



St. John's on Madeline Island

St. John's United Church of Christ Madeline Island Lighthouse June 2022

Sizzling Summer Celebrations

ALL SUMMER LONG

The Island Closet, Monday, Wednesday, and Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 2 PM.

Local Growers at the Market Cart Canozone, Mondays, 4 - 5:40 pm, June - September. Sale of local produce with some quiet music to entertain shoppers in the parking lot opposite St. John's Church.



JUNE

The Centennial Game Show: 100 Years of Madeline Island History. June 15, 7pm at the Madeline Island Museum. Pit your knowledge of island history against the local experts who've lived it! Our Game Show format will be lively and fun: Marina Lachecki and Linda Mack, two of the co-authors of *St. John's Ministry on Madeline Island: A Century of Island Spirit* will pose the questions--or bring your own! Music provided by Nile and Sarah Norton. And there will be door prizes!



Summer Solstice at Woods Hall. June 19 11am-3pm. Open house and art demonstrations.

JULY

Sherri Lynn Woods Recology Presentation. July 1, 6pm, St. John's Church Sanctuary. Textile and quilt craftsperson will share her experience as an Artist in Residence at Recology San Francisco where she experimented with ways to shift from waste management to resource recovery.

Reimagine Drop-In Workshop, July 2, 10am-5pm, Woods Hall. Hosted by Mary Whittaker, participants are encouraged to find items at the Island Closet to reimagine and remake into useful items.

Independence Day Ice Cream Social, July 4, St. John's Fellowship Hall, 11 am - 2pm.



Beethoven-inspired Art Exhibit at the Clubhouse.

July 16, 7:00pm. In collaboration with Madeline Island Chamber Music, Woods Hall artists will exhibit works inspired by the Beethoven String Quartet No. 7 in F. A Madeline Island Chamber Music Fellowship String Quartet will perform this musical piece at its 2:00pm, Saturday afternoon concert.



Lake Superior Sunday: Blessing of the Lake and BBQ at Joni's Beach. July 17, 10am.

A special worship service where Pastor Rachel Bauman and Rev. Marina Lachecki will lead us in celebrating our relationship with water through scriptural stories, songs, and responsive prayer and meditations. Listen to the stories of water as healing, transformative, and as a threshold moment. Our traditional "Blessing of the Water" will conclude the service on Joni's Beach. We will continue the celebration with a beach BBQ immediately following worship.



AUGUST

St. John's Island Bazaar!!! August 4 & 5, 10am-4pm.

Finding Your Roots: Reclaiming Seasonal Teachings from European Ancestors, Sunday, August 7 - Rev.

Marina Lachecki will lead us in worship in an exploration of our seasonal roots and wisdoms from Celtic, Slavic, medieval and liturgical teachings. The worship service will be in four parts: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter, and use poetry, personal story, and song.



Bon Voyage, Rachel & Joe! August 14, 10am. Join us for our final Sunday service with Rachel at the helm. Afterwards, we will celebrate the past 3 1/2 years and toast the future with a community potluck & BBQ at Joni's Beach beginning at 5pm.

A Look Back into Madeline Island History. Date & time TBA. An historical event at the Madeline Island Historical Preservation Association grounds with stories about the church and community, music by local musicians, and a special treat - recordings from the archives of the Madeline Island Radio Hour!

Want to be involved this summer? Contact Nile Norton npnmusic@msn.com

Pastor's Column

Dear friends,

Last Thursday I accepted a call to serve as the Associate Conference Minister for the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ serving the Southern Region. And so, it is with mixed emotions I share the news that Joe and I will be moving to Madison in mid-August as I begin this new work in early September.



As I reflect on the 3 ½ years I have served as your pastor, I am filled with pride, humility, and gratitude for the meaningful, spirit-filled ministry we have shared. We've celebrated the milestone of St. John's Centennial, weathered the challenges and uncertainty of COVID, built on the strong relationship between the church and Woods Hall, initiated a new ministry of the Island Closet, launched a new website, and strengthened the financial foundation of the entire organization through your generous support of the Second Century Endowment.

We have accompanied each other in our joys and sorrows and encouraged each other to listen for and respond to the Sacred in ourselves and the world. Throughout it all you have continued to be, as you always have been, church for the whole community. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve as your pastor.

St. John's is a remarkable church and exemplary of how a church best serves its community. In my new role as Associate Conference Minister, I will have regional responsibility for the 75 UCC congregations in the southern part of Wisconsin. I will take all that I have learned from you and draw on St. John's as a model for the wider church to be the church for the whole community.

There will be more to say as Church Council and I work toward a "good ending" to our season of shared ministry. Do not worry; Council is already planning for this transition and we have strong and strategic leadership who will ensure positive outcomes for St. John's. And, we will find a time to celebrate and say goodbye even in the midst of the busy summer season. Stay tuned for more details.

For some of us, endings and transitions prompt feelings of anxiety, sadness, grief, even anger. For others, change triggers joy, anticipation, and excitement about "what's next." And for many of us (*I place myself in this*

group), it's a mix of all these emotions. Wherever you are on the emotional landscape, these next few months of transition promise to be a tender and exciting time. Lean into it! As spiritual teachers of all kinds remind us, leaning into discomfort and vulnerability is the healthiest thing we can do in times of stress.

Throughout this transition, I encourage you to continue doing what you have always done: love God, love each other, love the world. I hope that you'll come talk to me about how you are feeling, and that together we can work through these emotions. You may have many questions, and I promise to do my very best to answer all of them as fully and honestly as I am able.

In the meantime, I will treasure the time I have with you to celebrate all that has been, grieve what is ending and bless each other well into the future, trusting that God is always doing more than we could ever imagine to bring us into the fullness of life.

I give thanks to God for each and every one of you.

With so much love, Rachel

Full Moon Circle for Women

June 14th is the Full Strawberry Moon and a Supermoon, when the moon is at its closest points to Earth. In Ojibwe it is Odemiini – giizis.



We will light candles and offer prayers at 7pm. Any questions, email or message Julie at strykerjf@yahoo.com. Thank you, Miigwech

Serenity on the Rock AIAnon Meetings



Serenity on the Rock AIAnon Meetings are on **Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:00 pm** both in person and via Zoom - Meeting ID: 880 1533 6936 Passcode: island.

AIAnon is a mutual support organization for the families and friends of alcoholics. All are welcome.

St. John's Bible Study – In-Person & Zoom

The Bible Study small group decided they were having so much fun they wanted to continue through the summer and dive into what scripture has to say about sin and salvation. Come join us! Friday mornings, 11 am – Noon. We are gathering both in-person (Fellowship Hall) and Zoom! Meeting ID is 865 5496 7054 and the passcode is GoodNews. For more information or to be placed on the bible study email chain, contact Pastor Rachel at pastor@stjohnsmadelineisland.org (Note: we will not meet on June 10 or 24).



Church Bazaar is Back – August 4 & 5

By Dawn Michael

Yes, there will be a Bazaar this summer!!!! Or at least St. John's UCC is very hopeful. And yes, it will look slightly different.

The Island Closet, located at the MRF (Madeline Recycle Facility) will provide space designated specifically for the small housewares, linens, books, and ALL the clothing. Please note that donations of these items will only be accepted at the Island Closet. So those of you who have never taken the opportunity to check out the Island Closet, will now have a perfect opportunity to do so by donating items there before the Bazaar and also shopping there on Bazaar Day.

The silent auction, large household items, sports equipment, furniture, yard equipment, bikes, etc, etc, etc will still be donated before Bazaar Day and found on Bazaar Day at St. John's.



It will still be one of the favorite summer days on the island with homemade bake goods, hamburgers, brats, and ice cream with its so, so, good toppings.

DONATIONS NEEDED: Remember that the Bazaar is your opportunity to give back to this wonderful island by donating your boat, canoe, kayak, or dingy that hasn't seen the light of day lately. Your unused bikes or mopeds might just be looking for a new home. Donate them and more to the Bazaar and get a



tax deduction for sharing (plus make the new owner's day). In the past several years, we have been given boats and several nice vehicles from some

generous folks. The items donated for our Silent Auction have been amazing. We are certainly Blessed!

Start planning what you have to add to this favorite event of the summer. Keep in mind that not only does the Bazaar need items to sell, but also volunteers to help organize and sell it.

As in the past, expect the two tents to go up about 7 days before the Bazaar Day. Items, **other than those donated directly to the Island Closet** can be delivered



directly to its appropriate tent once the tents are erected.

Those interested in volunteering or donating a vehicle or boat, please call or text Dawn Michael at 772-696-1311.

La Pointe Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 13, 2022
La Pointe School. 11 am - 5 pm

Be part of something BIG this summer. Hike in to a blood drive to make a life changing donation for patients across the country.



**THE TIME TO
GIVE BLOOD
IS NOW**

The Red Cross usually sees a dip in donations over summer when school is out and people are taking vacations. Don't forget to make time for a good deed – make an appointment to give blood.

Eligible donors with types O, B negative or A negative blood are encouraged to make a Power Red donation at this blood drive. Power Red donors give a concentrated dose of red blood cells during a single donation, allowing them to maximize their impact. During this type of donation, red blood cells are separated from other blood

components, and the plasma and platelets are safely and comfortably returned to the donor.



Save time with RapidPass®. Complete your pre-donation reading and health history at [RedCrossBlood.org/rapidpass](https://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass).

YOU CAN HELP!

To make an appointment to donate, call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or online at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org).

Volunteers needed. You can help by calling Becky Hogan at 218-310-6092. Thank you.

Rachel Continues Spiritual Guidance Program

Rachel will be away June 20 – July 1 to attend a residency with the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. This is the final



requirement for the Spiritual Guidance Program in which Rachel has been enrolled for the past two years. Please note that Gloria Fennell (715-456-9369) is on call for pastoral emergencies during this time. We welcome Gwen Smith Patterson as our guest preacher on June 12. Cathy Reuter will be our guest preacher on June 26.

Rachel and Joe will be attending the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Conference UCC in Green Lake, WI June 14 -19. Rachel is available by phone, text or email during this time.

Community Engagement

This page offers opportunities to engage with the wider community.

Share Your Ideas on Community Needs

The Apostle Islands Area Community Foundation (serving the needs of Bayfield, LaPointe, and Red Cliff) and the Chequamegon Bay Area Community Foundation (serving the needs of Ashland, Washburn, and Bad River) works to cultivate private giving for the public good.



To better address the needs of the community, the AICB Community Foundation would like YOUR input on how we can better serve the community.

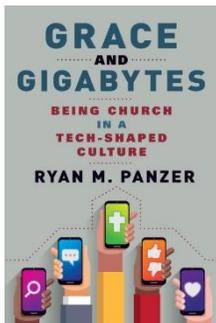
Please take our 10-minute survey at the link below!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8ZJLKR6>

This survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and will play an important part in our strategic planning and grant-making activities. Your responses remain confidential. Thank you for your input!

Explore how Technology is Shaping Churches

Register now to join a virtual book group to discuss “Grace and Gigabytes: Being Church in a Tech-Shaped Culture” by Madison author Ryan Panzer.” Grace and Gigabytes” invites us to explore the opportunities for the church in a culture being shaped by technologies like Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram. The discussion group will be hosted by the Damascus Project.



The group will gather weekly by Zoom at noon on Tuesdays June 14, 21 and 28 and July 12 and 19. On July 26, the group will participate in a live virtual discussion with the author from noon to 1:30 p.m. Cost to participate in the discussion group is \$15. [Register here](#). The book is available at a 30 percent discount at the [Fortress Press](#) website. Use discount code *PANZER30*.

Panzer has spent his career in the worlds of church leadership and technology. He received master or arts from Luther Seminary while simultaneously working for Google. He serves as a learning and leadership development professional in the technology industry, as a speaker and writer on digital technology in the church, and as a lay leader at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Madison. For more, visit ryanpanzer.com.

Fellowship Supporting Healthy Communities

From drastically shifting economies, increasing diversity and aging populations, to the effects of climate change and COVID, rural places in the Upper Midwest need leaders who know the importance of creativity and culture in cultivating human-centered systems for rural community health, economic vitality, and civic engagement. Springboard's Rural Regenerator Fellowship, launched in 2021, supports these leaders through unrestricted funding, and ongoing learning and exchange.



Springboard for the Arts is now accepting applications for the 2022-24 Rural Regenerator Fellowship.

***Applications are due
Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 11:59pm.***

<https://springboardforthearts.org/rural-regenerator-fellowship/>

The Rural Regenerator Fellowship brings together individual artists, makers, and culture bearers, grassroots organizers, community development workers, public sector workers and other rural changemakers who are committed to advancing the role of art, culture and creativity in rural development and community building. Fellows participate in two years of peer learning and exchange, receive ongoing support for their community work through 1:1 coaching and technical assistance, and receive an unrestricted \$10,000 stipend.

St. John's in Communities Coast to Coast

Thanks to our A/V volunteers, who help broadcast the St. John's worship every Sunday! Our worship service is being viewed in communities across the country. Last month, our services had 324 views – many being viewed on the same laptop by multiple people. And, we logged almost 5000 minutes in one month! That's a lot of folks joining us for worship from coast to coast!

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StJohnsUCConMadelinIsland>



See What's New at the Island Closet

By Gwen Smith Patterson, Island Closet Manager

The Island Closet, an outreach project of St. John's UCC on Madeline Island, is open for its second season! Come by and see what's new. ! The Island Closet, serving the community, offers gently used clothing and goods at the MRF (Madeline Recycling Facility.) Please follow the signs and park cars only at the far end of the building to prevent traffic congestion through the MRF.



Island Closet Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Saturdays

9:00 AM - 2 PM

Large Donation Drop Off Times: 9-9:30 and 1:30-2 Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays



The Island Closet is the new "go to" place to pick up gently used clothing and goods in exchange for a monetary donation of your choice. All donations are used to support a paid Manager to keep things clean,

neat, and well organized, as well as for maintenance of the facility. If you have items you wish to donate, please make sure they are clean, in good condition, and/or in good working order.

Items accepted once approved by Island Closet Manager:

Clothing	Pet items	Bedding	CDs & DVDs
Household Items	Linens & Towels	Shoes & Boots	Books & Toys
Yard Decor	Sports Equipment	Tools & Hardware	Gardening Tools

Items not accepted:

Electronics	Gas powered items	Undergarments
Phones	Vinyl records	Mattresses
Sofas	Large items	Used bed pillows

We are not equipped to handle large items! Please save them for the Bazaar in August or post them on the bulletin board at the Island Closet so others can call you.

If you would like to join in on the fun, we are looking for volunteers. Please call or email Gwen at 715-209-6381 or cedarpress2013@gmail.com

AA Meetings – Saturdays at 5:30 pm



AA meets every Saturday at 5:30 pm. All are welcome. Questions? Want to learn more? Need a Zoom link? Contact Larry McFarlane at lmcfarlane@gmail.com or 715-559-7661.

Weekly Prayer Circle



Join our Prayer Circle on Thursdays at 8:00 am. All are invited to this weekly circle of prayer via Zoom (Zoom meeting ID 868 5052 2126; Passcode: 983123)

Prayer Requests

Have a prayer request? It's easy – and confidential. Hover over the Contact page on our website to see the link to PRAYER REQUEST.

<https://stjohnsmadelineisland.org/prayer/>

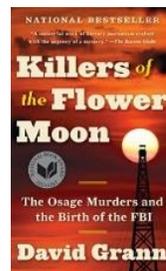


Prayer requests **only** go to Pastor Rachel's private inbox. You may ask Rachel to keep your prayer request private or have a name added to the Prayers of the People.

Racial Justice Study Group

Racial Justice Study Group meets at 7pm Central time on the first Wednesday of every month. Here is our reading list for future months:

June - Anton Treuer, *The Cultural Toolbox: Traditional Ojibwe Living in the Modern World*



July - David Grann, *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*

August and September – Book title to be announced.

October - Winona LaDuke, *To Be a Water Protector: The Rise of the*

Windigo Slayers. The Madeline Island Book Club is also reading this in October, and we hope to do a joint meeting.

November - Louise Erdrich, *The Sentence*

For more information or to be placed on the email chain for this group, contact Robin Roderick at robinrest@aol.com. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86741340213>

WOODS HALL

Gallery & Studios

Gallery Hours and Events:

Wednesdays - Saturdays, 11am – 4pm

Sundays, 11am – 3pm

Also open by appointment.



June 19 – Summer Solstice Celebration Woods Hall Gallery sale and art demonstrations, 11AM – 3PM

July 1 – Sherri Lynn Wood Recology Presentation

July 2 – Reimagine Drop-In

Workshop using items purchased at Island Closet to reimagine into new items, 10am – 5pm

July 16 – Woods Hall and Madeline Island Chamber Music Collaboration, concert and art show

Sherri Lynn Wood Recology Presentation And Reimagine Workshop

Sherri Lynn Wood, an internationally-known textile and quilt artist, will offer a presentation open to the community July 1st at 6 pm at St John's Church Sanctuary where she will share her experience as an Artist in Residence at Recology San Francisco. Recology provides the collection and disposal of municipal solid waste, recycling, and compost with the mission to shift from traditional waste management to



resource recovery. The Artist in Residence program offered Sherri Lynn Wood a unique art and education



experience giving her access to discarded items and studio space. Quoting from a press release:

During her residency, Sherri Lynn Wood has focused on the concept of "making do" as a creative strategy for survival after system

collapse. Wood stresses the potential power in this practice—not merely learning to use what one has to get by, but instead activating a level of creativity that may only be possible when we are freed from unlimited choice. Trusting that the dump pile will provide, and accepting the limitations it sets, Wood has constructed a series of quilts that are connected to this art form's roots in scarcity.

On the day following her presentation (July 2nd), a drop-in, *Reimagine* workshop will be held between 10 am and 5 pm outside of Woods Hall (rain location St. John's Basement) hosted by Mary Whittaker. Prior to the workshop, community members are invited to shop at Island Closet (located at the Materials Recovery Facility grounds) or their own closets to find items that might be destined for the landfill to bring to the workshop. There, they will learn to reimagine and remake them into a new useful item. Things to consider might be jeans, shirts, clothes, linens, napkins, table coverings, sheets, fabric, etc. Basic sewing tools, sewing machines, and irons will be provided at the workshop. No previous sewing experience required – just your creativity!

The community will have an opportunity to display their creations for viewing during an exhibit hosted at St. John's Church during the month of September. Information for participating in the exhibit will be available at the workshop and on social media.

Learn more about Sherri Lynn Wood at www.sherrilynnwood.com. Contact Mary Whittaker for more information or questions. maryswhittaker@gmail.com

This project is supported by a grant from the LaPointe Center, which has received its funding from the people of this community, the Wisconsin Arts Board, and the State of Wisconsin.



Woods Hall Gallery and Studios, a ministry of St. John's UCC, nurtures creativity and community on Madeline Island by providing opportunities for local artists create crafts by in our well-equipped facility, sell crafts in the Woods Hall Gallery and learn hand-craft skills.



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Website: www.woodshall.com



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Worship, 10 am	30 Memorial Day Commemoration MEMORIAL DAY	31 Al Anon, 4-5pm	JUNE 1 Racial Justice Study Group, 7 pm	2 Prayer Circle, 8-9 am	3 Bible Study, 11 am - Noon	4 AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
5 Worship and Communion, 10 am	6	7 Al Anon, 4-5pm	8 Special Council Meeting, 4:30 – 6 pm	9 Prayer Circle, 8-9 am	10	11 AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
12 Worship, 10 am	13	14 Al Anon, 4-5pm Full Moon Circle for Women, 7:00 pm	15 Council Meeting, 4:30 – 6 pm Centennial Game Show, Madeline Island Museum, 7 pm	16 Prayer Circle, 8-9 am	17 Bible Study, 11 am - Noon	18 AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
19 Worship, 10 am Woods Hall Summer Solstice Open House and Art Demonstrations, 11 am – 3 pm FATHERS DAY	20	21 Al Anon, 4-5pm	22 Woods Hall Board Meeting, 4:00 – 5:30 pm	23 Prayer Circle, 8-9 am	24	25 AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
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See online Google calendar for complete event details. <https://stjohnsmadelineisland.org/events/>



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No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

St. John's is a Christ-centered church and a spiritual center that welcomes all.