

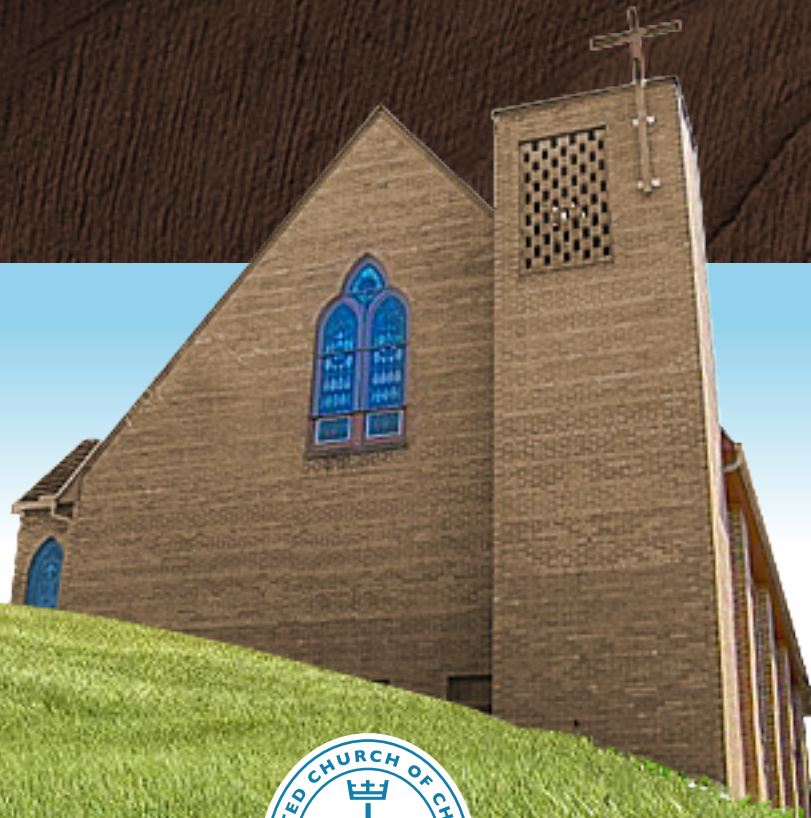


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United Church of Christ

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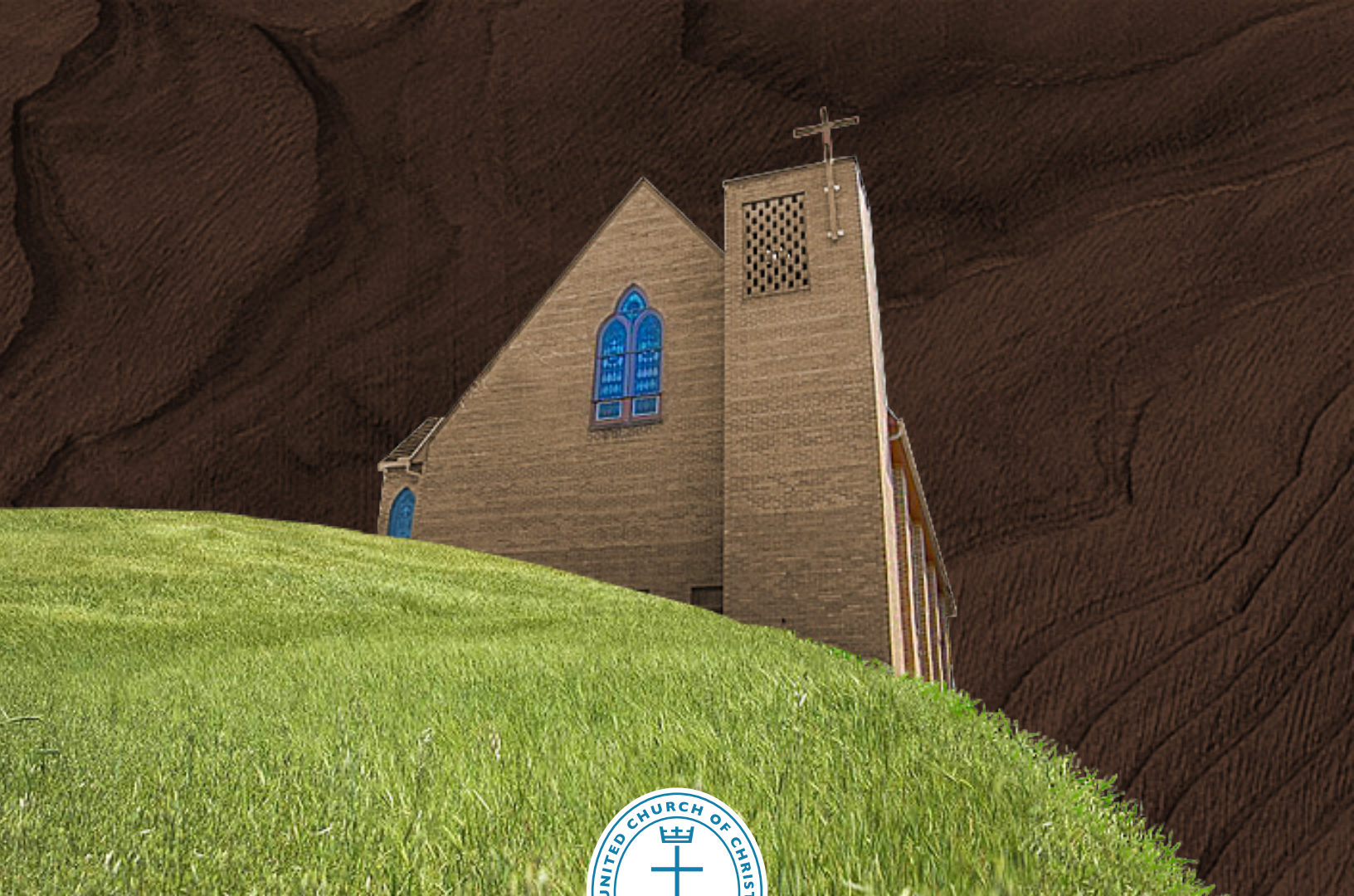
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Sunday Worship @ 10:30am

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

October 2025

This August – September we have spent quite a few Sundays out of our church building. Whether it be joining the community at Eagle Valley Church, at Fountain City Park for the blessing of pets service, or joining Hope United Church celebrating their 100th Anniversary on October 5 at 10:30am, they have served as a reminder of our connections to the wider body of Christ as well as to the community.

These connections are why we will once again be joining in the National UCC's Neighbor in Need Offering on October 19. Below is more about the offering from The Rev. Rachel McDonald who works for the National Ministries of the UCC as Generosity Officer, OCWM and Special Mission Offerings.

In the letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages the church to “carry each other’s burdens.” This seems to be a clear enough encouragement. Why then, does he also say just a few verses later, “for each one should carry their own load?”

This scripture highlights a dynamic many of us face when we help others or receive help. There’s a difference between helping someone and taking over for them. Inversely, it can be both challenging and a source of comfort to receive care. Giving and receiving, with autonomy, is an integral part of justice ministries.

When the United Church of Christ gathers to collect the Neighbors in Need offering, we work to honor this complexity. The money collected supports the work of the UCC’s Washington D.C. Office for Public Policy and Advocacy. The advocacy done in this office can be on behalf of churches, but most of the time, it involves partnership with congregations and church members across the nation. The work is shared through collective advocacy, with and for one another.

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Contributing to this offering allows us to share one another's burdens. Two-thirds of your donation supports the UCC's justice and witness ministries, such as the D.C. Office. The remaining one-third supports the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), which has been witnessing to Native values and culture as a vital part of the UCC since 1971.

Thank you for your gifts as we work together, sharing our burdens to support our Neighbors in Need.

I hope you will prayerfully consider giving to this offering.

God's grace and peace.

Pastor Deb Kunkel

Looking For Volunteers

Building & Grounds Tasks

Before the Consistory starts requesting bids for small projects we are asking if there might be a volunteer or two who could complete the following.

1. Once the weather turns cool enough, there is a beehive that needs to be removed from between the stained glass and storm window on the riverside of the sanctuary next to the narthex. This needs to be done before the repair work is done to the trim around the stained glass windows.

If you are willing and able to complete either of these tasks, please see Bill Ruben.

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, October 12, 2025



Online Calendar

Visit Us Online 24/7

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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Interim Consistory

Leadership Positions

President: [Karen Knospe](#)

Treasurer: [Dale Schmidtknecht](#)

Secretary: [Mary Schmitt](#)

Four Members at large (All were chairs of committees/boards prior to revisions):

[Bill Ruben](#), [Linda Clark](#), [Sue Prussing](#), [Jessica Osborn](#)



Consistory Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

The St. John's Church Consistory Meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Special Meeting Time:

✓ **Consistory Regular Meeting @ 5:30pm**

✓ **Consistory Joint Meeting @ 6:30pm**



~ St John's Church

Confirmation Exploration

Classes for Seventh Graders

More details are coming soon, please contact Pastor Deb if you have any questions.



Fall Bazaar Fundraiser

Saturday, November 1, 2025

St. John's Church will be hosting a Fall Bazaar from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Available for purchase will be cookies, candies, breads, cakes, brownies and some surprise treats too. All baked goods should be labeled and state if they contain peanut butter and/or nuts and should be wrapped in a see through covering. All are made by some of the best bakers in Buffalo County. Catch up with friends while you enjoy a beverage and a dessert served in the fellowship hall. A lift is accessible if you are unable to do stairs. Many theme based baskets will be offered for a chance drawing. Tickets can be purchased at the church. We hope you enjoy your afternoon with us. Winners of the baskets will be drawn and announced Sunday, November 2, 2025 right after Worship Service.



Starts @ 1:00pm

- ✓ **Bread, Candies & Desserts**
- ✓ **Craft Items**
- ✓ **Basket Raffle**
- ✓ **Coffee & Dessert**
- ✓ **Tickets Available**




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C-FC Area Food Shelf

Report For September 2025

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 summer and fall 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:

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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



- ✓ 619 Pounds Of Food Distributed
- ✓ Averages 16 Pounds Of Food Per Person
- ✓ 39 Total People Helped
- ✓ 5 Children
- ✓ 14 Adults
- ✓ 20 Seniors
- ✓ 23 Households (3 Came Twice)



Most Needed Donation Items For October 2025

- ✓ Healthier Cereal
- ✓ Brownie Mixes

- ✓ Stews & Chili
- ✓ Canned Brown Beans

- ✓ Canned Protein
(Other Than Tuna)

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Volunteers: October

Ushers

Linda Clark, Tom Clark

Greeters

10.05.25 Hope - 100th Anniversary

10.12.25 John Stettler

10.19.25 Kristy & Bob Baures

10.28.25 Tom & Linda Clark

11.02.25 Sandy & Tom Ruben

Counters

Dale & LuAnn Schmidtknecht

Communion & Flowers

Mary Schmitt & Karen Knospe

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

Barbara Bollinger

Kevin Dietrich

Graham Schaffner

Karen Stettler

Hugh Drennan

Shirley Krause

Ryan Ligman

Greg Miller

Heroe Semling

William Knospe

Gunner Fetting

Sidney Franz

Nicholas Cummings

Michelle Pehler

Terry Miller

Quint Yapp

Kevin Keilholtz

Lisa Dietrich Stratton

Reggie Franz

Robin Lewit

Eric Schaffner

Karen Pehler

Triton Krause

Anniversaries

Bryan & Emily Conners

Derrick & Amy Hammer

David & Sue Schaffner

Dale & LuAnn Schaffner

Keith & Brooke Engel

Greg & Terry Miller

Gary & Cara Lee Wiersgalla

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.



100th Anniversary Hope United Church

210 Michaels Street
Cochrane, WI
Starts @ 10:30am



Joint Consistory Meeting St. John's Church

303 S Hill Street
Fountain City, WI
5:30pm & 6:30pm



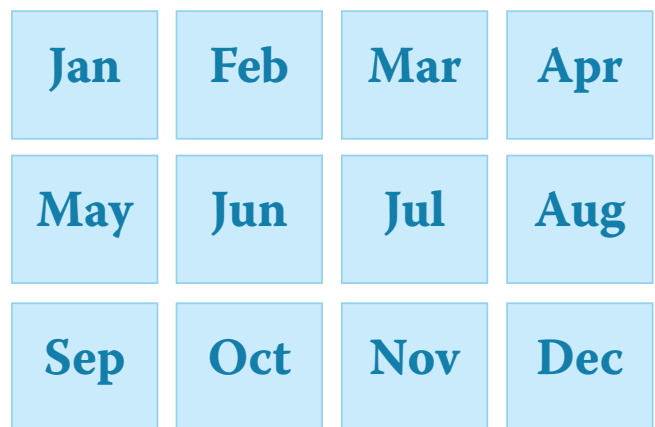
Penny Collection St. John's Church

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Special Offering Neighbors In Need

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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!



Pastor Deb's Office Hours:

Monday's Noon to 2:00pm
Wednesday's 10:00am to Noon
239.994.2528
pastorstjohnsuccfc@gmail.com

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