

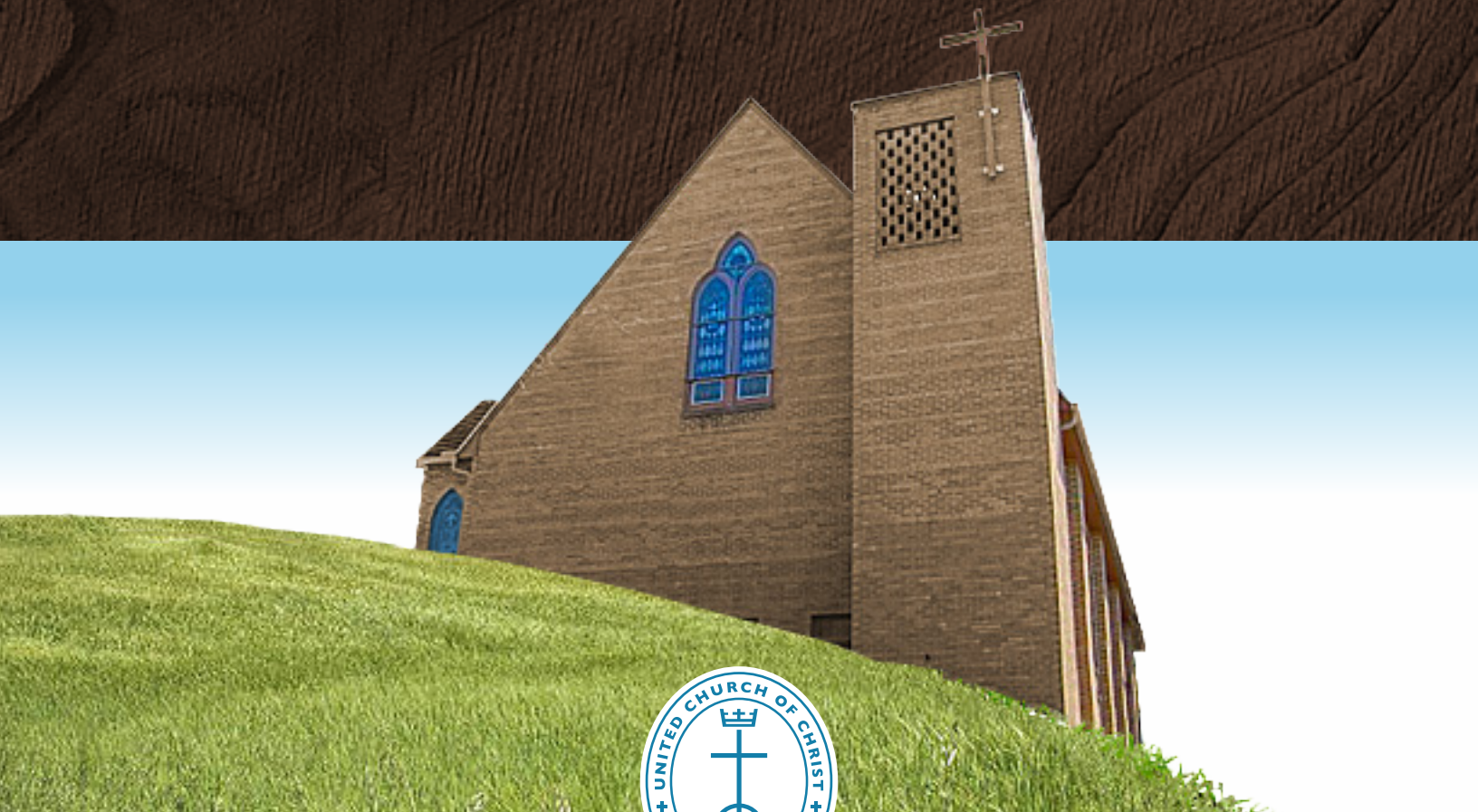


**St. John's**

United Church of Christ

# Digital Newsletter

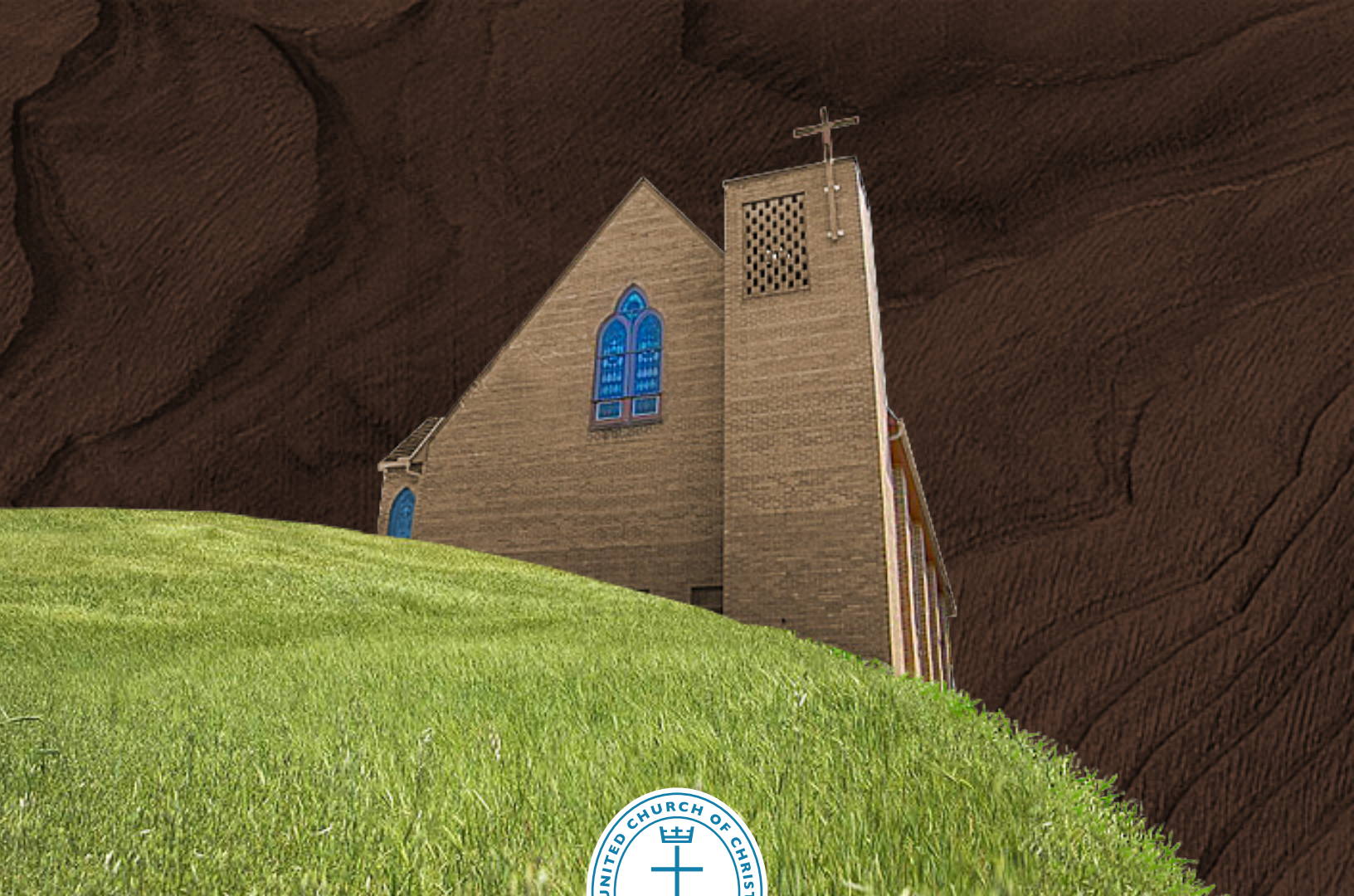
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# Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

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 10:30am 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 2026

It seems that the weather now agrees with the calendar – spring is here. And maybe a little bit of summer if the temperatures of the last few days can be believed.

This is the time of year I start to hear people half seriously refer to this area as “God’s Country”. The full foliage, boating on the Mississippi, driving through the winding curves and bluffs to go to Nelson and get an ice cream cone. It is easy to see what makes this area home for so many despite the winters and snow.

This is the fourth area I’ve lived in in this country. And unsurprisingly, many living in those places call that place or place nearby “God’s Country”.. And I suspect that no matter where I went, I’d hear the same claim.

Do we ever really think about the truth of this statement- that this is God’s country? And so it is in Maine, and Iowa, and even New Jersey. And just how often do we treat it as if it is God’s, not ours?

One of the awe inspiring moments of the Artemis II mission was the astronauts describing their view of Earth. Mission Specialist Christina Koch described the impact “honestly, what struck me wasn’t necessarily just Earth, it was all the blackness around it. Earth was just this lifeboat hanging undisturbingly in the universe... Planet Earth. You are a crew.”

Which means of course that everywhere from Antarctica to Iran to Ukraine to the North Pole are part of a lifeboat- as well as any water between. God has provided us this lifeboat- are we treating it as such? I’m afraid that too often we take it for granted, assuming it’s here for “us” to use however we want.

I wonder: if we started talking about all of humanity being in this one lifeboat how that would start to change the ways we live, how the world operates? Would countries think again before bombing another country that is also part of their “lifeboat”? Would we decide to do something if a member or part of the crew started stripping away the boards, poking holes into the raft, or trying to take more than their share of supplies?

Continued...

# Letter From The Pastor

**June 2026**

Like any metaphor, this can be pushed too far. But I feel we don't push this metaphor hard enough. Whether it be people, nations, or the land and the waters and all that live upon, in, and under them, God has created (and still is creating) this lifeboat, entrusting us with its care. Not only for ourselves. Also for those on the other side of the world, and those to come after us. Whether we prefer to call this "God's Country", a lifeboat in space, or some other name, the Creator has entrusted us with its care; both the "lifeboat" and all that lives upon it. Including other people.

What might it look like living upon this "lifeboat" if we treated it more as such that than a supersized Cruise ship intended to meet every need and as many wants as can be found? Especially if we tried to treat each other as if we are all on the same lifeboat?

It wouldn't change everything overnight. But we could finally start to live just as God creates, God intends for humanity to live.

God's grace and peace.

**Pastor Deb Kunkel**

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## St. John's Church Graduates

### Congratulations

Join us as we celebrate Taylor Baures for graduating from C-FC school during Sunday Worship.

**Sunday, June 7, 2026**  
**Starts @ 10:30am**

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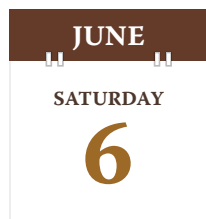
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# Rhubarb Fest

**Saturday, June 6, 2026**

St. John's United Church of Christ is sponsoring a booth for the annual Rhubarb Fest, Saturday, June 6, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Fountain City Park. We need your support and your baking skills to fill the tables with your favorite rhubarb recipes. If you're not into rhubarb, surprise us with your favorite recipe. This is a Church-Wide event, so everyone is asked to participate. All proceeds will go toward ongoing maintenance projects for the church. Please bring your donations Saturday starting at 8:00am to our tent. The tent will be set up near the shelter building. Have all items wrapped and they will be priced when you drop them off. If you aren't a baker, a generous cash donation would be gratefully appreciated. If you could donate your time and help in the booth for an hour or two, or six, contact Sue Schaffner. A tent and a set-up crew are already established. Food sales go quick, and we are usually sold out by noon, so come early. Bring your friends and check out our booth sales starting at 9:00am.



## St. John's Church Rhubarb Fest

Annual Event  
Fountain City Park  
Starts @ 9:00am

**Sue Schaffner**  
608-323-0460  
daveandsueschaffner@gmail.com

- ✓ We Need Your Support
- ✓ Bring Your Favorite Recipe
- ✓ Please Have All Items Wrapped
- ✓ Please Mark If Recipe Contain Nuts
- ✓ Come & Make A Purchase



[Donate or Volunteer](#)



# Sunday Penny Collection

## First Sunday of the Month

The Church School Students will be collecting pennies the first Sunday of every month. This money enables the children to choose how their donations go to people or projects in our area or throughout the world.

**Sunday, June 7, 2026**



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# Online Calendar

## Visit Us Online 24/7

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# C-FC Area Food Shelf

## Report For May 2026

As part of our Stewardship as a church please consider a monetary donation or food donation for our Food Shelf here at Church. See list below of our most needed items. This past year we have been much busier than usual providing food to people in need in our community. If we want to continue this service we do need your assistance to continue. Please put your donation of food in the green bin at church located in the Food Shelf room across from Pastor Deb's office or your monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to church with checks made out to [C-FC Area Food Shelf - St. John's Church, PO Box 130, Fountain City WI, 54629.](#)

### Donations Most Needed:

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

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



- ✓ 1114 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 19 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 60 Total People Helped
- ✓ 16 Children
- ✓ 31 Adults
- ✓ 13 Seniors
- ✓ 26 Households (8 Came Twice)



## Most Needed Donation Items For June 2026

- ✓ Stews & Chili & Spam
- ✓ Saltines
- ✓ Vienna Sausages
- ✓ BBQ Sauce
- ✓ Ketchup & Mayo
- ✓ Salad Dressing

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# Volunteers: June

## Ushers

Mary Schmitt, Karen Knospe

## Greeters

06.07.26 TBA

06.14.26 Bill & Betsy Ruben

06.21.26 Mary Schmitt & Donna Beck

06.28.26 Steve & Sue Prussing

07.05.26 Randy & Lori Maier

## Counters

Donna Beck & Mary Schmitt

## Communion & Flowers

Faye Conners

# Financial Report

For detailed information regarding the financial standing of St. John's Church, contact the office to review financial documents.

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## Birthdays

Summer Wooden

Cara Lee Wiersgalla

Jon Fetting

Dirk Wilson

Robert Guenther

Ryan Maier

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

Bill & Betsy Ruben

George & Joyce Schowalter

Tom & Linda Clark

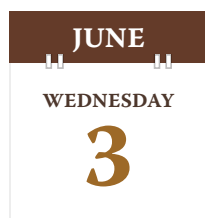
Pete & Janet Blank

Cody & Amber Morse

# Choir Practice

## 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Of The Month

St. John's Church will have Choir Practice on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays Of The Month starting at 6:30pm in Fountain City, WI. Do you have ideas of things the Choir could try? Please share your thoughts on new ideas for musical offerings for our congregation. Please contact us with any questions or comments.



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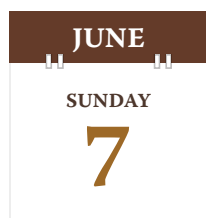
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# Other Special Events

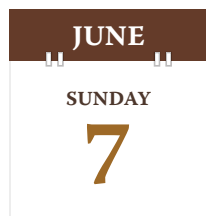
## St. John's Church

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.



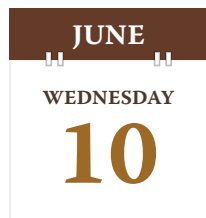
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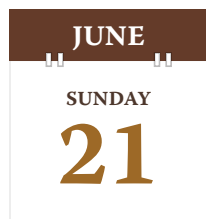
### Baccalaureate Sunday St. John's Church

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After Worship



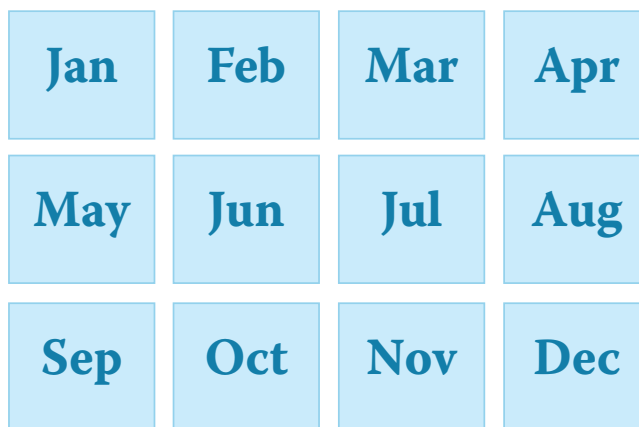
### Consistory Meeting St. John's Church

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Fountain City, WI  
Starts @ 6:00pm



### Sunday Worship Father's Day

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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 you like a visit from Pastor Deb, please call her to set up a time today!



**Pastor Deb's Office Hours:**

Wednesday's 10:00am to Noon  
239.994.2528  
pastorstjohnsuccfc@gmail.com

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