

# Tower Times

St. John's United Church of Christ

515 East Third Street

Dayton, OH 45402

## June 2017



If you'll remember last month's Tower Times, I asked the question of "what will we do differently to live into the new life that is Easter?" That question wasn't a random one and it wasn't one that should be taken lightly. In fact, this has been a question that your church council has been wrestling with for quite some time.

While on the outside, it might seem that we at St. John's are still very much a struggling church, when you start digging into things, we have seen a very noticeable recovery. While we haven't seen a sizeable increase in what we might call our "core" worship group over the last two years, we have, in fact, seen a rather sizeable increase of those who are regular, though not every week, attenders. Right now, between those who are here every week, those who are here semi-regularly, and those who are here at least once a month we are sitting at about 100 active church participants. If you add in the approximately 20-25 persons that we have attending our monthly bar church, then that number grows even more. This growth has placed us at a point where some strategic decisions for future growth are needing to be made.

There are generally thought to be four different levels of church growth in today's world: family, pastoral, programmatic, and corporate. Churches that are 50 persons and under in total membership are thought to be "family" churches as the church is modeled around a family structure and is generally a tight-knit and interlocked group that provides for each other.

Churches that are 50-150 in total membership are thought to be "pastoral" churches, where one full time and perhaps a part-time minister can generally provide the spiritual needs of the church. These churches are still close-knit, but have more distinct "groups" within them. "Programmatic" churches are those that are 150-300 active members. These churches still worship together on Sunday morning, but are largely integrated around differing groups and offerings. (ie: Children's ministry, music ministry, senior's ministry, singles ministry, etc.) Finally, there are "corporate" churches which are multi-campus, multi-pastor, multi-programmatic, and potentially wide-spread.



From the above, you hopefully can see that we are bordering on the upper-levels of the "pastoral" church. As our impact, outreach, and energy have been growing, council, Rev. Jeff, and myself have been talking about how we can prepare ourselves for moving into the "programmatic" church range. In this Tower Times issue you'll find several exciting announce-

ments that are geared towards helping us move onwards and upwards as a church family.

"But wait, Adam, we're still tapping our endowment funds to pay our bills, shouldn't we wait until we fully stabilize to look at further growth?" That's a really good question and one that I'd like to answer in two ways. Firstly, I think we're all aware that it's only with further growth that we will truly stabilize for the long term. Unfortunately, both our leadership and volunteer pool seem to be "tapped out" in being able to do the heavy lifting of creating offerings that might attract families, children, etc., and push us into further growth. Quite frankly, I can't do it all, you can't do it all, and we'd be foolish to think otherwise. Thus, we very well might need to spend a little money in the short term so-as to make a lot of money in the long term.

Secondly, if you haven't been paying attention to the budget and finance updates in the last few months, you very much should start to do so. When I arrived at St. John's, our operating deficit was over \$80K. Last year we managed to cut that deficit to approximately \$46K. This year, we are currently sitting at \$13K in deficit and, barring any unforeseen moments this summer, should finish the year under \$30K in deficit. That's some pretty great turn-around, if you're counting. So, what's driving this change?

Our recovery, is largely driven, I believe, by the blessings of Almighty God and the fact that our mission here at 515 E. Third is far from done. From a strictly numeric viewpoint, however, this recovery is driven by YOU. By giving, as we emphasized in last year's stewardship drive, what you can, when you can, and how you can, YOU have helped us turn things around in a dramatic way. Certainly, we still have a ways to go, but imagine how quickly the remaining deficit might disappear if we were to bring in just 5-6 new families in one year?

All of this to say: we've made some bold changes in the last few years, we have very much lived new life at St. John's, but we now stand at a precipice where we again need to step out into MORE new living. I can't say this will be easy, I can't say this will all go to plan, but I can say that our God is faithful, our calling to mission is strong, and I strongly believe that amazing days are still in front of us. I hope you'll read onward and enjoy the exciting news in this issue as much as I have enjoyed seeing it all come together.

My Very Best,

Rev. Adam

## NOTEWORTHY

from Jeffrey Campbell, Music Director



I have thoroughly enjoyed my first month as Music Director at St. John's. The **Choir** has brought me great joy. If you have been to a recent service, I am sure you have noticed the choir has come alive. It has been great to begin using the electric piano/keyboard. I am so thankful for Chris van B and her willingness to accompany the choir. I hope you will consider singing with the choir as we begin our season in the fall.

June 2017 begins with the celebration of **Pentecost**. We rejoice in the gift of God's Holy Spirit. The Spirit comes to the followers of Jesus as they huddle behind closed doors. In a mighty wind and tongues of fire they are filled with the power of God and the courage to do God's work. They head out into the streets with the Good News. As a result, the Church is born and adds 3,000 new members. Talk about Church growth! So we will celebrate in prayer and song with Holy Communion. You are encouraged to WEAR RED that day. The altar area will be adorned with red geraniums and red candles and other symbols of the Spirit's presence.

The second Sunday of June is **Holy Trinity**. We will worship and give thanks for the great mystery of One God in Three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Summer worship** includes a monthly hymn sing and music offered by vocalists and instrumentalists.

I googled "Standing for the Gospel" and found many helpful thoughts on the subject. Although "we have never done that before" - here are some reasons why we do now.

### **Why do we stand for the Gospel?**

While sitting is a position of receptivity for the other two readings, we stand for the Gospel as a sign of respect for the words of Jesus and to manifest an eagerness and attentiveness to hear his Word. This makes sense if we consider our everyday experience of greeting a guest. If we are eager to meet someone important who is about to enter the room, we would stand out of respect. In the same way, we stand to greet Christ and to anticipate the proclamation of his Good News.

We stand for the Gospel for the same reason we stand when we sing the national anthem or pledge allegiance to the flag: out of respect. All of the Bible is the sacred word of God, but not all of the Bible is equally important. The Gospel is the Good News of the redemption for which most of the Bible is a preparation.

For Christians, the Gospels are not quite the same as other Scripture. Other Scriptures may be meditated on and thought about, but the Gospel demands that we act, and standing up attentively is a way to indicate that we realize that. In ancient times, soldiers often would draw their swords as they did when their commanding officer gave them orders before battle. The image is that of receiving our marching orders. We stand to show we really want to hear every word; it indicates our willingness to accept and act on each part of the Gospel reading.

## President's Report

I will refrain from addressing items directly related to the various council committees, in deference to the committee chairs' writing talents. That said, my thoughts turn to some of the activities that I am involved with...

Now that June is upon us and Spring gives way to Summer, I am amazed that another choir season is drawing to a close. Under Rev. Jeff Campbell's leadership the choir is enjoying singing songs that we are tickled to master. It has been a delight having Logan and Camryn from Stiver's High School sing with us this season. I am certain that I can speak for others in the choir in stating that we hope that they both return to share their talents with us again next fall.

Our choir is growing too! We are pleased to have Nathan sharing his talents with us. Parking Ministry is in full swing and adding some music festivals to our fundraising endeavors. Dave Abbott and all of us on council appreciate everyone who volunteers for our PM activities, making them highly successful. If you haven't parked cars with us, I encourage you to come on out sometime to give it a try. It is a great way to show our positive attitude to the Dayton community.

I would like to also thank all of you who volunteer to participate in Fellowship hour. Whether you prepare a banquet on the order of Steve Boggs' repasts (thank you again, Steve) or volunteer to help in the decorations or with clean-up, all of us at St. John's appreciate everyone's willingness to lend a helping hand. Ed and I hope to sign up for a Sunday over the summer once choir season is over (and we have a firm idea of our daughter Ellie's likely vacation schedule).

Keep your suggestions rolling in. I am pleased to take your suggestions to the council for you. We may not have a budget for your requests and ideas, but the best way to get the ball rolling is to let council members know your fabulous ideas. Thank-you, Helen.



Judy Humphrys  
Council president

# Vice President's Report:

Thank you to Steve Boggs & his team for a wonderful Welcome Sunday! The Service & Fellowship Time were a fantastic success!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES:

Monica Strady – St. Petersburg School of Law – Florida - Dave Abbott's Grand-Daughter

Caleb Norton – Otterbein University – accepted at UD for Grad School

Carson Ratliff – Lake Travis High School – Texas

Tom & Dottie Norton's Grand-Son & Grand-Daughter

Jessica Pasquale – University of Cincinnati

Patty Staley's Daughter

Brooke Hile – from Milton Union Middle School to High School - Chris & Cheré Hile's daughter

Amiley Bilbo – Kindergarten – Ethel Burn's Grand-Daughter



We have Graduates in our Family from Kindergarten to Law School! There are probably others that we have missed. Please let us know, so we can include them in a future Tower Times.

## CHURCH MOUSE – Who is it this month?

Who planted the BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS outside the parking lot doors? Several people have already been asked. We still don't know.

## LIEDERKRANZ GARAGE SALE – June 1-3

They are still accepting donations of electronics, linens, toys, books, shoes, etc.

Betty Lou Puterbaugh passed away in Florida. Her daughter, Bonnie, & I grew up together at St. John's. I have very fond memories of their family.

Change of Address – when members/friends move, please provide the change of address. We will gladly include it in the Tower Times, if they so wish.

Respectfully,

Chris van Breukelen – Vice President





The Budget & Finance Committee met Sunday May 7, 2017. Present at the meeting were: Patty Staley, Chair, Dee Goudy, Secretary, Ron Duckson, Vice Chair, Debbie Watts, Patsy Goin, Jeff Gerrior and Rev. Adam Wirrig.

The meeting was called to order and the Minutes from the April 9, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

Jeff Gerrior presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2017. Total General Offerings for the month of April were \$9,805 which is greater than 2016 by \$2,901 and year-to-date up over 2016 by \$8,653. Expenses were up this month due to the quarterly insurance payment of \$3,108 being due. Utilities are falling back in to line and are being monitored for any major variances. The GBU interest received this month totaled \$1,758 for a total year to date of \$5,391. An approved transfer of \$2,500 from Parking Ministries to the RAMM Holding account was made this month. Minor expenses paid this month included \$60 for Designated Missions and \$109 for Boiler Repairs. The Guest Music Sponsor account will be renamed to The Percy Jones' Scholars for Sacred Choral Music as was designated to honor Percy for his services to the Church. Questions were raised on the balance in the account as it was believed there should have been an additional deposit to the account which is being reviewed. Also the Flower Fund Account was questioned as to whether payments were being received from parties for flower orders or is the Church paying for them out of the budget. Further review indicated that income received from individuals for their orders totals \$571.75 year to date with expenditures being \$581.60 year to date reflecting only a \$10 shortfall being covered by the Church out of the budget. The Checking Account remains in the positive at \$16,330.42.

The Committee then reviewed Old Business Items:

Insurance for Building & Property – the committee members had been asked to review the updated policy information which was provided at the last meeting. It was left open that if we would like, we can have our agent come in at any time to review coverage with us but at this time we are comfortable that we are adequately covered and satisfied with the company.

Stewardship – the Committee will continue to review the current Stewardship package this is available. There are only a few printed copies left. We will be compiling revisions to the package for a new distribution in September. Thoughts are to include pictures and stories from programs and

people who are affected by outreach through the various programs including the Stivers Students, St. Vincent DePaul, Jacobs Closet, etc. We welcome suggestions from the congregation on ways to improve the program as last year we only received 20 responses to the program. After the September program, we would like to possibly do quarterly or occasional updates on Stewardship and how we as a Church are doing with the programs we support through our offerings, time and talents. This is a budgeting tool that aids the committee in projecting budget figures on what can be provided through the Church's ministry and outreach.

The Organ contract has been signed, a tuning was completed prior to Easter. The next step will be for a complete tuning and assessment which has not yet been scheduled (since we just signed the contract) but should be shortly.

Safe Church, it was decided that it would be in our best interest to start the process over using the services provided through the Insurance Board. While a bit of an inconvenience, in the long run it is felt that would give us a better way of handling the process and maintaining the information needed to satisfy insurance requirements, etc.

Website, Cheré is continuing to work on the new Website. If you have pictures or other information, please feel free to share. Patty Staley will send Cheré a few things that should be addressed.

The Percy Jones' Scholars for Sacred Choral Music – the program name is official and we are excited to see the growth and development of our Choral Music program as we move forward.

Employment Matters including Director of Music, Contracts, Employee Handbook: Jeff Campbell has signed the probationary contract valid through 12-31-17. At which time, as long as expectations are met, a permanent contract will be put in place with annual reviews. The Employee Handbook has been updated. Cheré and Steve Boggs will both sign annual notices of being "At Will" employees having received the Handbook. The Contract that was used for Jeff will be our basis for all future employment contracts, other than for the Reverend which comes from the UCC.

Council did approve payment of the finder's fee to Mark Hurd in the amount of \$473.73 for the funds found in the Lautenschlager Estate.

The Budget & Finance Committee discussed the Historic Registry and a Family Ministry position, both of which are addressed in detail elsewhere in this issue of the Tower Times.

Constitution & ByLaws - it was noted that during the Personnel Committee Meeting (and last

few Council Meetings) the topic of out of date Constitution and Bylaws has come up. The Members agreed that now would be the best time to start looking at possibly updating both to fit more with our congregation as it is today. Patty Staley asked that each of members of the Budget and Finance Committee look at both the Constitution and Bylaws and see what areas they feel need to be addressed and what if any changes should be made. A question was raised regarding what dollar amounts have to be brought to the Congregation for approval prior to expenditures being made – Patty Staley did not have a copy of the Constitution or Bylaws but would forward a copy to each of the committee members for their review and comments. There was discussion that only expenditures that are already approved budget items are being made and that outside of that, there should not be any expenditures that currently require congregational approval. The organ was not a budget item but was funded completely through member contributions, not requiring congregational approval but was brought to the congregation. There were discussions regarding expenditures prior to current Reverend and committee chair that we could not address but did try to stress that budgetary items are being handled appropriately. This is a preliminary discussion item and in no way is it final. This is something that we are looking to bring a proposal to the entire Congregation at the Congregational Meeting at year end.

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

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.

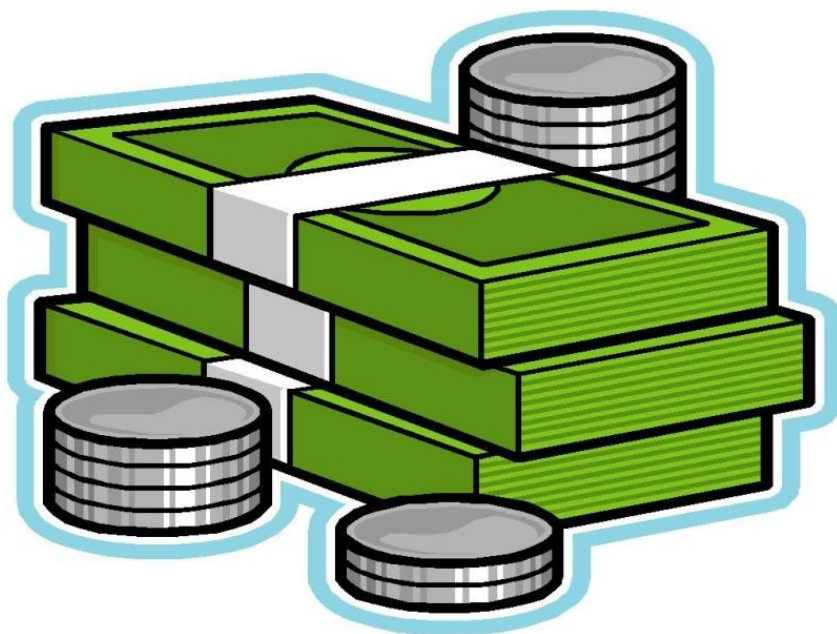
The next meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee will be June 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully,

*Patty Staley*

Patty Staley

Chair of Budget and Finance





## WORSHIP

June 4 is Pentecost Sunday (see Acts 2). The color red will predominate in the sanctuary decorations in celebration of the birthday of the Church - we're asking those attending to wear an article of red to add to the festivities. This is choir's last day to sing until after Labor Day. We will be having hymn sings each 4th Sunday of the month. Worship time remains 10:30 A.M. for the summer months. Staff will be taking vacation time; Rev. Jeff Campbell will fill the pulpit for Pastor Adam, who will be attending both the UCC's 31st General Synod meeting and NGLI gathering in Baltimore late June and early July.

Our May 17 committee meeting discussed the progress of St. John's over the last 2-1/2 years. Attendance has risen to approximately 125 which includes 20-25 Spirit(s) bar church friends. While all 125 may not be present every Sunday, this represents the number of individuals who have related to St. John's. Financially, our giving has increased to where we can see a reduction in the operating deficit each of the last two years. Figures this year are projected to reduce the deficit still further.

Pastor Adam shared Council's discussion, from the May 10 meeting, regarding plans for continuing this progress into the future. To attract new families we need to have activities in place that will meet the needs of these people when they show up on our doorstep. The DFLM or Director Family Life Ministries position would seek to address this task. The individual will study the community and, with Pastor Adam's mentoring, move into providing a ministry where best needed.

Another big step is applying for National Historic Register designation for our sanctuary building. While the initial cost could seem fairly large, the payback in grants, tax credits will be a good investment in our future. Join us in looking to that future with St. John's.

Pat Kern



## Parking Ministry Report

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

Donations received for the month of April	= \$3353.00
Current Parking Ministry balance	= \$5217.89

June the 11<sup>th</sup> will be the first of several “Special Events” that your Parking Ministry Committee will be handling this year.

Each event will be on our Sign Up sheet showing the hours we would like to cover our lots with assistance for parking.

When signing up please jot a note indicating the hours you can help.....

Sunday June 11 = Dayton Jazz Festival	Hours = 1pm to 6pm
Sunday July 16 = Dayton Blues Festival	Hours = 1pm to 6pm

### AND THE BIGGIE !

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

These events 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 out 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

Friends,

Your St. John's Building and Property Committee remains busy attending to many things large and small to keep everything at St. John's— worship, business, social, missions— happening. Often these are things that go unnoticed: boiler and chair-lift inspections, monthly emergency light checks, even climbing the clock tower to nudge a sticky ratchet that was keeping the clock from sounding the hour. And there is the huge, ongoing task of cleaning. Routine dusting, sweeping, mopping, picking up litter, weeding, etc. is not routine at a place as big as St. John's.



Recently we've dealt with leaky toilets, leaks in the education building roof, and replacing stall latches in the Women's restrooms. There are small plaster repairs needed, the Third Street doors need to be varnished, the doors opening onto the main parking lot need paint, and the flower beds and trees need some attention. The committee has been discussing how to spruce up the lower patio. Perhaps a pressure cleaning and some paint. And how about a mural on the big, blank, east retaining wall? Wouldn't that be a nicer view from the social room? We initiated a conversation with the K-12 Gallery to explore having some of their young artists paint a mural of, what? Well, maybe trees, a cityscape, something geometric based on windows in the church. Who knows? If this project proves feasible, you'll read more about it here.

Speaking of the view from the social room, we've explored a number of options for new curtains, or blinds, or window tinting, something to cover the bare sliding doors. The old curtain rod on the south doors tore loose. Replacing them has proved troublesome. The underlying concrete block is very hard, very difficult to drill into. The finish concrete and plaster is very soft. How the old curtain rod, fastened only into such soft material, held up as long as it did is a mystery. (And what's keeping up the other rod? Prayer?) But, we think we've figured out a way to securely hang new curtain rods which will finally let us hang curtains again. We will also replace the rod over the north doors.

Again, speaking of the social room, you may have noticed a few ceiling tiles missing in the northeast corner. If not, you probably have noticed that a few Sundays into early May were a little cool downstairs. That's because a leak in the heating system required us to shut off the heat to the room. Sixty years of use and corrosion simply wore out a joint in the plumbing. An unrelated leak in an actuator in the heating system above

Rev. Wirrig's office is the reason a corner of his desk is draped in plastic. (No, it's not a decorating choice!) With a little luck plumbers will have taken care of both of these problems just in time for summer, when we no longer need heat. But I dare say Rev. Wirrig will be glad to no longer hear that slow, steady dripping that would drive anyone to distraction.

Finally, some big news: St. John's signed a contract with the Muller Pipe Organ Company of Croton, Ohio, just outside of Columbus. They tuned our organ for Easter, and have completed a full assessment of the current condition of the organ in order to beginning the long awaited repairs to the wind chest that was remove for structural reasons last year. Their final bid for the rebuild project came in \$300 less than the total amount we've fundraised for the effort. So, the project is already paid for! How's that for welcome, good news? As I write this, we don't yet have a schedule for the organ rebuild. Know, however, that this will take many months. With luck, it will be finished before Advent. But whether it is or not, I am confident that the work will be done properly. Muller's reputation for quality work is well known. Lastly, we also now have a reliable look into any future maintenance work or upgrades for the organ so that we can plan for those in advance. Avoiding emergency repairs is one way to control costs. Something your Building and Property Committee is always keenly conscious of.

Yours in Christ,

—Ed Humphrys, Building and Property Chair

The Christian Nurture Committee is looking forward to celebrating Father's Day on June 18th. The Committee will not only honor fathers, we will honor all gentlemen who have either raised children or are currently raising children.

#### National Pride Week

Members from the Christian Nurture Committee, along with some members from the Worship Committee will be assisting Reverend Adam with serving breakfast on Saturday, June 3rd at MJ's Night Club, located on Jefferson Street in Dayton.

Saturday, June 3rd is the Gay Pride Parade here in Dayton.

St. John's will also have a booth at Courthouse Square with free items advertising our church.

Both Committees are looking forward to this community outreach project.

Ethel Burns

Christian Nurture Committee





## St. John's and the National Historic Registry

Friends, have you ever stopped to look at St. John's exterior and wondered when we're ever going to patch up all the peeling paint? You're not alone. Unfortunately, that project will cost us at least \$60,000. Yikes! That's no small chunk of change, is it? Nobody wants to see the church crumble, but how are we supposed to pay for that expense? Fundraising? Raiding the Endowments? Neither of those sound horribly feasible to cover the full amount, do they?



Your ministers and church council know that we have this and many other renovation projects waiting in the wings. (Clock tower, masonry, stained glass, etc.) Unfortunately, our ability to put-off these projects is quickly dwindling. One way that we are looking to address funding of future restorations is by placing the church on the National Register of Historic Places. Encouragingly, the church has already passed a preliminary test with the Register and has been invited to submit a full application for status. There are, with this opportunity, both some significant potential bene-

fits and some cautious considerations to be aware of.

Firstly, being placed on the historic register would prevent us from modernizing our sanctuary and the narthex on Third Street. We certainly would not be prohibited from updating our sound and a/v equipment, even the organ and carpet, but would need to keep things "historically accurate" (such as pews, windows, etc.) with any future restoration. Secondly, we would need to pay an historic architectural consultant to put together our application and certify that we are an historic place. That cost, in a worst-case scenario, could be up to \$10,000. Obviously, this is not a small chunk of change, especially for a church that is still revitalizing itself. Thankfully, as we are a group that already has an historic archive with photos, records, etc., the overall cost would likely be

far less than that.

Now, as was said, there are also significant benefits to this designation. Firstly, we would have an automatic 20% tax credit available to us for any historic restoration that we do. This isn't something we have to apply for; it comes automatically with the designation on the Register. Thus, that \$60,000 potential bill for exterior painting would be lowered by a significant amount right from the start! Secondly, we would then have access to both state and federal funds for historic properties. These funds are awarded on as grants on a case-by-case basis, but would fit with several large projects that we have in our future. Obviously, it would be naive of us to think that these options would pay for any and all future works in the church, but they do present a way to address our current realities in a manner that is both creative for our budget and faithful to our stewardship.

It is thus the opinion of council that we should, in this instance, spend money in the here and now so that we can save a considerable amount over the future life of St. John's. Obviously, this is not the easiest decision to make and involves some complex and potentially confusing issues. Therefore, council is inviting everyone to an information session during the fellowship hour on June 25th. In this session, we hope to present more detailed information about the historic register, answer questions, and explain several ways we hope to subsidize the consultancy fee and also future renovation projects at St. John's. It is our hope that you will attend with an open mind, faithful heart, honest questions, and loving soul.

We'll see you on the 25th!



## **Here. We. Grow!**

Starting in the Fall of 2017, St. John's hopes to welcome a new member of staff as our "Director of Family Life Ministries."

**Who - will this person be?** We can't say for sure, but we're going to specifically target an intern drawn from the student body at United Theological Seminary, the University of Dayton, or another area institution with a religious education program.

**What - will this person do?** This will be a "ground-up" position that will be 10hrs per week and be reporting to Rev. Adam and, most likely, Christian Nurture. We envision this person working to build programs that integrate both children and adults into the overall mission and work of St. John's. This might include some type of children's program, it might include some type of support for older adults or caregivers, or it might be something else entirely. We're hoping to lean-into whatever the Holy Spirit throws at us!

**How -will we pay for this?** Both Rev. Adam and Ref. Jeff have given monies from their salaries to see this position created for at least the first two years. As these are monies the church would have spent anyways, this new position IS NOT costing the church any extra money. It is envisioned that this person will bring new persons into the life and work of the church and through their faithful stewardship, this might grow into a larger, more endowed, and longer-term position.

**Why- do we need this?** Both council and Rev. Adam have identified that there are needs -that are integral to the further recovery and growth of St. John's- that cannot be met by our current pastors and current volunteer pool. This is not Rev. Adam or Rev. Jeff cutting back at all, but instead is both they and council "doubling down" on the future of our church by putting another set of boots on the ground.

**What- should you, the people of St. John's be doing?** Firstly, pray, pray, and pray some more! Pray that we find someone who "gels" with St. John's. Pray that we continue to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Pray that those we would seek to minister to might be open to our words and the work of God Almighty. Secondly, welcome! Whomever we find, whatever they do, they'll need our support and our love; things we have in abundance at St. John's!

For now, if you have any questions, please contact Rev. Adam and he'll be glad to speak with you!

I hope you're as excited as the leadership of St. John's is for this new option and opportunity!

A Memorial Contribution was made this month in memory of Phyllis Francis by Diane Peters.

## Flowers & Fellowship

Flowers for the altar in the sanctuary can be purchased each week to help beautify the worship service and then take and enjoy in your home. Sign ups for the flowers are on the corner by the coat rack beside Reverend Adam's office, and priced as follows: one bouquet is \$13.75 and two bouquets are \$27.50. Flowers can be dedicated in memory or in honor of a loved one or event. Checks can be made to the church with indication that they are for flowers. Thank you for participating in this tradition.

6/4 - Provided by the Worship Committee for Pentecost Sunday

6/11 - Still available

6/18 - Still available

6/25 - Provided by Gary Barlow in memory of Mr. & Mrs. A.M. Barlow, and in memory of Dr. Lew Shupe

Fellowship hours are open for sign up as well. Please contact the church office if you can help supply snacks and refreshments for our weekly fellowship hour here at St. John's. A new sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall for your convenience.

6/4 - The Harker Family

6/11 - Still available

6/18 - The Fellowship Committee

6/25 - The Women of St. John's

## **Tower Times Submissions**

Have something you'd like included in the Tower Times? The deadline to have something in July's publication will be Monday, June 19th. Please email your article to [office@stjohnsuccdayton.org](mailto:office@stjohnsuccdayton.org) or drop off a hard copy to Chere in the office. Thank you!

# Celebrate

## Birthdays

6 - Andrea Harker

6 - Harold Weller

7 - Brandon Sturgill

9 - Tony Morrissey

12 - Charles Rembold

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

# June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10:30 Worship Service 2p Dragon's Parking	29 6p Dragon's Parking	30 6p Dragon's Parking	31 8:30 Breakfast Club 6p Dragon's Parking	Jun 1 6p Dragon's Parking	2 6p Dragon's Parking	3 Dayton Pride 6p Dragon's Parking
4 Dayton Pride 10:30 Worship Service 1p Dragon's Parking	5	6	7 8:30 Breakfast Club	8	9	10
11 9 Budget & Finance Meeting 10:30 Worship Service 1p Jazz Fest Parking	12	13 6p Dragon's Parking 6:30p Council Meeting	14 8:30 Breakfast Club 6p Dragon's Parking	15 6p Dragon's Parking	16	17
18 10:30 Worship Service	19	20 6:30p Christian Nurture Mee	21 8:30 Breakfast Club 6:30p Worship Committee M	22 6p Dragon's Parking	23 6p Dragon's Parking	24 10:30 HTWHTG 6p Dragon's Parking
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