

Tower Times

St. John's United Church of Christ

515 East Third Street

Dayton, OH 45402

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Phew. What an Easter Season we've been having thus far! For many churches, the time spent after Easter morning is something of a dull period, where rest and recovery happen for the pastor and quietness happens for the parishioners. If you chuckled while reading that, trust me, I understand. If anything, St. John's has been busier than ever in the month since Easter morn!

We've transitioned our Dragons' parking operation to our partners at ABM, we've had to hold church in the fellowship hall due to a pesky fuse, we've partnered with our neighbors to help clean trash from our Webster Station neighborhood, we've supported our local public broadcast station, we've been recognized for our on-going work with Trinity Community (thank you WOSJ!), we've applied for and been granted monies from SONKA for our Percy Jones Sacred Choral Leadership fund, and we've started two new ministry groups that have started with great success.

In some ways, all of this activity reflects our Sunday morning worship times in the Easter Season. During this Eastertide, we've been examining what we need to do to experience new life as Christ did and to live-into the life God calls us to. Far from just celebrating the new life of salvation on Easter morning, we've been pursuing it as a long-term transformation that requires us to take some amazing, wonderful, but also very scary steps as people of faith. Yet, while we encounter difficulty in this journey, there can be no doubt that the journey is a worthwhile one and one which yields amazing benefit for all involved.

As we continue to step into the new life that is offered in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus, I hope you will continue to join me in the good, the bad, and everything in between. May we all know the freedom and joy of new life when we reach Pentecost morning on May 20th!



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Vice President's Report:



PARKING LOT MINISTRY – Oh, what we will do to help St. John's!

Pictured are Ethel Burns & myself. Along with others, we wanted to make sure the community knew that St. John's is still a vital part of the Dragon's Parking Plan.



EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP

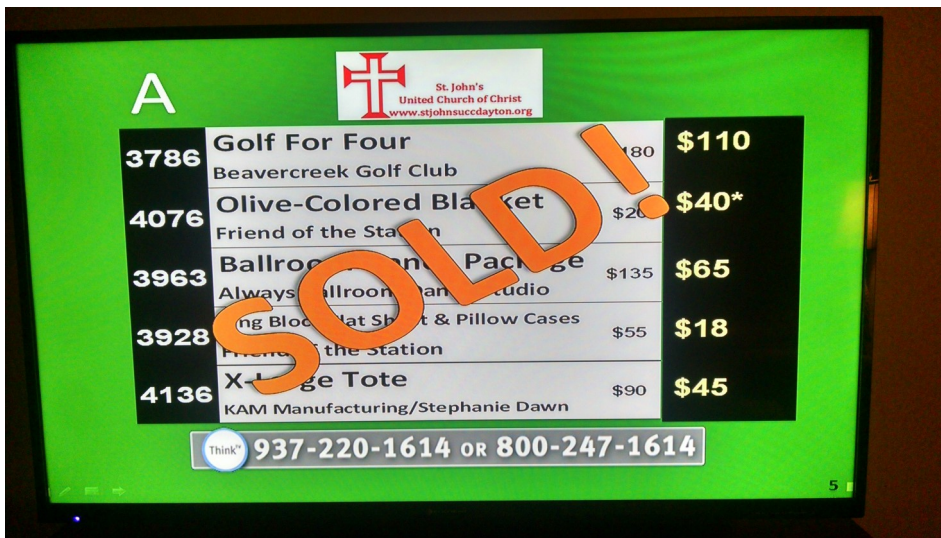
We almost doubled the number of volunteers & tripled the number of partners.

Our volunteers, Square One, & Lorenz worked to make our neighborhood look nicer.

Thank you to all!

THINK TV / WDPR / WYSO – Thank you!!

We were able to help public radio & TV stations & provide publicity for St. John's



“ONE CALL NOW” – are you on the St. John's list?

Periodically, we use this service to make church announcements.

If you are not on the list, please let Rev. Adam or me know.

“Somebody Should Do Something”!

On Sunday, April 8, the boiler was not working properly & the sanctuary was cold.

Thank you to ALL the “**Somebodies**” who made the Fellowship Hall Service such a success!

They are too modest to say anything, so here is how the Sunday went.

Before 6:30 AM on Sunday morning:

Steve Boggs was on the phone with both **Rev. Adam & Ed Humphrys**

Steve notified **Brian Dunkle**. Brian, with tools in tow, examined the situation.

Steve set up space heaters in the fellowship hall, arranged tables/chairs for the congregation & choir.

He took care of all the other necessary elements.

Rev. Adam made sure the altar & audio visuals were ready.

Jeff Campbell assembled the choir.

Steve Boggs took care of the hymnals. **Andrea Harker** was there to help.

Wilfred van Breukelen went to the hardware store to see if he could get the fuse, to no avail.

We even celebrated Mrs. White's 90th Birthday!

Solution: Brian did his "Boiler Magic," & St. John's was up & running early in the week. If you see "**Somebody**," please let them know you appreciate what they do on our behalf.

There are lots of "**Somebody's**" at St. John's. They include our **Staff, Budget & Finance, Building & Property, Christian Nurture & Worship & all the others** who make St. John's such an important part of our lives..

PECHA KUCHA – Wednesday, May 9 – 7:30 – Downtown Dayton Public Library

Respectfully, Chris van Breukelen



The Budget & Finance Committee met Sunday April 8, 2018. Present at the meeting were: Patty Staley-Chair, Doug Goudy-Vice Chair, Nick Schumacher-Secretary, Jeff Gerrior-Treasurer, Ron Duckson and Reverend Wirrig. Debbie Watts was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order by Patty Staley, Chair.

The minutes from the February and March 2018 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Jeff Gerrior reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2018 noting that Offerings are up over 2017 for the month in the amount of \$1,695 and year-to-date \$6,088. Expenses were a little high due the gas bill being higher due the weather, the County Water/Sanitation bill, the Security System Annual Inspection fee and cleaning supplies. The deficit is trending lower than budget and if we continue as we have this first quarter year end should be well under budget. Requests from Parking Ministry will be made to bring the RAMM Holding Account and the Organ Fund Account out of a deficit position and \$500 will be requested for the Discretionary Mission Holding Account. The \$25,000 request from the GBU Annuity has been processed and will be reflected in the April report. We received a \$473.52 dividend from Vanguard Wellesley Account. The Martial Arts group has made a donation for their use of space. On the Flowers Account we have received \$363.75 with expenditures of \$825.93 year-to-date reflecting a difference of \$462.18 – it was noted a portion of this could be attributed to Palm Sunday but it was not clear what portion might be from unpaid requests. In Parking Ministry Missions Paid, payment for the Monitors for the Sanctuary and the installation was paid in the amount of \$3,494.04.

In old business, it was noted that the Council Chair is working on appointing a lead person to work on the revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws while all Council Members are submitting recommendations to facilitate the revisions. Parking & Parking Ministry – as has been noted in the Tower Times Dragons Parking will now be handled by ABM. Cards have

been printed introducing ABM as operating the lots with funds still coming into St. John's for our missions. Council Members are volunteering during the first week or two alongside ABM staff to help ease the transition. The search is continuing for a new Administrative Assistant as well as a Director of Family Life Ministries.

In new business, Patty advised the committee that our focus at the next meeting will be updating Stewardship with a targeted presentation date of July rather than the previous September. The goal is to make Stewardship work as the Budgeting Tool it is meant to be and to make so that members are more comfortable responding to the request for information to help with budgeting.

We will also be diligently reviewing grants and other fundraising options. There were two grant sites that Reverend Wirrig has asked this Committee as well as Building and Property to review with respect to building matters. Patty also asked the committee to look for others as well as ADA Compliance and exterior maintenance are priority matters. If we pursue fundraising in any routine manner, it may be necessary to set up a limited liability company under which all the fundraising activities are handled to keep in line with the IRS Code regarding 501(c)(3) church entities. Bingo was suggested, Patty will look into the legal issues as there are some pretty strict regulations regarding Bingo and it would most likely have to fall under the limited liability company umbrella if pursued.

Financial controls were discussed in relation to requirements of the Insurance Board. For persons who are counting offering/funds and making deposits, we are required to have a two person system where no one person is conducting this procedure alone. Currently, Norm Newbauer and Betty Lou handle this on Tuesday mornings. However, should one or the other not be available, it was decided that if the Administrative Assistant is available he/she could fill in as the 2nd. If Administrative Assistant is not available, the next responsible parties would be any of the Members of Council that would be available to come in to assist. We will be reviewing all aspects of our accounting methods to make sure we are meeting the necessary requirements for the Insurance Board and General Accounting Standards and will make recommendations as needed. This is not a new requirement but a safety measure not only for the Church but the members filling these rolls.

Credit Card payment options. Patty is reviewing information received from the bank with respect to options for Online and other credit card payment options. We look to add a credit card payment option to the Website for those that want to give online using a credit card. Members can currently do payments using ACH transfer from their banks. If you need information on how to do that, contact the office or Reverend Wirrig. We are also looking to

possibly add a payment kiosk in the corner outside the office that would also be available for payments. An example would be that a Mission Moment is presented and someone wants to give but doesn't have enough or any cash and would possibly forget to bring back an envelope, that person might be more inclined to support the mission if they could swipe a credit card before leaving that day. Also, as we present ourselves out into the community more and someone wants to know how they can support the church but they don't carry cash or want to make a cash payment in support, they could be given a card that shows the online giving option. There are multiple possibilities that this could be used to increase giving and support of the missions of St. John's.

We, as a Committee, will continue to look at ways we can grow and improve our financial accountability to you the members of St. John's.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

The next meeting of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting will be on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding the information discussed here or 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 Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patty Staley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patty Staley, Chair

Budget & Finance Committee

P.S. Just a quick reminder that ACH Transfer (regular automatic payments or one-time payments) directly from your Checking Account to St. John's is available for making your weekly or special contributions. To find out more, contact Reverend Wirrig or Patty Staley.

Percy Jones Scholars for Sacred Choral Music

Be with us Sunday May 6 to celebrate Stivers student Camryn Snapp on her upcoming graduation later in the month. Fellowship committee has asked any and all graduates to bring their diplomas, from whatever level and year and we'll display them. (Ethel says 'even your dog's from obedience school!') A few old graduation pictures might be fun too. Camryn will attend Belmont University in Nashville, TN this fall to pursue a music career. Camryn and Logan's last Sunday with us is May 20. We're looking forward to Logan's return in September for his third year with our choir.

We usually refer to our 'Stivers Fund' in most articles but we've used the official title in this article. Again, this year, SONKA has given us a \$500 grant to support the program. We are also indebted to our members for contributions to the fund. Thanks to Pat and Doug Goudy for support in April.



WORSHIP REPORT

May 20 the Church will celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Red is the color for celebrations in the church. The sanctuary will be decorated in red

and our red geraniums will add to the festivity. Wear something red that morning. Pastor Adam will confirm 3 young people Dane Harker, Leeann Harker, Brooke Pickett and baptize an infant during the morning's service. A special celebration in fellowship hall will follow. Details coming.

May 20 is also the last Sunday before choir's summer break. Thank you choir members for your support and Jeff and Chris for your leadership this past year. Jeff has put together a music program for the summer which will include our hymn sings, guest musicians and possibly some local choirs.

Ministry and church have changed over the years, as does everything. Pastor Adam's, favorite saying may be, "we'll be doing something different". We have learned to 'do different' in a lot of ways over the almost 3 years he has been with us. Thank you, Adam., for your ministry to St. John's and our community at large.

Pat Kern



RED GERANIUMS AVAILABLE AT \$5 PER 4-1/2" RED FOIL WRAPPED POT FOR DISPLAY ON PENTECOST. ORDER BLANKS TO BE IN SUNDAY BULLETINS. DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS MAY 13. NOTE ON ORDER 'IN MEMORY OF' OR 'IN HONOR OF.'.

GOOD GRIEF Eight persons showed up at Dublin Pub, Saturday April 21 for the first meeting. The group's not a therapy session, but a chance to laugh, love, spend time together, share a meal and remind one another we are not alone in our grieving. Next meeting Saturday May 19 at 4 o'clock. Place to be announced. All interested persons invited.

Pat Kern



Our May mission is Brigid's Path at 3601 S Dixie Dr in Dayton. They provide inpatient care in a home-like setting for newborn babies suffering from prenatal drug exposure. Non-judgmental support for mothers and education services are offered to improve family outcomes. Jane Snyder, Director from Brigid's Path will speak to our congregation Sunday, May 13 regarding this most worthwhile organization. Hope to see you then.

Pat Goudy



Graduation Time is here again!

On Sunday, May 6th, along with the Fellowship Committee will be honoring our Stivers Student Camryn who will be graduating from Stivers' High. Camryn has been an asset to our choir. She will be greatly missed.

In recognition of Camryn's graduation, please bring in your graduation certificate or diploma to display in the Fellowship Hall during the Fellowship Hour on Sunday, May 6th.

There will be NO after service Fellowship Hour on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th.

Ethel Burns

Sunday, May 20th, we will have a celebration Carry In Lunch for our confirmation students. Chicken and cake will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



May Celebrations

Birthdays:

2—John Murray	19—Judy Humphrys
7—Rose Poppaw	22—Linda Cavanaugh
11—Amy Lynn	24—Ed Humphrys
13—David Pepiot	28—Rev. Bob McCann
14—Sharon Dunkle	30—Butch Martin



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.

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 will be in the basement fellowship hall soon for your convenience.

Flowers

- 5/6—Rev. Adam in memory of Doris Wirrig
- 5/13—Kim Kindred in honor of Brenda Kindred
- 5/20—Patty Staley in memory of Edward "Chip" Staley
- 5/27—Ed & Judy Humphries in honor of their friends in uniform

Fellowship Hour

- 5/6—Choir in honor of Camryn's graduation
- 5/13—Mother's Day—No Fellowship
- 5/20—Confirmation Carry In
- 5/27—Still Available

In Loving Memory

Memorial Contributions were made in memory of Tom Norton by Dottie Boedeker

Memorial Contributions were made by Jan Zahn honoring the memories of Patricia Moore, Tim Zwick, Tom Norton, Margie Wirth and Christine Houth.

Memorial Contributions were made in memory of Emma Sherridan by Pat and Frank Caroots.

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	May 1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am Worship Service 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Breakfast Club 5:30pm Martial Arts 			
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