

## *From Pastor Moira's Desk... Everything Changes*

On my back porch there's a bushel of apples waiting to be made into pies. As I walk, a few leaves crunch (though I grew up with aspens not maples), and there's a collection of things that need doing (pots to be cleaned, things from summer to be stored away, garden beds to be weeded one more time) before winter comes. All that's missing is the smell of roasting green chile in the air, and the whoosh of propane tanks in hot air balloons to take me right back to my childhood. It's officially fall according to the calendar, and it seems to have come quickly here in Wisconsin, almost overnight. The leaves are turning, and it was almost cold in my bedroom with the windows all still open letting in the air filled with the smell of wood fires. It's time to find the sweaters, turn the air conditioning off, and wonder where we put the ice scraper and snow shovel last spring. In the middle of that we are still living with covid, with all the complications and challenges that it brings. Infection rates and hospitalizations are rising very quickly in our area while vaccinations have slowed. Our medical professionals are exhausted. Frustrations and fears are running high. It looks a lot like it did last year at the end of September, those color coded charts about infection rates drifting into the darkest shades of red, and lots of people are wondering if we've made any progress at all, if anything we've done has been worth the effort, and how do we make sense of 680,000 deaths in the US and more 4.5 million deaths worldwide?

We really do have to hold on to each other. None of us can make it through this, or any other time in our lives, alone. We need each other. We depend on one another. Life is a team sport, a group project, something we are in with one another through all the joys and challenges. We need to learn to lean on each other, to trust each other with what we're feeling and thinking during these days, to be honest about our struggles, to be open about the frustrations we feel, to be utterly human with one another. That's really the only way we're going to make it, one human being connected to another. The other thing that I believe will help is to lean into the change. The world around us is going to show us in the next weeks and months that change is the natural state of creation. The leaves that provided shade and shelter all summer will go from green to gold and red and then fall to the ground. The birds in fields and at our backyard feeders will change as some migrate south and others come for the winter from places further north. Gone will be the long summer nights where sunset was after 8pm and here will be a different rhythm of the day with darkness coming much earlier in the day, bringing crisp starlight skies at dinner time. That change, all the changes we will see around us, are part of how the world works. Everything always changes. Fighting it will only be frustrating to our hearts, minds, and spirits. Perhaps we could lean into the change, embrace that this is one of the ways God works in our lives and in the life of the world, to celebrate that we are here to change, here to live through these days, to adapt and awaken to all the different things God is doing in us and through us? I know, it's easier said than done, but it's worth a try ~ to try and change as the world is changing, to allow every season of our lives to be something different, something beautiful, something filled by God's gracious presence, and to do it together. And through it all, please, lean on me, and lean on the rest of the members of our parish, that we might all live faithfully in these days.

*In peace and grace, Pastor Moira*

# Special Congregational Meeting ~ Sunday October 24, 2021

*immediately after worship*

Two items of business:

1. Repair of the large south window in the sanctuary. To authorize Staige Stained & Leaded Glass Restoration LLC (Onalaska) to remove the window, placing necessary covering over the opening, take the window to their workshop for repairs and restoration, and return the window and install a new protective storm window over the glass. Authorizing a total of \$35,000. To allow the work to begin as soon as possible, the initial deposit of \$17,500 (50%) to be paid from the parsonage funds. The remaining funds will be drawn from previously given undesignated memorial gifts, gifts given specifically to this project, and if needed, from endowment funds. Undesignated memorial funds available currently total \$7,000 (20%), and if needed up to 30% (\$10,500) will be requested from the endowment fund. Any funds donated to this project will proportionally decrease the amount of money requested from the endowment and parsonage funds.
2. Investment of remaining parsonage sale funds. After investigating different options including the Wisconsin Conference's investment fund, the Council recommends that the remaining balance of parsonage sale funds \$119,250 (after the withdrawal for the stained glass window project) be invested in the existing St. John's UCC endowment fund, with the church authorized to draw from the principle invested as needed and the endowment fund authorized to use any interest. The Council believes this gives us the greatest flexibility for the fund, allows us to direct a portion of the funds towards ministry & outreach (the Wisconsin Conference fund takes a tithe of 10% from the investment without allowing us to direct it), and allows the interest to directly benefit other projects and work of the church.

**Listening sessions for questions and concerns will be held  
after worship in the gathering room on Sundays October 10th & 17th.**

**Please help us conduct this meeting by ensuring that we have a quorum of members  
present at worship on Sunday October 24th.**

**Questions? Talk with any member of Council or Pastor Moira**

**Trinity Fall Bazaar ~ Saturday October 9th  
9am - 12:30pm**

Crafts, gifts, Granny's Attic (rummage),  
nearly new items, basket, bucket & special item raffles  
PLUS our tremendous bake-sale!

TO GO Soup & Box lunches  
*Outdoor dining available if the weather permits!*

**W6712 County Road F**  
4 miles west of Hwy 47 & the town of Nichols

**Church Council "Preliminary" Meeting Minutes**  
**September 7, 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 Pat Schomisch and seconded by Connie Wheeler to accept the Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports. Motion passed.

**Pastors Report:** August and September

- Conducted video and in person worship services, one baptism
- Attended church meetings - Christian Education and Women's Guild

**Committee Reports**

- **Membership:** Nothing at this time
- **Christian Ed:** Rally Sunday is September 12 with food and games. NO POTLUCK!
- **Worship/Music:** Need to set up a meeting
- **House:** Elevator inspection was done and the report was good.
- **Stewardship:** We will be collecting for Hurricane Ida and the Refugees for the month of September. We collected \$290 for the month of August for the Shiocton School Scholastic program (every kid gets a book).

**Old Business:**

- The discussion continues for two new council members needed by the January congregational meeting.

**New Business:**

- There is no need to replace the boilers at this time. We had another company come give an estimate and he said that they need maintenance and would come twice a year for \$600-\$700 excluding repairs/parts. Parts that are needed can be gotten.
- The NW corner of the bell tower was damp but not wet. Gary will check with the company if this needs to be checked.
- The by-laws were updated by Pat Schomisch and Pastor Moira. We were given copies to go over. The by-laws will be presented at the congressional annual meeting in January if approved by council.

*minutes continue - - ->*

- A motion to call a special congregational meeting for Sunday October 24, 2021 immediately after worship. There will be two items of business: 1. Repair of the large south window in the sanctuary. To authorize Staige Stained & Leaded Glass Restoration LLC (Onalaska) to remove the window, placing necessary covering over the opening, take the window to their workshop for repairs and restoration, and return the window and install a new protective storm window over the glass. Authorizing a total of \$35,000. To allow the work to begin as soon as possible, the initial deposit of \$17,500 (50%) to be paid from the parsonage funds. The remaining funds will be drawn from previously given undesignated memorial gifts, gifts given specifically to this project, and if needed, from endowment funds. Undesignated memorial funds available currently total \$7,000 (20%), and if needed up to 30% (\$10,500) will be requested from the endowment fund. Any funds donated to this project will proportionally decrease the amount of money requested from the endowment and parsonage funds. 2. Investment of remaining parsonage sale funds. After investigating different options including the Wisconsin Conference's investment fund, the Council recommends that the remaining balance of parsonage sale funds \$119,250 (after the withdrawal for the stained glass window project) be invested in the existing St. John's UCC endowment fund, with the church authorized to draw from the principle invested as needed and the endowment fund authorized to use any interest. The Council believes this gives us the greatest flexibility for the fund, allows us to direct a portion of the funds towards ministry & outreach (the Wisconsin Conference fund takes a tithe of 10% from the investment without allowing us to direct it), and allows the interest to directly benefit other projects and work of the church. Listening sessions for questions and concerns will be held after worship in the gathering room on Sundays October 10th & 17th. Please help us conduct this meeting by ensuring that we have a quorum of members present at worship on Sunday October 24th.

### **Prayers and Thank You's:**

Dallas (traveling to CO for hunting)

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

**Next Council Meeting** will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

## **All Saints Sunday ~ November 7th**

During worship on Sunday November 7th we will remember and honor those who have gone before us into life everlasting. We will particularly honor those who have passed in the last 12 months, but we are also collecting names of those who have passed at any time. Please submit names to Pastor Moira by Sunday October 31st.

## Women's Guild Minutes

The Women's Guild met on Wednesday September 1, 2021 at 1:30pm with ten members present. Our devotional leader was Ila Mae Jens sharing a prayer. She shared a poem, "The Day The Lord Hass Made". We missed Sally who was with her mother, bless them. Ila Mae asked if we remember the years past being a member of our church. We remembered the many improvements by hard workers—how our elders did the work without big machines; some were great-great grand parents and friends and how lucky we were to have such a big congregation. Many families still do so much work with love. Our Guild members still do so many loving things by being past presidents, helpers, caring for many, weddings, funerals, singers, teachers, good moms, and moms who through their kids clothes out a window because the kids thought they were sick so they didn't have to attend church. She tried to teach them a lesson. Lots of beautiful memories of our church and believers of the days the Lord helped and guided us all as a great congregation and church. It was great to review all the blessings.

The offering was taken. The business meeting was called to order by president Roberta Lorenz. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved with \$10,515.75 in the general fund and \$497.98 in the memorial fund. The rummage sale profited \$3,329.32 when bills were paid. Many thanks to all.

There is a Black Creek city wide sale to be held on September 18, 2021. After some discussion a motion was made to not plan a sale at this time. Motion carried.

Rally Sunday is set for September 12, 2021. No potluck, but us for games, ice cream, merriment, and lunch.

Choir has resumed practice. Come and join them.

The Black Creek Fall Feast is on October 2, 2021 with a take out as last year. Fill out the order forms and work schedule. Thank you.

Trinity Fall Bazaar is on October 9, 2021 and Cecil Fall Soup Sale on November 3, 2021.

We closed with the Lord's prayer in unison. We sang the doxology and were served a delicious angel food and strawberry dessert by Judy Samson.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 6, 2021 with Sally Dickinson with devotions and hostess.

God bless everyone. Thanks to all. *Audrey Hooyman-Blake, Guild Secretary*

## Scripture Readings

### Sunday October 3, 2021

*World Communion Sunday*

Psalm 8

Acts 8.26-39

### Sunday October 10, 2021

*Pastor Moira on vacation*

Psalm 27

Hebrews 4.12-16

### Sunday October 17, 2021

Psalm 91

Mark 10.17-31

### Sunday October 24, 2021

Psalm 126

Mark 10.46-52

### Sunday October 31, 2021

Deuteronomy 6.1-9

Mark 12.28-34

### Sunday November 7, 2021

*All Saints Sunday*

Psalm 146

Hebrews 11.1-16

## Year of Giving Focus Neighbors In Need

### **St. John's Cecil Election Day Soup Sale**

Drive by for our amazing soups:

Our Famous Chicken Noodle

Creamy Potato

Beef Chili (with noodles)

**Just \$5 per quart!**

Tuesday November 2nd, 2021

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

or until we run out

**Preorder soup with the form  
in this newsletter!**

**Return your order form to  
Pastor Moira before October 26th**

Soup orders will be brought to  
Black Creek & Trinity for pick up.

## Parish Celebrations

*If your special day is incorrect,  
please let Pastor Moira know.*

### October Birthdays

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

3rd ...	Duane Zuleger Brandi Schomisch
4th ...	Angela Biese
5th ...	Autumn Schmidt
6th ...	Verla Pingel
7th ...	Jordy Seefeldt
13th ...	Joshua Holz
15th ...	Jennifer Sassman
17th ...	Barry Zuleger
20th ...	Dallas Rihm
21st ...	Timothy Veldt Ariel Jochman
23rd ...	Kerri Cournoyer
27th ...	Arcadia Holz
28th ...	Barbara Sassman
29th ...	Sue Schneider
30th ...	Pam Rucci

## October Anniversaries

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

### October 1st

Brian & Katye Holz

### October 14th

William & Sue Schneider

### October 19th

Dale & Marilyn Gregorious

### October 20th

Adrianna & Daniel Pyneberg

### October 27th

Brent & Stephany Boettcher

## Candy Bars Are BACK!

The Christian Education fundraiser  
you all love so much is back!  
Our delicious VandeWalle's candy  
bars are available again!

Proceeds from the candy sales  
support the Sunday School's 2021-  
2022 project, the Humane Society.  
Questions? Talk with Robin Schmidt

## *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 October 3, 2021 ~ Communion

Reader Roberta Lorenz  
Greeters Mike & Sally Dickinson  
Steve & Pat Schomisch

### Sunday October 10, 2021

*Pastor Moira on vacation*

Reader Connie Wheeler  
Greeters Connie Wheeler  
Verla Pingel

### Sunday October 17, 2021

Reader Vi Brown-Luebke  
Greeters Vi Brown-Luebke  
Kelly Stevens

### Sunday October 24, 2021

Reader Robin Schmidt  
Greeters Robin Schmidt  
Carol Schmidt

### Sunday October 31, 2021

Reader Jim Rucci  
Greeters Steve Hanson  
Jim Rucci

### Sunday November 7, 2021 ~ Communion

*All Saints Sunday*

Reader Bob Menning  
Greeters Bob & Carla Menning  
Mike & Connie Rohloff

### Sunday November 14, 2021

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

### Sunday November 21, 2021

Reader Randy Miller  
Greeters Sally Dickinson  
Mike Dickinson

### Sunday November 28, 2021

Reader Jim Rucci  
Greeters Jim Rucci  
Randy Miller

### Sunday December 5, 2021 ~ Communion

Reader Sue Biese  
Greeters Sue & Joe Biese  
Ryan & Stephanie Julius

### Sunday December 12, 2021

Reader Jan Rohloff  
Greeters Jan Rohloff  
Trevor Rohloff

### Sunday December 19, 2021

*Program Sunday*

Reader Connie Wheeler  
Greeters Connie Wheeler  
Hollie Wheeler

### Friday December 24, 2021 ~ Christmas Eve

*Worship at 7pm with Communion*

Reader Bob Menning  
Greeters Bob & Carla Menning  
Connie Wheeler  
Cailey Wheeler

### Sunday December 26, 2021

Reader Robin Schmidt  
Greeters Gary & Bonnie Vander Linden



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

	8/1/2021	8/8/2021	8/15/2021	8/29/2021		Direct Deposit	Total
<b>Checking deposit</b>	3170.50	1946.00	1530.00	3610.50		300.00	10557.00

**Member Giving Towards Budget**

	8/1/2021	8/8/2021	8/15/2021	8/29/2021		Direct Deposit	Total
<b>General Fund</b>	3070.50	1863.00	1340.00	3495.50		150.00	9919.00
<b>Total Member Contributions</b>	3070.50	1863.00	1340.00	3495.50		150.00	9919.00

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

	8/1/2021	8/8/2021	8/15/2021	8/29/2021		Direct Deposit	Total
Building Fund	45.00			110.00		150.00	305.00
Endowment Fund	5.00			5.00			10.00
Don Gregorious Memorial	50.00						50.00
Organ Fund		83.00					83.00
School Supplies			190.00				190.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	100.00	83.00	190.00	115.00		150.00	638.00

<b>Total Checking Deposit</b>	<b>3170.50</b>	<b>1946.00</b>	<b>1530.00</b>	<b>3610.50</b>		<b>300.00</b>	<b>10557.00</b>
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# St. John's United Church of Christ Treasurer's Report ~ AUGUST 2021

<b>Building Fund</b>	Deposits	\$305.00
	Interest	\$1.37
	Disbursements	\$0.00
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	Deposits	\$50.00
	Disbursements	(\$3,540.00)
<b>Organ Fund</b>	Deposits	\$83.00
	Disbursements	\$0.00
<b>General Fund</b>	Deposits	\$10,119.00
	Disbursements	(\$12,534.74)
<b>Parsonage Proceeds</b>	Deposits	\$0.00
	Disbursements	(\$8,850.00)
<b>Boiler/Furnace Fund</b>	Deposits	\$1,430.00
	Disbursements	\$0.00

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

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<b>Totals</b>	Beginning Balance	\$211,400.17
	Deposits	\$10,557.00
	Interest	\$1.37
	Disbursements	(\$24,924.74)
	Ending Balance	\$197,033.80

<b>General Fund</b>	\$16,121.10
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$22,334.23
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	\$13,041.47**
<b>Organ Fund</b>	\$5,080.00
<b>Boiler/Furnace Fund</b>	\$3,700.00
<b>Parsonage Fund</b>	<u>\$136,033.80</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$197,033.80</b>
<b>YTD Membership Giving*</b>	<b>\$62,856.25</b>
<b>YTD Expenses*</b>	<b>(\$65,466.23)</b>
<b>Net Amount*</b>	<b>(\$2,609.98)</b>

\*\* of which \$4,580 is designated for building projects

\* excludes contributes and disbursements for special offerings

# St. John's United Church of Christ Treasurer's Report

## JULY 2021

<b>Building Fund</b>	Deposits	\$187.00
	Interest	\$1.38
	Disbursements	\$0.00
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	Deposits	\$0.00
	Disbursements	\$0.00
<b>Organ Fund</b>	Deposits	\$0.00
	Disbursements	\$0.00
<b>General Fund</b>	Deposits	\$9,816.50
	Disbursements	(\$8,854.70)
<b>Boiler/Furnace Fund</b>	Deposits	\$0.00
	Disbursements	\$0.00

<b>Totals</b>	Beginning Balance	\$210,249.99
	Deposits	\$10,003.50
	Interest	\$1.38
	Disbursements	(\$8,854.40)
	Ending Balance	\$211,400.17

<b>General Fund</b>	\$18,535.47
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$22,029.23
<b>Memorial Fund</b>	\$16,531.47**
<b>Organ Fund</b>	\$4,997.00
<b>Boiler/Furnace Fund</b>	\$3,700.00
<b>Parsonage Fund</b>	<u>\$145,607.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$211,400.17</b>
<b>YTD Membership Giving*</b>	<b>\$52,937.25</b>
<b>YTD Expenses*</b>	<b>(\$58,242.86)</b>
<b>Net Amount*</b>	<b>(\$5,305.61)</b>

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# October 2021

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

**Pastor's Office Hours**  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays  
Please call/text to make sure

**Sunday Schedule: Trinity ~ 8:45am Worship**  
**Black Creek ~ 9:00am Education Hour & 10:15 am Worship**  
**Cecil ~ 7:00pm Worship**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Key to locations:</b> <b>BC = St. John's U.C.C. Black Creek</b> <b>T = Trinity U.C.C. outside Nichols</b> <b>C = St. John's U.C.C. Cecil</b> <b>ALC = Ascension Lutheran Church Navarino</b>					<b>1</b> Fall Feast drop off, 10am - 5pm	<b>2</b> 8:30am Fall Feast Prep
<b>3</b> Communion Tri-Jo SCRIP  <b>Black Creek Fall Feast</b> <b>11:30am - 1:30pm</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7pm BC Christian Ed	<b>6</b> 1:30pm BC Women's Guild 6:30pm BC Choir	<b>7</b> 4pm T Bazaar preparations	<b>8</b> 9am T Bazaar soup making	<b>9</b> <b>Trinity Fall Bazaar</b> <b>9am - 12:30pm</b>
<b>10</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <b>Pastor Moira on vacation</b> </div> BC Listening Session after worship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9am ALC Pantry board 6:30pm BC Council	<b>13</b> 6:30pm BC Choir	<b>14</b> 5:30pm T Council	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> BC Listening session after worship C Consistory	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5-7pm ALC Pantry distribution 6:30pm BC Choir	<b>21</b> 9am C Closet work day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9-11am ALC Pantry distribution
<b>24</b> BC Special Congregational meeting 11:30am BC Confirmation	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>CECIL SOUP ORDER DEADLINE</b> Noon - 3pm C Closet	<b>27</b> 6:30pm BC Choir	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <i>Halloween</i>	<i>November 1</i>	<i>November 2</i> Cecil Soup Sale	<i>November 3</i> 1:30pm BC Guild meeting 6:30pm BC Choir	<i>November 4</i>	<i>November 5</i>	<i>November 6</i> Tomorrow.. All Saints Communion SCRIP Order

# Oh look! It's a St. John's CECIL Soup Order Form!

What should you do now???

1. Fill out form
2. Attach funds if you want to pre-pay (cash or check made out to St John's UCC)
3. Return the form to the box at the front of the sanctuary (or get it to Pastor Moira somehow)
4. Prepare yourself for deliciousness on November 2nd

**Soups will be delivered to Black Creek & Trinity**



**St. John's UCC Cecil**  
Election Day 2021 Soup Sale

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Location/Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Soup	Number of Quarts
Chicken Noodle	
Creamy Potato	
Beef chilli w/ noodles	

All soup is \$5 per quart

# Quarts \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5/each = \_\_\_\_\_  Paid

Soup will be available for pick up  
**at St. John's in Cecil on Tuesday**  
November 2nd from 11am to 6pm

October  
2021

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

**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
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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;
- ♥ **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.