

the little church with
a big heart



HEARTBEAT NEWS

St. John United Church of Christ

Pastor's Message

historically rooted
branching toward the future

Dear St. John Church Family,

I love the month of October, with it's beautiful fall colors, apples, pumpkins, and trick or treaters. I'm sure you feel the same way.

It's also the month that begins with World Wide Communion Sunday on October 3rd. As you know, it has special significance for me, because it is the anniversary of my ordination to Christian ministry. This years service will include special music and people sharing with different languages.

World Wide Communion Sunday is a reminder of how we are part of a Christian family that embraces every ethnic group in the world. For many years the majority of Christians have lived in the U.S. This has changed so that the majority of Christian live in Central and South America, Africa, and Asia. One church in Seoul, Korea has over 500,000 members.

In our denomination we have churches in many different countries and our missionaries are sharing God's love all over the world. We are a part of this ministry through our prayers and giving. On October 3rd, we will be receiving our Neighbors In Need offering. This money is used to support our missions outreach through the men and women who serve on our behalf. I hope you will plan to attend on October 3rd, and all the Sundays in October. We miss you when you aren't here.

God's Best to you,

Pastor Matheny

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**Worship & Sunday School
10:30am**

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Newsletter deadline to submit
articles by the **10th of each
month to**

stjohnucc53022@sbcglobal.net
or paper copy to church office



Of Note

October Birthdays

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 – Kathy Manning | 15 – Tyler Ellingson |
| 5 – Jeanette Leicht | 19 – Scotty Bowlin |
| 9 – Lisa Martine | Jean Koedinger |
| 10 – Brad Pieper | Sarah Thimke |
| Katie Paape | 21 – Michael Schneider |
| Elizabeth Thimke | 28 – Matt Lison |
| 12 – Bonnie Pfeil | Ken Roskopf |
| 13 – David Taylor | Melissa Koedinger |
| | 29 – Kyle Higgins |

October Anniversaries

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| 2 Ken & Diane Ramthun | (56 years) |
| 4 David and Katie Paape | (2 year) |
| 8 Mike & Jennifer Higgins | |
| 11 Andy & Sandy Borucki | (24 years) |
| James & Carolyn Truman | (13 years) |
| Thomas & Polly Weber | (35 years) |
| 13 Ken & Karen Roskopf | (48 years) |
| 14 Jim & Pamela Ruben | (21 years) |
| 26 Luke & Jennifer Wagner | |
| 28 Warren & Shirley Fraedrich | (60 years) |

If someone's birthday or anniversary is missing or if the date is incorrect, please notify Mary Ann Toth. Thank you!

Congratulations to:

Cory Greguske and Nancy Butler were named to the 2010 Deans List at Lawrence University in Appleton.

Sympathy to:

The friends and family of Jean Schulze; Jean was called to her Eternal Home on Saturday, September 11, 2010

New Address:

Jim and Jean, and Melissa Koedinger
114 Edgewood Lane
West Bend, WI 53095
Phone number not available.

Rose Allen
Riverview Village
W176 N9430 Rivercrest Dr. Apt. 146
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Phone Number:

Ned and Caroline Romaine
262-385-1327.

Upcoming Events & Information

Neighbors In Need

The Neighbors In Need offering, which we receive on Oct. 4th, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, updates and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (thousands of UCC J & P advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigrations, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American neighbors in the UCC. One third of the Offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and Northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, MN. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC Congregations in the U.S.

Enclosed is an envelope for Neighbors in Need, October 3rd. Let's surpass last years amount of \$128.00!

Events

Meetings

- **Women's Guild – 7:00pm
Wednesday, October 6th**
- **Church Council – 7:00pm,
Thursday, October 14th**
- **Craft Fair Meeting – 6:30,
Monday, October 11th**
- **Christian Ed. – 7:00pm,
Tuesday, October 12th**

Activities

- **World Wide Communion
Day/Neighbors In Need, Sunday,
October 3rd - Pot Luck**
- **Gold C Books are now available
for \$15.00.
Please buy one and support our
youth!**

Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Sunday, October 3, 2010

World Communion Day

Greeter: Gayle Johnson

Ushers: Bill Kaiser and Chris Pickett

Communion Ushers: John Schaetzel, Karen Becker & Mike Szymik

Liturgist: John Schaetzel

Sunday, October 10, 2010

Greeters: Gary & Mary Johnson

Ushers: Eric & Sue Hillstrom

Liturgist: Melissa Luckow

Sunday, October 17, 2010

Greeters: Ned Romaine Family

Ushers: Jay & Carrie Schaetzel

Liturgist: Joan Schaetzel

Sunday, October 24, 2010

Greeters: Jim & Rosemary Plonka

Ushers: Rich & Cherie Bersch

Liturgist: Pamela Hansen Ruben

Sunday, October 31, 2010

Greeters: Donna & Lillianne Tess

Ushers: Bob & Jeannie Lehmann

Liturgist: Rollie Pieper

NOTE: If you cannot make your commitment or if you want to help with being a Greeter, Usher or Liturgist, or if you want to be taken off the list, please notify Mary Ann Toth at 262-251-0365.

Council Highlights

At its monthly meeting held on September 9th, the St. John Church Council:

- Authorized the expenditure of \$29.95 to participate in a small-church viability webinar on Tuesday, September 14th at 1:00 pm at St. John.
- Approved a request from Chris Toth to use the fellowship hall on December 11th from noon to 7:00pm for a family Christmas party.
- Confirmed the Annual Board of Trustees meeting for November 14th at 6:30 pm.

Present: Karen Becker, Cherie Bersch, Eric Hillstrom, Mary Johnson, Bob Lehmann, Pastor Matheny, Mike Szymik, Mary Ann Toth, and Dick Wallander

Absent: Jay Schaetzel

Next Council meeting October 14, 2010

Committee Reports

Outreach Committee

Mark your calendars - Up Coming Events:

Sunday October 3rd, 2010 - World Communion Sunday. On Sunday October 3rd we will be having a Pot Luck Dinner following church service to celebrate World Communion Sunday. A sign - up sheet will be located on the bulletin board on the stairway landing to the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to bring a dish, salad or dessert to share. We encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, and families to the Pot Luck Dinner.

Fellowship

Please consider signing up for Fellowship following church services in our Fellowship Hall (a clip board with the sign - up sheet is located near the kitchen). Join us after church. All member and friends are welcome. Any question contact Amy Witzlib at 262-502-1835.

Volunteers needed:

Volunteers will be needed to provide rides to church members who do not have transportation to / from church. Please contact: Pastor Matheny or A.J. if interested in volunteering at 262-251-0640.

Any members wishing to join the committee are welcome. The next Outreach Committee meeting is TBA. We will be meeting in the Fraederich Education room.

Contact Caroline Romaine at 262-385 -1327 for more information.

Submitted by Caroline Romaine

Women's Guild

The meeting of September 1, 2010 began with Angel's Dessert, served by Joan Schaezel.

There was approval for the minutes and Treasurer's report. A thank you was read from the Elmer Helm family. We are selling Gold C books with the proceeds going into our furnishings account. We approved the purchase of a mini step-school for in the kitchen. We worked on a craft, Cross in my pocket. Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00pm. Our hostess will be Lisa Graveen and we will be working on our craft.

Craft Fair Committee

THANK YOU!!!!

A big thank you to all who made this year's Craft Fair a great success!

The results of the Fair were not available before the newsletter deadline, so watch for more information in the November issue.

Submitted by Merry Lison

State of the Church

Income & Attendance

General Fund Activity

<i>August 2010</i>		<i>August 2010</i>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Checking</u>
8/1		4,977.58	Balance Forward 10.46
8/8		168.00	Deposits 9,180.50
8/15		2,262.00	Transferred from (to) general savings <u>0.00</u>
8/22		1,174.00	
8/29		598.00	Total available 9,190.96
<hr/>			Disbursements
Total Offerings:		9,180.50	Personnel 6,404.36
Year-to-Date Income:		73,061.72	Operations 2,175.67
August Earmarked*:			Program 100.00
			Benevolence 0.00
			<u>Earmarked 0.00</u>
			Total Disbursements 8,680.03
<i>*Our Saviour's Pastor Expenses</i>			
Pastors Fee's		3,387.58	Balance 8/31/2010 510.93
<i>*Sports Camp Registration</i>		681.00	
			<u>Current Account Balances</u>
	Submitted by Cherie Bersch		Checking 510.93
			Savings <u>426.28</u>
			Total Available 937.21
			Parking Lot-Earmarked 5,250.00
			<i>Total Available to General Fund</i> (4,312.79)
			<u>Disbursements Due 9-30-2010</u> <u>11,432.54</u>

Submitted by Mike Szymik, Treasurer



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