

St. John's United Church of Christ

FROM THE HILL ~ FEBRUARY 2022



President's Message ~

Hello Everyone,

Here are just a few notes to keep everyone updated. I am still looking for one more committee member for the Memorial Committee. Anyone interested, please let me know. Otherwise, I have all the rest of the committees filled. I want to thank everyone who volunteered to be on a committee.

The final work has been done on the church with the gutters being finished this last week. This puts the finishing touch to a project that started last summer after the hail damage.

We are still looking for someone interested in being the church secretary. Judy has been gracious to do this while we were in this transition period, but would like to step back as soon as we could find someone. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who may be interested, please let me know. This is a paying position.

As discussed at the Annual Meeting, we will be looking into repair or possible replacement of the lift in church. The lift is about 25 years old and parts may not be available any longer. We have been written up a couple of times by the inspector for a switch that is out. We will need to do something soon to stay in compliance. The Deacons and Memorial Committee will be looking into how to pay for the repairs or replacement.

If you know of anyone that needs to be visited as a shut-in, as a potential new member or as a friend, let Pastor Deb or the Consistory know. Also, please encourage people whom have left the church for whatever reason to come back and worship with us.

Take care,

Dale



Dear Church Family;

Thank you for your warm welcome to Fountain City and St. Johns UCC. I look forward to getting to know you better over the next few months.

If you want to reach me there are several options.

- 1) I am holding office hours on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m.- noon and on Fridays. Feel free to stop by and poke your head into the office to say hi.
- 2) I can be reached outside of office hours in several ways. My cellphone number is 239-994-2528. You can also reach me at pastorstjohnsuccfc@gmail.com.
- 3) You can catch me before or after a worship service to set up another time we can connect to talk further.

I would also appreciate a note to remind me later (even a just a sticky left on my desk with your name, number and a word or two about what we talked about). Sundays have a lot of moving parts, and this way I won't be wondering later who it was and what it was I asked to do.

I look forward to what God has in store for us as I settle into Fountain City and we settle into ministry together.

God's grace and peace,
Pastor Deb

Online Donations

To sign up for online giving, enter www.stjohnsfcwi.com in your web browser or Control + click here
<http://www.stjohnsfcwi.com>

St. John's UCC Income Statement—1/29/22

Income \$ 5,682

Expenses \$21,577

The balance has not been reconciled to the Bank Statement.

\$900 of income is reimbursement through Shared Ministry.

Major expenses include Benevolence for 2021, windows for church doors, water heater repairs, updating bathrooms at parsonage, moving expenses, and two fuel fill-ups .

Many of these expenses are one-time expenses.

These six expenses equate to just over \$15,095.

Some of these expenses are eligible for partial reimbursement through Shared Ministry.

*******Birthdays*******

- 2 Kayla Knospe
- 2 Elaina Jo Connors
- 4 Cindy Ziegler
- 8 Adam Krause
- 8 Chris Ritscher
- 9 Gabriel Ritscher
- 9 Delaney Yapp
- 9 Mark Schaffner
- 9 Rev. Betsy Miler-Ruben
- 9 Dawn Fiedler
- 11 Alicia Knecht
- 12 Ron Novak
- 16 Jerrild Kreher
- 17 Erik Sutter
- 19 Doris Ruben
- 24 Joy Pehler
- 24 Doug Ratz
- 26 Susan Fons
- 26 Tom Risley
- 27 Dan Wicka
- 28 Drew Schaffner
- 28 Logan Schaffner

*******Anniversaries*******

- 7 Becky Kamrowski & Bryan Guenther
- 14 Carl & Sara Brommerich
- 24 Dan & Karen Knospe



******Prayers For*******

Betty Heisel, Carol Colbenson's Mother



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Stewardship Moment from the Deacons

St. John's annual meeting approved the budget of expenses for 2022. Where is the budget for St. John's income/offerings/donations? Each member has a line in their expense budget called donations for St. John's. The combinations of all those donation line items of all members could be called St. John's "income budget". St. John's anticipates more expenses this year than last year, partly because of virtual services, not using the church, and being without a permanent pastor.

But let us also anticipate the stewardship of service, and needs that expand with increasing life in and about St. John's, as we begin our relationship with Pastor Deb. There will be times it will be important for members to step up.

Food Shelf Report for January 2022

496 Pounds of Food Distributed
Averages 24 pounds of food per person
21 Total People Helped
0 Children
5 Adults
16 Seniors

SCHEDULE FOR ST. JOHN'S:

1ST & 3RD MONDAY: 430-630PM
2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY: 3-5PM

We are again supplying pre-packed bags of food to The Bridges Health Screening staff to distribute on Thursdays at the Town of Milton Hall 9-12 noon 1-3pm.

Thank you to all our volunteers!



GUNDERSEN HEALTH SYSTEM **OFFERING TWO NEW CLASSES**

Healthy Living With Chronic Pain is a 6-week workshop for adults who have or are living with someone who has on-going pain. The program will build self-confidence in your ability to manage your pain. This is virtual class held Wednesdays, March 30-May 4, Noon – 2:30 p.m. Cost: \$30, includes textbook. For more information call 608-775-6870 or visit gundersenhealth.org/living-well

Healthy Living With Diabetes is a workshop designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes learn self-management skills and increase their confidence in managing their diabetes. The workshop meets once a week for six weeks – 2 1/2 hours each session. This is a virtual class held Wednesdays, February 16 – March 23, 9 – 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$30 to participate. Pre-register by calling 608-775-6870 or visit gundersenhealth.org/living-well.

Volunteer List-February

Ushers

Adam Krause
Brady Krause
Bill Krause

Greeters

6 Mary Aus & Cindy Ziegler
13 Faye Strelow & Ron Novak
20 Neal & Diane Schaffner
27 Mary Schmitt & Karen Knospe

Money Counter

Open

Flowers and Communion

Open

SOMETHING TO WARM YOU UP!

There's a song with the words, "It's a happy day, and I thank God for the weather." Although we often have reasons to complain about the weather, it is easy to forget that God made our world, and everything in it (including the weather) and He is still in control. Therefore, every day can be a happy day.

There are many scripture verses relating to weather, so for your reading pleasure, the following quiz is offered. Put another log on the fire, get a cup of hot refreshment, settle down in your easy chair, open your Bible and ...GO!

Directions are simple: Fill in the missing word or words from the available list. All Scripture is from the King James version of the Bible. See if you can do it without looking up the references.

Word list:

Cold	Cool	Frost or Hoarfrost	Frozen	Hail	Heat	Ice
Rain	Seasons	Snow	Storm or Stormy	Summer	Wind	Winter

1. Genesis 3:8 "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the _____ of the day..."
2. Genesis 8:22 "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and _____, and _____, and _____ and _____, and day and night shall not cease."
3. Job 37:6 "For He saith to the _____, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small _____, and to the great _____ of his strength."
4. Job 38:30 "The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is _____."
5. Psalm 74:17 "Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made _____ and _____."
6. Psalm 104:19 "He appointed the moon for _____; the sun knoweth his going down."
7. Psalm 107:29 "He maketh the _____ a calm so that the waves thereof are still."
8. Psalm 147:16 "He giveth _____ like wool; he scattereth the _____ like ashes."
9. Psalm 147:17 "He casteth forth his _____ like morsels; who can stand before his _____?"
10. Psalm 147:18 "He sendeth out His word, and melteth them; He causeth His _____ to blow, and the waters flow."
11. Psalm 148:8 "Fire and _____; _____ and vapors; _____ _____ fulfilling His word;..."
12. Proverbs 25:13 "As the _____ of _____ in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to those who send him; for he refresheth the soul of his masters."

ANSWERS to Cold Weather Quiz

1. Cool 2. Cold, Heat, Summer, Winter 3. Snow, Rain, Rain 4. Frozen
5. Summer, Winter 6. Seasons 7. Storm 8. Snow, Hoarfrost 9. Ice, Cold
10. Wind 11. Hail, Snow, Stormy, Wind 12. Cold, Snow

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February is mostly recognized for [Valentine's Day](#), flowers, and depending on where you are, being incredibly cold!

Read on to find out some historical events which occurred in February, as well as how it came to be the shortest month of the year.

February fluctuates between having 28 and 29 days per year. The 29th day only occurs every 4 years during leap years.

The length of February was finalized when Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar and assigned the month 28 days and 29 days. In 713 B.C., February was officially added to the Roman calendar.

If you were born in February, your birthstone is an amethyst and your flower is a primrose. The western zodiac signs in February are Aquarius which is until February 19th, and Pisces, which is until [February 20th](#).

Over time, the length of February kept changing. At one point, it had as little as 23 days.

In the Northern Hemisphere, February is the third month of winter. Meanwhile, in the Southern Hemisphere, February is the last month of summer. Between the North and South Hemispheres, February is the equivalent of [August](#).

The name of February comes from the Latin word "februum" which means purification. February was named after a purification ritual which was like an early Roman spring cleaning festival.

In Welsh, February is sometimes known as "y mis bach" which means "little month."

February and [January](#) were the last months added to the Roman numeral calendar.

Of all the words you can misspell, February is one of the most misspelled words in the English language. Even the White House has misprinted the word "February" before in a press release!

February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.

The odds of being born on February 29th are about 1 in 1,461. Those born on a leap day can be called a "leaper" or "leapling."

February, [March](#), and [November](#) always start on the same day of the week unless it is a leap year.

It was in February, 1964 when The Beatles made their first American television appearance on the "Ed Sullivan Show." Over 73 million Americans watched!

There are many U.S. states that entered the Union during the month of February. These include [Massachusetts](#), Oregon, [Arizona](#), and Mississippi, which were readmitted.

Sadly, on [February 1, 2003](#), the Space Shuttle "Columbia" broke apart in flight, which killed all seven crew members. The accident was believed to be a result of damage that occurred during lift-off. The tragedy occurred only 16 minutes before the shuttle was scheduled to land.

So now you know, February isn't all about Valentine's Day!