. We live only about seven minutes from St. John's—Thanks Be to God! Ron had an appointment with the specialist at Froedtert Hospital on May 24. They are glad (as we all are) that he has been out of the hospital for almost three weeks straight! That is no small feat for him. He is weak, but not as weak as he was even two weeks ago—Praise God! He still has much to overcome and heal from—he has five medical appointments the week of May 27, but he is *graduating* from the visiting nurse on the 31st (as long as he continues to progress)! His doctors would like him to have cardio-pulmonary physical therapy, but he has not yet been accepted for that. Please pray he will be accepted and that it will help him heal. He is now able to walk about 1/3 of a mile (*that is far compared with how few feet he could walk in the beginning of May*)! He still get nauseated much of the time—and takes two medications to control that. Please pray the nausea gone and his multiple fractured ribs heal so his pain can decrease.

Thank you for your continued care and prayers. THANKYOU for each and every part you have in Ron's story—we know we could not have come this far without the Lord or without you.



With much gratitude and love, Kim and Ron H.

14th Annual Community 2000 Golf Outing **June 7, 2018**



Help make “miracles happen” for our neighbors in need! Join Community 2000, at Crystal Springs Golf Course, in Seymour, Thursday, June 7, 2018, to help someone in need.

You are invited to participate in this event/fundraiser. If you are unable to golf, are you able to sponsor a hole or provide support with a monetary donation? Items for a live auction/raffle are greatly appreciated and beneficial to the success of this fundraiser. *All donations are tax deductible and will be used as prizes or auctioned off at the event.*

Please contact the Community 2000 Golf Committee for more information and to register.

Address: 1002 S Main Street, Seymour, Wisconsin 54165

Phone: 920-833-0277

Online: c2000@vpind.com

Facebook.com/Community2000Seymour

Pastor Tom's contact information

The office telephone number is 920-984-3845. His cell phone number is 920-268-5757, and his email address is styward@sbcglobal.net (be sure to put in subject line “St. John’s”). Pastor Tom usually will be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer months. *Please call ahead if you want to be sure he is in the office at a specific time—he may be out on a visit!*

*And
I will give you
shepherds
after my own heart,
who will feed you
with
knowledge
and
understanding.
Jeremiah 3:15*

Financial Secretary's Report

The Financial Secretary's Report will appear in our July issue of our Newsletter, as printing of this edition of our Newsletter was done prior to May 27, to have it available to all of our members prior to June 1! Thank you for your financial faithfulness.



Awesome is God in His sanctuary, the God of Israel; He gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God (Psalm 68:35 NRSV)!

Evening Opportunity for Worshippers

- ? Are you going up north for a weekend and don't want to miss church?
- ? Do you have plans that will keep you from worshipping in the morning?
- ? Do you want to end your weekend and begin your week surrounded by God's love and grace?



No matter your reason, if you would like to join us for worship, we'd be glad to have you join us, at St. John's UCC, in Cecil, for worship, **Sunday evenings at 7:00**, beginning May 6, 2018. Come as you are (*even in your PJs, seriously*) all are welcome!

St. John's is located at 324 S Warrington, (*one block south of Highway 22*) in Cecil, Wisconsin 54111.

Questions? Contact Pastor Moira Finley, at 715-851-3080, or PastorMoira73@gmail.com.





Annual Rummage Sale



Do you want to help us hold a
successful rummage sale this month?

We would truly appreciate your help in all sorts of ways.

Here are some places you're needed!

-  Sunday, June 11, after worship: Set up tables and pull out already donated items
-  Now until time of sale: bring in clean, priced items for us to sell (*don't know what to price an item at? Just ask, and we'll help the best we can!*)
-  Week of June 11, help set up, price, clean, organize...
-  June 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 (Pick one or more time slots) manage the checkout table and help shoppers.

Please call Roberta Lorenz, if you have any questions. Thank you!

Hymn of the Month for June.

“Like a Tree Beside the Waters”



Many of the hymns we sing were written long ago by persons we can only read about in history books. This month's Hymn of the Month is a polar opposite. “Like a Tree Beside the Waters” was written by the Rev. James Martin in 1993, to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Campbellsport United Church of Christ, here in Wisconsin. The tune, *Silver Creek*, was composed by Roy Hopp, in 1989.

Because of its more modern birth, this hymn's language and theology are more in tune with our current beliefs, so there is no need to “adapt” the wording or explain views of God that are no longer held by those who sing its verses.

Rev. Martin is currently the co-pastor of Church of Peace UCC, in Fond du lac, where he serves with his spouse, the Rev. Jennifer Dawson.

Jeremiah 17:8

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit (NRSV).

