

From Pastor Moira's Desk...

May is full of celebrations in our parish. On May 2nd we will have confirmation for Wyatt Samson and Aubrey Stevens at Black Creek and Austyn Neubert at Trinity. On May 9th we will celebrate the Christian family and have Mother's Day (though we're going to talk about **mother-ing** and how we are all called to be mothers to the world). On May 23rd we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and Celebration Sunday when we rejoice in all the people who make our parish the fabulous place that it is (we have a camping & outdoors theme this year!). Add to that the warming temperatures, garden beds in need of cleaning up and replanting, plus graduations, weddings, parties, and more it's starting to almost feel like life is back to what it was before covid became such a part of our lives. I say almost because we aren't done with covid yet. We've got to keep being careful and attentive. Yes, lots of us have had our vaccinations, and yes, infection rates are slowing in Wisconsin, but if you've seen any of the news coming from India you know that it's not over yet, that the danger of more aggressive strains of the virus, of letting our guard down, and having a third or fourth wave (I forget which one we're on now) overwhelm us is still a real possibility. We've got to keep doing what we have been doing, wearing masks and keeping good distances, washing our hands and practicing excellent hygiene, and taking care not to spread our germs (covid or anything else) as best as we can. I know you're frustrated and so am I. You want the world we knew, but we've got to look to the new world ahead of us, the one where we've lived through this experience, together, and hopefully grown from it, learned what is truly important in our lives, and in the life of the world. I've said through all this time that we will get through it, but we will only get through it together, and it's still true. I am grateful for your being your amazing selves, and for the unity, creativity, flexibility, and faithfulness of our entire parish. It is my honor to be your pastor. *Peace and grace*, Pastor Moira

Celebration Sunday

May 23rd



Get out your camping clothes.

Dust off your fishing rod.

It's a PARTY with a camping and great outdoors theme to celebrate everyone who makes our parish such an incredible place to learn & grow. It's also Pentecost when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit so get ready for a bonfire, some merit badges, and a whole lot of fun.

Costumes & merriment encouraged.

Clean Up & Garden Days

May 8th & June 12th

Pastor Moira has a project to spruce up the prayer garden & beds by the west entrance. We need you to thin bulbs & perennials at your house & bring them to church to share.

We'll fill in what we need here and then swap to beautiful all our gardens with God's diversity. There's also work to be done at the cemetery. We'll work for a few hours (weather permitting) each Saturday and see what else will need to be done.

Questions? Talk with Pastor Moira

*Church Council "Preliminary" Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021*

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Menning with Pat Schomisch, Gary VanderLinden, Dallas Waterstradt, Connie Wheeler and Pastor Moira Finley present.

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Pastor Moira Finley.

A motion was made by Dallas Waterstradt and seconded by Gary VanderLinden to accept the minutes from last month. Motion passed.

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

Pastors Report

Conducted Video and In Person Worship Services, 1 Baptism and 1 Funeral
Attended church meetings

Committee Reports

- * Membership: The directory has been distributed. If there are any errors or changes, please let Pastor Moira know.
- * Christian Ed: Next meeting is Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm.
- * Worship: No meeting has been set.
- * Music: No meeting has been set.
- * House: There was a leak in the bell tower that was discovered. It has shown that there was a leak at one time but then the steeple was shingled and thought that fixed the leak but it has not. Quality Building Restoration (the company that we just had to do the repairs) came with a drone and took pictures of the outside area and there are holes and water is getting in. Repairs will need to be done immediately. This company will give us a quote so we can discuss what needs to be done.
- * Stewardship: For April, we will be collecting for Haiti Allies. For May, we will be collecting for Strengthen the Church fund.

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Old Business:

- * Sabbatical for Pastor Moira will be during the time of March 2023 to February 2024 with taking three one month time periods.
- * We will be scouting for 2 council members. Bob and Gary will have their terms completed this year.

New Business:

- * Easter breakfast went over well with the buffet style. We had approximately 50 people for breakfast.

Prayers and Thank You's:

- * Prayers for the Pingel family (passing of Roy)
- * Baby Lydia is doing better and her liver may recover on its own (Connie's co-worker's daughter)

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

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

Year of Giving ~ Strengthen The Church

Strengthen The Church is a special offering of the UCC that helps our denomination think in new ways about how we are called to be the church in today. It helps to start (plant) new churches, as well as renew and revitalize existing churches. This fund also helps develop the spiritual life of our youth and young adults through ministries designed to engage the next generation with the possibilities of church life and leadership. Conferences may use up to 50% of the offering for local and regional efforts such as the Wisconsin Conference UCC's Lay Academy and programs to help support clergy and congregations through times of transition, conflict, and change. This is a way we help start new churches, renew existing churches, nurture new leaders, and grow the UCC as a community of welcome.



Scripture Readings

Sunday May 2, 2021

Confirmation Sunday

Acts 8.26-40

Psalm 22.25-31

1 John 4.13-21

John 15.1-11

Sunday May 9, 2021

Celebrating The Christian Family

Mother's Day

Acts 10.44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5.1-8

John 15.12-17

Sunday May 16, 2021

Acts 1.15-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5.9-13

John 17.1-19

Sunday May 23, 2021

Pentecost

Celebration Sunday

Acts 2.1-21

Psalm 104.24-35

Romans 8.14-17

John 15.26-16.15

Sunday May 30, 2021

Isaiah 6.1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8.18-27

John 3.1-17

Black Creek Fireman's Picnic

Saturday June 5th

Mark your calendars now for the excitement formerly known as Family Daze. We will have a float in the parade and then are coordinating the games for children after the parade. If you're interested in helping with the float talk with Sue Biese or Gary Vander Linden and if you're interested in helping with the games, talk with Robin Schmidt.

Rummage Sale News



Our rummage sale is back!

Thursday - Saturday

June 17, 18, 19 & 24, 25, 26

You can bring items to church at any time and place them in the storage (yellow) room or the fellowship hall.

After worship on Sunday June 6th we will move tables in the fellowship hall and bring everything up from storage so please plan to stay and help out for a bit.

Also, we need you to think about your availability to work at the rummage sale. A sign up sheet will be available soon.

Parish Celebrations

If your special day is incorrect, or is not listed, please let Pastor Moira know.

May Birthdays

We give thanks, Gracious God, for those you have brought into our lives and we celebrate their birthdays with joy and thanksgiving.

1st ... Michael Holz
3rd ... Gloria Dalke
5th ... Connie Shannon
Leisha (Abel) Schumacher
7th ... Barb Flaherty
Todd Arnold
8th ... Stephanie Julius
Ryan Julius
9th ... Nancy Noack
Kristen Roessler
10th ... Ralph Sassman
11th ... Kris VandeCorput
Shannon Volkman
12th ... Cailey Wheeler
13th ... Faye Veldt
15th ... Jan Rohloff
16th ... Gary Lathrop
Scott Holz
19th ... Alyiah Kruse
24th ... Dale Gregorious
25th ... Carol Henke
26th ... Eli Biese
30th ... Brenda Holz
Daniel Pynenberg
Caitlyn Pingel
Jordan Schmidt
31st ... Donald Peotter
Randall Hooyman
Greggory Holz

May Anniversaries

We give thanks for those whose love we celebrate as they remember their vows in the covenant of marriage.

May 6, 1972

Wayne & Doris Schmidt

May 9, 2009

Ryan & Stephanie Julius

May 15, 1999

John & Connie Wheeler

May 17, 1986

Denis & Berniece Shepard

May 19, 2018

Greggory & Arcadia Holz

May 30, 1987

Joe & Sue Biese

Protect Your Vaccination Card

Have you had your covid vaccines? Remember that nifty little card they gave you? You need to protect it and keep it in a nice safe place. Office Depot/Max will laminate your card for free, and we can also do it in the church office, so talk to Pastor Moira if you'd like help with that.



St. John's United Church of Christ Financial Secretary's Report March 2021

	3/7/2021	3/14/2021	3/21/2021	3/28/2021		Direct Deposit	Total
Checking deposit	3507.00	752.00	2404.25	2717.50		300.00	9680.75

Member Giving Towards Budget

	3/7/2021	3/14/2021	3/21/2021	3/28/2021		Direct Deposit	
General Fund	1416.00	752.00	2109.25	2017.00		150.00	6444.25
Total Member Contributions	1416.00	752.00	2109.25	2017.00		150.00	6444.25

Other Income (in & out funds and income for designated purposes)

	3/7/2021	3/14/2021	3/21/2021	3/28/2021		Direct Deposit	Total
Building Fund	101.00		5.00	95.50		150.00	351.50
One Great Hour of Sharing			180.00	345.00			525.00
Endowment				10.00			10.00
Special Salvation Army (Food Pantry)	90.00		10.00				100.00
Boiler project			100.00	250.00			350.00
Earl Zuleger Memorial	1900.00						1900.00
Total Other Income	2091.00		295.00	700.50		150.00	3236.50

Total Checking Deposit	3507.00	752.00	2404.25	2717.50		300.00	9680.75
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St. John's United Church of Christ Treasurer's Report

March 2021

Building Fund	Deposits	\$351.50
	Interest	\$4.39
	Disbursements	\$0.00
Memorial Fund	Deposits	\$0.00
	Disbursements	\$0.00
Organ Fund	Deposits	\$0.00
	Disbursements	\$0.00
General Fund	Deposits	\$9,329.25
	Disbursements	(\$7,893.68)

Feel free to continue sending your contributions by mail if you are more comfortable doing so. You can mail them to:

**St. John's UCC
PO Box 264
Black Creek, WI 54106**

If you have questions, please be in touch with our financial secretary, Gary VanderLinden or Treasurer Dallas Waterstradt

Totals	Beginning Balance	\$203,475.47
	Deposits	\$9,680.75
	Interest	\$4.39
	Disbursements	(\$7,893.68)
	Ending Balance	\$205,266.93

General Fund	\$18,109.23
Building Fund	\$20,172.23
Memorial Fund	\$16,381.47**
Organ Fund	\$4,997.00
Parsonage Fund	<u>\$147,607.00</u>
TOTAL	\$205,266.93

YTD Membership Giving*	\$23,804.75
YTD Expenses*	(\$26,764.23)
Net Amount*	(\$2,959.48)

* excludes contributions and disbursements for special offerings

**of which \$15,060 is designated for building projects

Reader & Greeter Schedule

If you are not able to make it on your assigned day, please let Connie Wheeler & Pastor Moira know. Greeters also help serve communion.

Sunday May 2, 2021 ~ Confirmation & Communion

Reader Robin Schmidt
Greeters Steve Schomisch
Pat Schomisch

Sunday May 9, 2021

Reader Connie Wheeler
Greeters Connie Wheeler
Audrey Blake

Sunday May 16, 2021

Reader Tanner St. John
Greeters Tanner St. John
Todd St. John

Sunday May 23, 2021

Reader Vi Brown-Luebke
Greeters Vi Brown-Luebke
Darwin Ethington

Sunday May 30, 2021

Reader Jan Rohloff
Greeters Mike Rohloff
Connie Rohloff

Sunday June 6, 2021 ~ Communion

Reader Randy Miller
Greeters Gary Vander Linden
Bonnie Vander Linden

Sunday June 13, 2021

Reader Robin Schmidt
Greeters Barry Zuleger
Steve Hanson

Sunday June 20, 2021

Reader Bob Menning
Greeters Bob Menning
Carla Menning

Sunday June 27, 2021

Reader Randy Miller
Greeters Kelly Stevens
Dallas Waterstradt

Furnace Fund

Time marches on and the “new” addition is now nearly 20 years old which means so are the boilers that heat the offices, classrooms, bathrooms & gathering room. The furnaces are still working, but it is becoming more difficult to find replacement parts. We are keeping an eye on things and planning for the future replacement of the furnaces, so we have established a furnace fund. If you have discretionary income or would like to make a memorial gift you can help increase the fund so that when we need to replace the furnaces we are prepared. Please make checks to the church and put “Furnace Fund” in the memo. If you have questions, please talk with any member of the Council.



May 2021

How to reach Pastor Moira: phone 715-851-3080
email pastormoira73@gmail.com

Sunday Schedule: 8:45 am Trinity Worship


9am Sunday School/Bible Study & 10:15 am Black Creek Worship

7:00 pm Cecil Worship

Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10am - 5pm

Please call/text to make sure
or to make an appointment.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Key to locations: BC = St. John's U.C.C. Black Creek T = Trinity U.C.C. outside Nichols C = St. John's U.C.C. Cecil ALC = Ascension Lutheran Church Navarino						1
2 Confirmation at BC & T SCRIP order day	3	4 6:30pm BC Christian Ed	5 1:30pm BC Women's Guild	6	7	8 BC Garden & Cemetery clean up day
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> Celebrating The Christian Family	10	11 9am ALC Pantry Board 6:30pm BC Council	12 9am T New Hope Circle	13 5:30pm T Council	14	15
16 C Consistory after worship	17	18	19 5-7pm ALC Pantry distribution	20 9am C Closet work day	21	22 9-11am ALC Pantry distribution
23 <i>Pentecost</i> Celebration Sunday Camping & Great Outdoors	24	25 Noon—3pm C Closet distribution	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	June 1	June 2 1:30pm BC Women's Guild	June 3	June 4	June 5 BC Fireman's Picnic (parade & games)

May
2021

"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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Covid-19 Procedures for Worship & Gatherings

- ♥ **Face Coverings** ~ masks or face shields are requested (for everyone over age 5) who is not fully vaccinated;
- ♥ **Distancing** ~ keep social distance as best as possible;
- ♥ **Singing** - wear your mask while you sing;
- ♥ **Offering** - there are plates at the sanctuary doors;
- ♥ **Respect** ~ respect others in our community by wearing a face covering and keeping distance when talking with folks you don't live with

Mandatory 10 Digit Dialing

Due to changes implemented by the Federal Communications Commission, ten digit dialing (area code + phone number) becomes mandatory on October 24th, but they are encouraging you to start getting used to the change now. It's also important to check that anything you have that auto dials like medical monitors, alarm systems, and internet connections are converted to ten digit dialing. Long distance calls from land line phones continue to be 1 + area code + phone number and emergency services continue as before.