

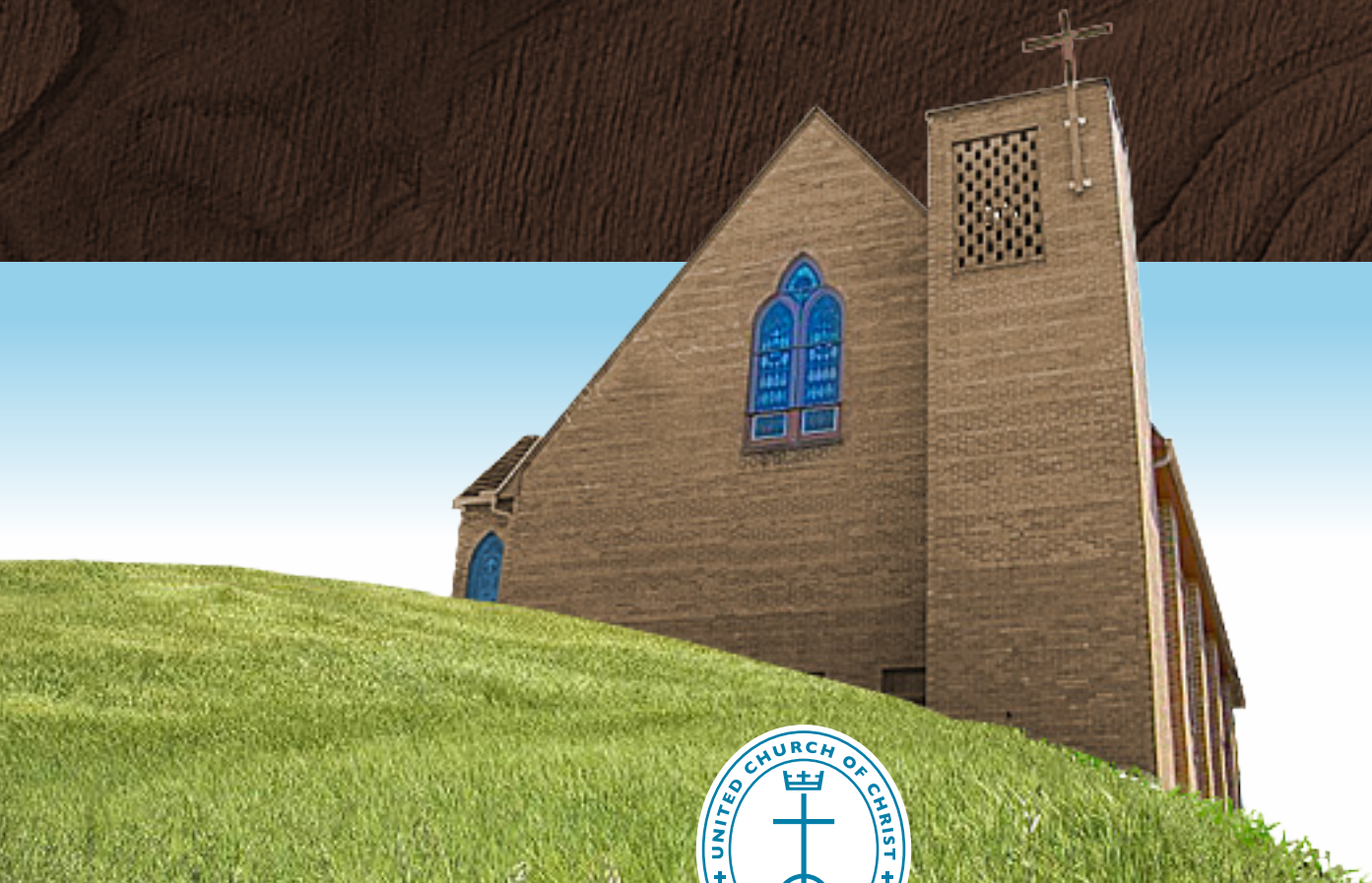


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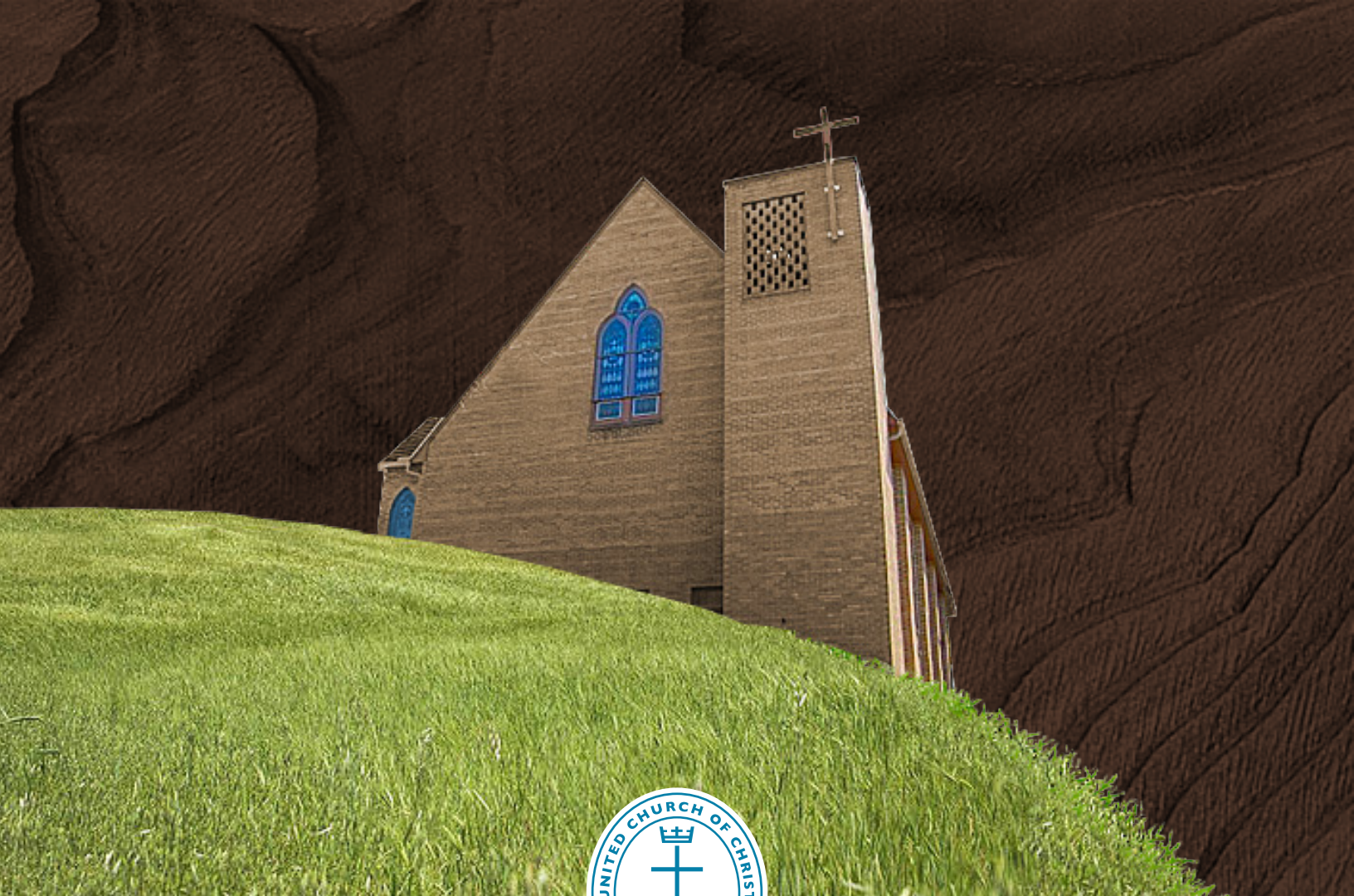
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Sunday Worship @ 8:30am

We offer two options for worship on Sundays: in person or online. Whether you prefer to worship from the safety of your home or with others, we at St. John's want to make sure you get the spiritual encouragement you need. Join us in person each Sunday at 8:30am or watch a video recording of the online service. The service is not recorded live but is uploaded after the service has ended. We look forward to worshipping with you!

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Letter From The Pastor

June 2022

Spring has finally sprung here filling the bluffs and riverbanks with a multitude of nature's colors. Now I am not much of an "outdoors person" - my idea of camping is Howard Johnson's motels, and I will leave the hiking to someone else. I DO like to be outdoors so look forward to drives with my husband exploring the landscape, going bird-looking, and finding some walking trails to spend time among the trees and other fauna, perhaps with my camera. I also hope to find a place along the Mississippi River where I can just sit and be as we move into the summer months.

The wonders and varieties of nature never ceases to amaze me. There seems to me a never-ending diversity within states, and nations, as well as over the seasons, all brought together in a mosaic of God's creation. And of course, people are part of that. I hope this summer you find ways to appreciate the wonders of all of God's creation - whether through boating or hiking or spending time with family and friends. Some of that may take you away from joining us here on Sunday's. You can catch the worship service on YouTube where it is posted in the afternoon.

Remember: you are part of the colorful mosaic of this congregation that God's Spirit continues to bring together. And those of you who will be here most Sunday's, so are you. Over the summer we'll continue times of Fellowship after the service giving us more opportunities to reconnect after two years of being apart through Covid. And of course, there will be times other than Sunday's to not only serve God, but be together in love and fun (preparing for the Rhubarbfest anyone?) Opportunities to support each other and this congregation's ministry. Chances for the wonders and varieties of the people of this congregation to be brought together again, so each can be amazed and appreciate what God is still creating and building here.

No matter who you are, no matter where you've been on a particular Sunday or Sunday's, you are always welcome here. See you then!

God's grace and peace.

Pastor Deb

Special Offering

Pentecost Sunday – June 5, 2022

Strengthen the Church (STC) offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovations in existing congregations. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

Archiving

Volunteers: Historians & Photographers

We are looking for a volunteer (or two) who would enjoy being the historian for the church. This would mean going through the old files and documents of the church, deciding what has value to keep. This can be done at your pace. This isn't an "official" position, so your term would be as long or brief as you decide.



Pastor Deb is also hoping that there might be some photographers who be willing to be contacted to see if they would be available to take pictures at special services or events that could be used either in the church newsletter, website, or press releases. This also isn't an "official" position, so is based on your availability, and how often or long you choose to do this. If you are interested in either of these, please let Dale Schmidtknecht or Pastor Deb know.

Celebrating our Graduates!

St. John's Church

The congregation celebrated Jacob Guenther's and Alexis Pyka's graduation from Cochrane-Fountain City High School.

During the service, time was taken for a special blessing for all graduates, and afterwards the congregation shared their congratulations and cake downstairs.

Katie Wachowiak graduated that same day, so she was unable to attend. She graduated from Carthage College in Kenosha, WI with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Marketing & Management and with Minors in Public Relations & Communication. Katie will be working at Techtronics Industries - TTI as a Sales & Marketing Representative within their Leadership Development Program.



Pictured From Left To Right:
Alexis Pyka, Jacob Guenther

Would You Like A Visit From Pastor Deb?

Tuesdays: 10:00am - Noon
239.994.2528

Fridays: 1:00pm - 2:30pm
pastorstjohnsuccfc@gmail.com

Food Shelf

Report For May 2022

Can you give a couple hours a month and volunteer at the St. John's Food Shelf? Put a note in the offering plate this Sunday or reach out to Pastor Deb or Linda Clark at 715.495.5282. Thank you to our current volunteers! We are trying to help as many people possible!

Donations Most Needed:

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| ✓ Toilet Paper | ✓ Crackers (Saltines) | ✓ Canned Chili |
| ✓ Canned /Ham/Salmon | ✓ Rice/Pasta Pouches | ✓ Canned Stew |
| ✓ Cake/Brownie | ✓ Vegetable Spray | ✓ Spices |
| ✓ Muffin Mixes | ✓ Brown Rice | ✓ Applesauce |
| ✓ Canned Frosting | ✓ Juice Boxes | ✓ Salad Dressing |
| ✓ Instant Oatmeal | ✓ V8/Tomato Juice | ✓ Ketchup |
| ✓ Cereal (Healthier) | ✓ Boost/Ensure | ✓ BBQ Sauce |

1st & 3rd Monday: 4:30pm - 6:30pm
2nd & 4th Wednesday: 3:00pm - 5:00pm



- ✓ 418 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 21 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 20 Total People Helped
- ✓ 0 Children
- ✓ 12 Adults
- ✓ 8 Seniors
- ✓ 6 Households (2 Came Twice)

Volunteers: June

Ushers

Bill Ruben, Greg Osborn & Ron Novak

Greeters

06.05.22 Dale & John Schmidtknecht

06.12.22 **OPEN**

06.19.22 Bill & Betsy Ruben

06.26.22 Karen Knospe & Donna Beck

07.03.22 Randy & Lori Maier

Counters

Donna Beck

Communion & Flowers

OPEN

Contact us if you are interested in filling any of the **“OPEN”** volunteers positions.

Financial Report

Overview as of 05.24.22

Income \$8,026

Expenses \$11,330*

* \$7,875 was issued for 2nd payment of elevator/lift

Birthdays

Summer Wooden

Cara Lee Wiersgalla

Jon Fetting

Dirk Wilson

Robert Guenther

Ryan Maier

Jeannette Beck

John Schmidtknecht

Betsy Semling

Penny Hohmann

Bryan Conners

Jaysen Conners

Dan Knospe

Cheryl Kuhn

Dale Schmidtknecht

Sandra Wunderlich

Janet Blank

Mike Fetting

Cally Ligman

LuAnn Schmidtknecht

Wake Madsen

Jenna Krueger

Anniversaries

John & Tina Schowalter

Bill & Karen Krause

Richard & Linda Wicka

Bert & Ruth Schaffner

Bill & Betsy Ruben

George & Joyce Schowalter

Tom & Linda Clark

Pete & Janet Blank

Cody & Amber Morse

Pastor Deb

Thoughts and Prayers

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of tragic and senseless violence. As Pastor Deb stated in her email from 05.26.22, “We can love each other so fully that when we do disagree with each other over what should or shouldn’t be done, we still treat each other as the beloved children of God we each are. We can love each other as Jesus prayed for us to do, relying on God’s love, so that we don’t have to avoid conflict by not talking about this.

We can trust that God’s love and strength are strong enough to hold us in love especially when we disagree and show us how to seek to listen to understand each other even if we never come to agreement. God’s love will allow us to see each other as a beloved sibling, so beloved that we can not diminish their worth even if we oppose their view or choose to work against it.”

God’s grace and peace.

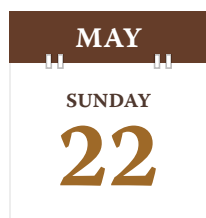
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Other Special Events

St. John's Church

Along with our Sunday Worship Service schedule, Pastor Deb's Office Hours, Consistory Meetings, Food Shelf Schedule and other recurring events. Below is a list of SPECIAL EVENTS located at St. John's Church and or the local area. Please contact us with any questions. Thanks again for all the support from volunteer and the community.



Celebrating Our Graduates!

Sunday Worship
Special Blessing
Congrats & Cake



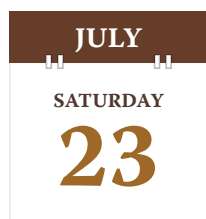
Special Offering Sunday Worship

Pentecost Sunday
Strengthen the Church
8:30am



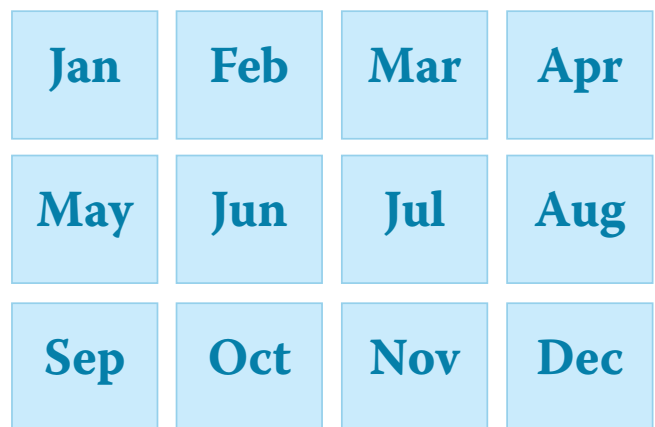
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Hope UCC - Invitation
Craft & Lunch Social
10:30am - 12:30pm



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Online Calendar

Please go online and visit our NEW easy to use website for current up-to-date, detailed event information. Our calendar is updated daily. Email us with any questions or comments.

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Prayer Requests

St. John's Church - Pastor Deb Kunkel

Congregation members and non-members are encouraged to request prayers for times of need, comfort, healing, celebration and joy. If you would like a visit from Pastor Deb, please call her to set up a time today!



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Thank You!

Installation & Shared Ministry Celebration

A personal thank you to all who were part of making my installation as your pastor and the celebration of the shared ministry undertaken with Hope UCC such as wonderful afternoon. I am humbled by the generosity of both congregations with the installation gift of a new robe with Doctoral Stripes. It was a pleasure to welcome Associate Conference Minister of the Northwest Association the Rev. Rob MacDougall to preach as part of the celebration. Several of my clergy colleagues attend, as well as my sister Lynne and her husband Paul who flew in from Massachusetts. The music, the service, and the food were wonderful. But the best part of the afternoon was seeing these two congregations laughing and celebrating together during the service and at the reception. I hope that we can continue to find ways to share these times of fellowship with Hope UCC, even as each congregation continues on their unique ministry in their communities.



Pictured From Left To Right:

Rev's Bill Clyma, Lisa Bodenheimer, Deb Anderson, Deb Kunkel, Rob MacDougall,
Tim Miller, Dave McBride and Pastor Jill Christopherson



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