

Tower Times

St. John's United Church of Christ

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July 2017



As some of you are aware, I am taking this first week in July to partake in the U.C.C.'s bi-annual General Synod in Baltimore, MD. While my personal participation stems from some of my continuing education commitments, there will be people of all shapes and sizes gathered in Baltimore. General Synod, in the U.C.C., is very different from a number of other denominations. G.S., as you might expect, is a gathering of a vast number of the denomination's leadership. Whether the leadership be ordained, lay, local, or national, you'll find them all at a General Synod. What makes us different from other groups, however, is the attitude that goes into these massive gatherings. A number of my colleagues, in other denominations, regularly mention their dread at their own synods or national gatherings. Often their meetings can be dull and monotonous, or perhaps even tense and strife-filled. For we in the U.C.C., however, this is quite far from our reality. Instead of strife, we have joy. Instead of dull, we have vibrancy. Instead of fear, we have excitement. Certainly, we will have a good amount of work to cover in setting the direction and structure of the wider national denomination, but we also will take time to celebrate the things that make this denomination so wonderful, along with the things that make each of us so valuable to others.

Personally, my week is booked solid. I most certainly have business meetings, lunches, dinners, and even a few breakfasts that I'll have to attend. Business aside, however, I will be taking time to see colleagues, share stories, talk about our callings, and discuss the things that we are pushing forward with as we do "church" in the 21st century! Something I'm particularly looking forward to is engaging with the national church's new emphasis on "The Three Great Loves." I can't say I know much about this initiative yet, but I know it's been carefully thought-out to focus the denomination on things that are both relevant and necessary in our world. I'm very much looking forward to learning more about this and bringing that knowledge home to St. John's, where we are already so focused on love!

So, enjoy your time with Rev. Jeff, try to stay out of trouble, and I'll see you soon enough with new information and new perspectives!



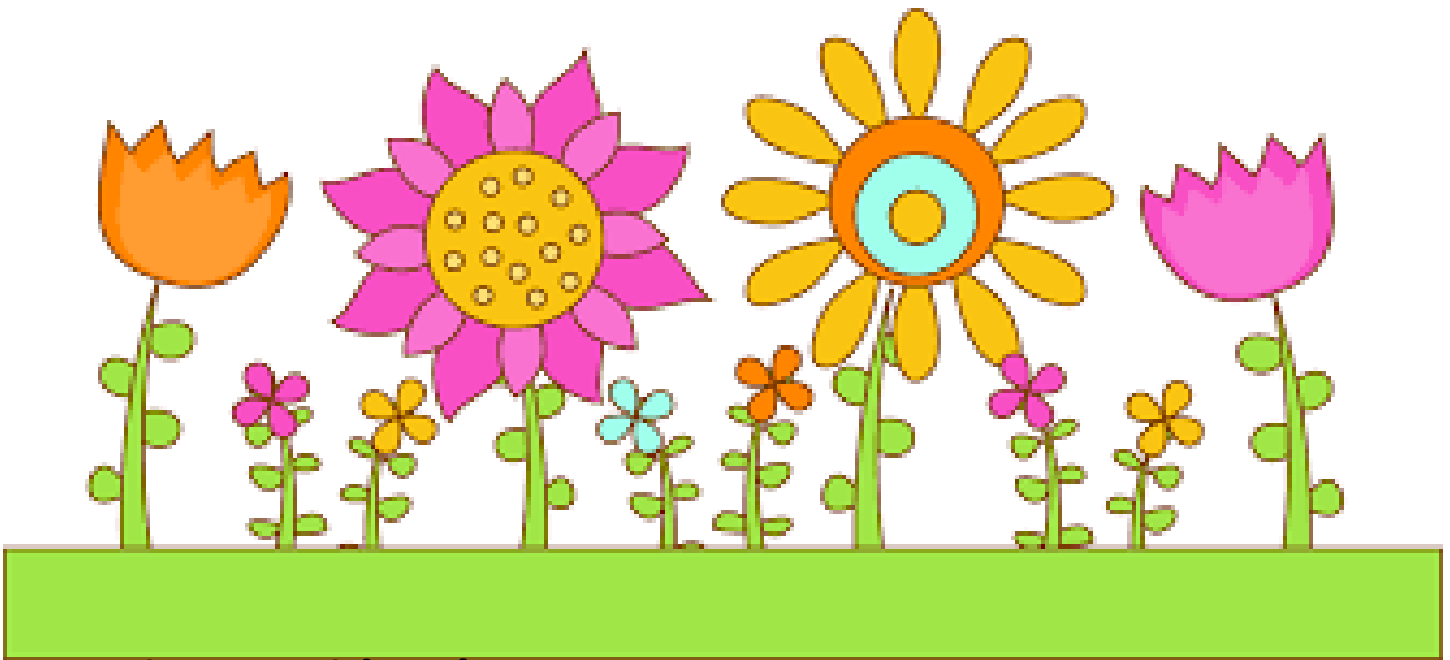
President's Report

I must say that I am consulting my thesaurus for superlative words to express how blessed we are at St. John's with the many musicians who have shared their talents with us during Sunday morning worship. We have been absolutely bedazzled with sublime music beginning with our volunteers and moving on through our professional performers, Mr. David Wion and Mr. Gregory Ashe, who both performed for us on June 25th. I think that anyone who has been worshipping at St. John's this season, both members and visitors, is looking forward to experiencing the great music yet to come this summer. AND anyone who is contemplating "playing hookey" is definitely on the verge of forfeiting a moving occasion.

(PS: Adam, we forgive you for not being here on July 2... We wish you a safe and fulfilling trip.)

Judy Humphrys
Council President





Vice President's Report

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Vice President's Report:

What if...

One of our members becomes ill & needs assistance on a Sunday morning?

Obviously, we call 9-1-1, when appropriate.

Who else would we contact? We plan to update the ICE (In Case of Emergency) information.

More info to follow.

Please notice the garden to the east of St. John's property. SOMEBODY worked really hard to make it look so lovely.

Thank you!

Chris van Breukelen



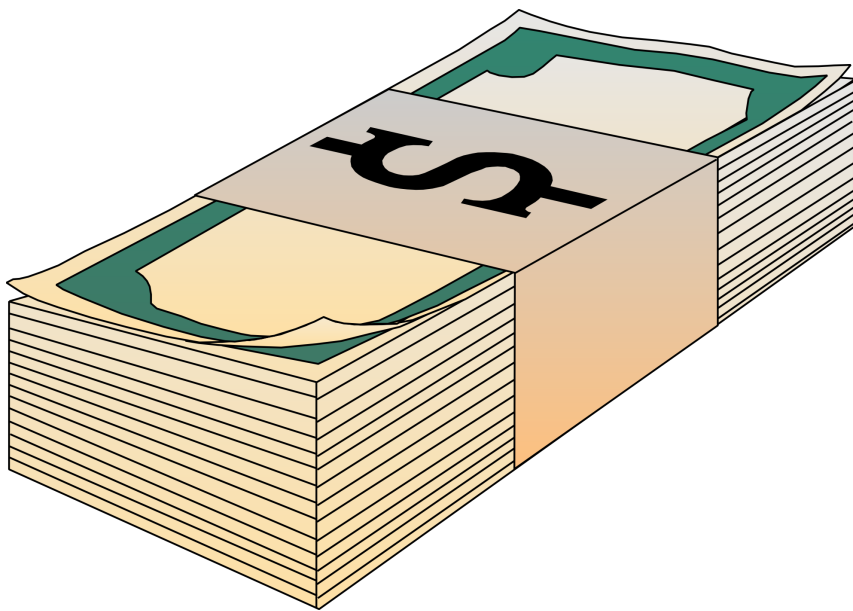
The Budget & Finance Committee met Sunday June 4, 2017. Present at the meeting were: Patty Staley, Chair, Dee Goudy, Secretary, Ron Duckson, Vice Chair, Jeff Gerrior and Rev. Adam Wirrig. Patsy Goin and Debbie Watts were unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes from the May 7, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Jeff Gerrior presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2017. It was noted that giving was down for the month of May which is typical for this time of year and possibly due to vacations, school being out, etc. It was also noted that we remain ahead on year to date giving by \$7,115. Deficit spending is still trending to be lower than prior years. There were donations this month to the Percy Jones Scholars for Sacred Choral Music account including a receipt from SONKA of \$585.25 thanks to Reverend Wirrig's grant submission. The payment was received from MVCTC for the ESOL Facility Donation account. RAMM Expense for the month was \$255 for miscellaneous maintenance items. The checking balance is at \$17,999.50 for the month.

In Old Business, the Committee continues to work toward presentation of Stewardship in the month of September. Organ tuning was not able to be done due to the weather but the assessment was done and Reverend expects to receive the completed report in the next week. The Safe Church program is in process of being completed through the Insurance Board. The new Website is continuing to be revised and updated – thank you Cheré for your work on this. The Historic Registry and Director of Family Life Ministries were addressed in the recent Tower Times. Ron Duckson raised a question for clarification on the Historic Regis-

try regarding the anticipation of grants and other funds that would benefit the Church through remodel, etc. that would offset the cost of the application process – Patty advised that it is the goal of the project to seek grants and funds that would offset the cost of the application process (such as through the receipt of tax credits that could possibly be transferred to an area developer at a cost) and funds for the actual work to repaint and repair the exterior of the building. More details will be provided in the Information Meeting on June 25th. The Constitution and By-Laws were briefly discussed and will be addressed further at Council.



In New Business the potential for Patio Area Transition for the lower level patio by the K-12 Gallery has been tabled due to cost. Other alternatives will still be considered. Patty advised the Committee that she and Reverend Wirrig had recently attended the 2017 Downtown Dayton Summit: The Resurgence of Downtown Dayton where panelists Mayor Nan Whaley,

Charles Simms (Developer), Dr. Michael Irvin (Co-Chair of the Downtown Dayton Partnership), Jason Woodward (Developer) answered questions and addressed issues regarding the development that is on-going in Dayton. The goal of attending this Summit was to be aware of the developments as they will affect the area around the Church and to get to know the who's who doing the development that might be contacts for work on restoration in connection with the Historic Registry and other connections we might benefit from.

Council Meeting Minutes from the May meeting were shared with the Committee items from which were addressed previously in this report.

The next meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee will be July 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding the information discussed in the Budget & Finance Committee, I welcome you to speak with me at any time. I also invite anyone who would like to attend the meetings to join us as a guest. If you have something that needs to be addressed at the meeting, let me know so that I can place the information on the agenda.

Respectfully,

Patty Staley

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Chair of Budget and Finance



Parking Ministry Report

Since the last Tower Times the Parking Ministry Committee has had the following activity:

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| Donations received for the month of May | = \$4386.00 |
| Request #17-04 Spring Water for Volunteers | = 15.54 |
| Request #17-05 Card Stock for Thank You Cards | = 20.78 |
| Current Parking Ministry balance | = \$9567.57 |

We will not be Parking for the Blues Festival on July 16th.

But, the Fireworks display by the City of Dayton will be performed on the 3rd of July = always a big night..... and a Dragons game date !

AND THE BIGGIE REMAINS !

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| Friday July 28 = Celtic Festival | Hours = 5pm to 9pm |
| Saturday July 29 = Celtic Festival | Hours = 11am to 9pm |
| Sunday July 30 = Celtic Festival | Hours = 12 pm to 4pm |

The Celtic Festival will occur when the Dayton Dragons are not in town. So there will be no conflict with our normal Dragons baseball parking.

The Celtic Festival events on Saturday and Sunday are really big and parking continues throughout the day .

Thus the need for volunteers.....!

Please check the Sign Up Sheet (next to the coffee pot) for all parking needs.

Remember:

Parking Ministry's continued success **depends solely** on our volunteers.

Dave Abbott, Chairman
Parking Ministry Committee



A memorial contribution was made this month by Philomene King for H. Weaver. Thank you.

Worship Report

Worship met June 21. We reviewed our special Pentecost worship service of June 4. Thanks to Marlene Miller and Steve Boggs for decorating the sanctuary. Red, for celebration, dominated with the white pew candles set off with red bows, the red drape above the back of the altar, the red paraments, red and white altar flowers, and the 46 red geraniums on the altar steps. Thanks to all of you who contributed to the geranium display. Those not taken home were planted outside the church by Pastor Adam, as were the rest of the flowers along the parking lot. Thank you, Adam! Thanks also to Linda Murray for the unusual flower pot arrangement in the garden area.

With Jeff Campbell now Music Director, he becomes an ex-officio member of our committee. The committee asked Dr. Gary Barlow to fill that spot. He graciously and enthusiastically accepted.

Music Director Jeff has the entire summer music schedule lined up with guest artists most Sundays. Many are friends of Jeff, others from our congregation. This past Sunday we were privileged to hear from David Wion pianist from the West Milton area and Gregory Ashe, vocalist with the Michigan Opera Theater. We had our first hymn sing Sunday as well; response with hymn suggestions has been overwhelming. Plan to be with us these summer Sundays to share in our worship services.

Pat Kern





WOMEN OF ST. JOHN'S

TRINITY COMMUNITY HOMES BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Women of St. John's will be hosting the July Residents Birthday Party for the residents of Trinity Community Homes of Beavercreek on Tuesday, July 11, at 6:30 P.M.

Rev. Jeffrey Campbell will be the Master of Ceremonies and will also provide the entertainment. Rose Papenbrock is making special centerpieces to decorate the tables. Sue Delaney is donating the ice-cream. The Women of St. John's provide filled birthday gift bags, punch, and home made and store bought cookies.

We are in need of volunteers to make/buy 2 dozen cookies to serve to the residents. If you would like to donate 2 dozen cookies, please bring them to the church's kitchen on or before July 9th and mark them for Trinity and place them in the box marked Trinity Birthday Party Cookies..

We can also use assistance in set-up, serving and clean –up. If you can help with any of these tasks or need any further information please call me at 836-8582.

Everyone from St. John's is invited to enjoy the party. It is always nice to have people from St. John's visit with the residents. Please plan to attend!

Janet Neubauer

President, Women of St. John's President



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Pulling for the Ronald McDonald House

During the announcements in the Sunday service on June 18, the congregation was stunned to see several large cardboard boxes and two large Ronald McDonald houses near the pulpit. They were soon further astonished and greatly pleased to learn from the Reverend Dr. Warring that all containers were brimming with can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Delight increased upon learning that these had been collected and contributed by the students and staff of Brookville Elementary School under the leadership of teacher Jackie Munn, friend of Patty Staley. Janet Neubauer, the president of the Women of St. John's, the group who oversees this project, came forward to receive the gift and express the WSJ's gratitude to Brookville Elementary students, teachers, and staff in supporting this cause.

After the service, I arrived and with the much needed and appreciated assistance of the Reverend Dr. Warring, the heavy boxes were loaded in my car for the trip to the Ronald McDonald House. However, I first took them home to weigh the tabs and re-bag them, discarding any that were not aluminum (There are so many different styles, believe it or not, and in those styles, it

can be difficult to discern the aluminum tabs from the tin ones, which have no monetary value.) With the handy aid of my husband's workshop tool consisting of a very strong magnet on an adjustable wooden rod, I was able to stir through the tabs and "fish out" the tin ones.

But I found other items of interest, too. Countless little baggies and zip locks some with lots of tabs, some with only a few, and several big bags well-stuffed; bags with a variety of markings—some with teacher's names, some with room numbers, some with initials, some with first names, some with several names, most in children's writing, some in adult's, and my favorite, a sticky pad note (I have changed the names, but not the content): *Henry, These are from Brian via Grandpa Larkin. Marian.* I really appreciated seeing how so many people of all ages and with quite a variant in their number of tabs to offer had all worked together for a cause affecting so many other families. Nevertheless, there were other indications of how hurried lives can get. Mixed in the bags of tabs, I found *27 Labels for Education* worth 65 points and *5 Box Tops for Education*; 7 pennies and 3 dimes; 4 paperclips, 1 S-hook, 1 hearing aid size battery, 1 AAA battery, 3 different screws, 4 long twisty-ties, a 3" tall gold metal letter C made to stand up, and an empty Equal packet. These mistaken enclosures made me think of the times I've said to myself "Where could I have put that ____? I just had it!"

However, back to the matter at hand. On the Tuesday after we received the tabs, I took 54 lbs. of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House and recycled 1 ½ lbs. of tin tabs. I recycled the many small plastic bags at Meijer's. I'm mailing back to Jackie the labels and the coins for the school. The other items are in the trash. Except the paperclips—I admit I'm using them.

--Anne Pepiot, Women of St. John's--

Birthdays

6 - Andrea Harker
6 - Harold Weller
9 - Tony Morrissey
13 - Annita Torgeson
15 - Emma Sheridan
19 - Steve Carroll
27 - Helen Zappe
27 - Ramah Triplett

Anniversaries

7 Butch and Betty Lou Martin
12 Wilfred
and Chris
van
Breukelen



Flowers & Fellowship

Flowers

7/2 - Still available
7/9 - In Honor of Wanda Boggs by Steve Boggs
7/16 - Still available
7/23 - Still available
7/30 - Still available

Fellowship Hour

7/2 - Jill Johnson
7/9 - Still available
7/16 - Fellowship Committee
7/23 - Thompson & White
7/30 - Clarke & Martin



July 2017

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