



Messenger

The Mission of First United Methodist Church, Champaign is:

- *To introduce all persons to Jesus in loving ways*
- *To grow as disciples through Wesley Covenant Groups*
- *To relieve suffering.*

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Perceptions

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:3-6

Philippians is my favorite book of the Bible. I like happy things. I continually come back to this passage in Philippians to use as my prayer for those with whom I serve. It has truly been a blessing to serve in ministry with all of you at First UMC!

For six years, we've been partners in the gospel together. Thank you for helping me grow in leadership. I have learned so much about interacting with parents, loving youth, and the importance of ministry areas working together. Balancing the needs of youth, adults, and parents throughout the ASP mission experience has honed my firm flexibility. Enhancing

worship and beginning Perceptions engaged my creativity and desire to help worship touch all five senses. Leading Bible study and conversations over meals are my high ministry moments as I challenged youth to see God in their day-to-day lives and to wrestle with how to live for Christ.


I'm finding that I'm not good at saying good-bye. I don't want to be sad. I don't want to make you sad. I know that when I leave this place, this shared ministry, relationships will change. Part of me wants change and most of me doesn't. This past year has been really tough. I've been tired and haven't had the desire or energy to continue doing what I have been doing or make changes to the ministry to make it better. I kept praying for energy and wisdom. This Spring, I felt God answer me, letting me know that it was my time to step away and that there would be someone to build on my ministry.

I haven't found the job or place where I will be serving next. I am confident that God is going to use this time of change to mold me, to prepare me for doing more good work in Christ's name. But I don't like going into the unknown. God has given me the desire to walk beside youth and young adults to encourage them in their potential and guide them to seek out a future path that will fulfill their calling in life. God is also challenging me to serve outside the walls of the church. I trust that the good work began in me here at First will continue on as I step forward.

I love you all and will keep you in my prayers. Philippians 1 gives me hope and renews my joy. I trust and pray that God will continue the good work I've done with you and carry it on to completion. God has good things in store for the ministry at First UMC. I am excited for you!

Love & Blessings,

Amy



Come wish our Youth Director a loving Farewell on Sunday, August 1!

Amy Shreve has served our teens and their families lovingly and creatively for six years — teaching and modeling for them who Christ is and His love for them.

Sunday, August 1, will be her last day as our Church's Director of Youth Ministry; come that morning to wish her well and 'God's speed' as she closes her ministry here at First United Methodist Church and moves on, continuing to answer God's call.

During each worship service, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee will offer words of appreciation, Amy will share words of thanks, and we will join together in a prayer of blessing for Amy. During our fellowship hour, a reception will be held, words of appreciation will be shared, and a presentation will be made.

Let's join in sharing our love with Amy on Sunday, August 1!



LADIES!!!!

Would you like to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers?!

If so, ask Rev. Mary B. (mbrady@champaignfumc.org or 356-9078) about a 3-day retreat coming up for women only (Walk to Emmaus) in late October.

**An important Ministry Position is open
at First United Methodist Church, Champaign!**

Kids' Youth Klub (Sunday evening) and Vacation Bible School Coordinator

Position Description

Principal functions: The assisting in the management of an innovative and meaningful United Methodist Christian Sunday evening program for children of three years of age through fifth-grade and overseeing the management of an innovative and meaningful United Methodist Christian Vacation Bible School program for children of two years of age through fifth-grade (normally in conjunction with another Church's VBS's staff).

Major responsibilities: In coordination with the Pastor of Discipleship Ministries, oversee the organizing/planning of the academic, two Sunday evenings a month program for the young children of the Church and the neighborhood, which includes the recruiting and training of a volunteer adult-staff and the managing of the Bible activities, crafts, recreation programs, and dinner meal for each evening celebration. Also, in coordination with the Pastor of Discipleship Ministries, oversee the organizing/planning of the summer five-day (or evening)-long ministry to the children of the Church(es) and the neighborhood, which includes the recruiting and training of a large teen and adult staff and the managing of the Bible Activities, Crafts, Recreation programs, and Snacks for the children, for the week.

Skills/requirements:

- High school degree or equivalent;
- Experience working with children aged 2-12 yr., either as a volunteer or as a paid employee;
- A strong commitment to the Christian faith;
- A strong interest in and an ability to foster creative and exciting program resources and activities;
- An ability to communicate effectively with young children and with parents and volunteers; aiding in the implementation of and helping to monitor the success of the programs; working closely with the volunteer staff in making changes/ improvements in the programs;
- Paying close attention to physical and emotional needs of all individuals participating in the programs and appropriately attend to those needs or report them to the Pastor (e.g., home visitation and/or telephone contact);
- A willingness and an ability to coordinate efforts that are consistent with other ministry activities of Champaign First United Methodist Church.

Work schedule: early August-mid May, average of 10-12 hours a month.

Hourly pay: \$10.50 - \$11.00 an hour, or commensurate with experience.

If you are feeling called to apply for or have questions regarding this position, please call or e-mail Rev. Mary Brady at 356-9078 or mmbrady@champaignfumc.org.

"A New Perception: Rock the Block" Coming Sunday, August 29

Come help celebrate the start to a wonderful and exciting new year at First United Methodist Church on **Sunday, August 29!** On that special Sunday, we will have a single worship service to kick off a new Sunday School year with **Rally Day** and **celebrate the arrival of our new pastor**, Rev. Tom Corum, and his family as we "take it to the street" to **reach out to the community** with music and worship. We're calling it "**A New Perception: Rock the Block.**"

All of the activities that day – Rally Day, worship, music, food, and fun — will take place **on Church Street in front of our building.** The Rally Day celebration will begin at 10 a.m. with **games, a bounce house, and other fun activities** for families! Some of the Rally Day games will happen in West Side Park.

EVERYONE is invited to our **worship service that Sunday, beginning at 11 a.m., on the street.** We'll have **chairs and shade all set up**, but you are **welcome to bring your own lawn chair and umbrella if you wish.** We promise a special experience to welcome Rev. Tom to Champaign and to open our church year.

After worship, our church Fellowship Team will crank up the grill for **lunch**, and we have an **afternoon of music and fun** in store. Our Perceptions Praise Team will be joined by two other great praise bands for a **concert from 12:30 to 3 p.m.** You won't want to miss any of the great music! And we'll have the **bounce house, a dunk tank (get the new pastor wet!) and many other games and activities.** Find out more on our Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=143198229027923>.

Our purpose isn't just fun – **we'll also be showcasing all of the great things we do** at First United Methodist Church as we spread the word to the neighborhood and beyond about the mission of our congregation. There will be **ministry tables** with information about the many vital ministries of FUMC. The whole neighborhood will be invited, so let's be ready to offer **hospitality to the hilt!**

Keep an eye out for more details as the day draws closer, but count on having a great day praising God, welcoming our new pastor (and youth director, we hope), and spreading the word about our wonderful church. We'll see you there!

UMCOR Coffee Project

Effective in July, Equal Exchange/Fair Trade Coffees/Chocolate will be displayed and offered for sale from a table in Friendship Center South on the 1st Sunday of the month. Should anyone need coffee/chocolate between 1st Sundays, contact Larry Johnson at ljo55@yahoo.com with your request.



Percolator grind coffee will continue to be offered each Sunday between services as part of fellowship. Donations will be appreciated. Thank you for your attention.

National/Global Committee

Parking on Church Street

You will notice that the parking meters have been removed from the north side of Church Street between Randolph and State Streets. That area has been returned to a driving lane to offer better ingress and egress to the north/south alley between the Springer Center and the Church. Parking remains available on the south side of Church Street.



"Gravity. One of God's wonders."

United Methodist Women News

Meetings & Events

School of Christian Mission - August 1 - 4 (There is also an intensive weekend session, July 30 - August 1.) This year's theme will be Faith-Hope-Love in Action, with studies on John's Letters, the Sudan, and Mission in the Age of Global Christianity. All sessions will be held at the Northfield Inn & Suites in Springfield. Contact Carol Bond for registration information.



Looking Ahead

UMW Executive Board Meeting - Wednesday, September 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

UMW General Meeting - Wednesday, September 1, at 1:30 p.m. in Friendship Center North. This is a **SCHEDULE CHANGE**. Please make the change to your yearbook.



Announcements



Bazaar in a Jar - November 5 & 6. Please start collecting baskets and items for the gift baskets. Refer to the last issue of the UMW News for a list of basket theme ideas. We also ask that members start making hand-crafted items (dish cloths, pot scrubbers, scarves, etc.) for the bazaar.



What is Stephen Ministry?



Stephen Ministry helps pastors and congregation leaders equip lay persons to provide one-to-one Christian care to people who are experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time.

By equipping God's people for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:12), churches expand their care-giving reach and can bring Christ's love and care to more people in need.

You can play an important role in THIS Congregation's Stephen ministry.

Here is what you can do:

- o **Pray** for God to bring hope and healing to hurting people through FUMC's Stephen Ministry.
- o **Accept care** from a Stephen Minister during your time of need. God doesn't expect you to bear your burdens alone.
- o **Tell** a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is hurting about our Stephen Ministry.
- o If you feel that you are a good listener and a compassionate person, prayerfully **consider becoming** a Stephen Minister through First United Methodist Church.

An Informational Session about Stephen Ministry will be offered at First United Methodist Church in late September; watch for details.

If you would **like information** about this ministry, fill out the form below and drop it in the Church Office or contact Rev. Mary Brady (356-9078, mbrady@champaignfumc.org) or Mary Annin (359-4371):

I would like Stephen Ministry information

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Phone No. _____

Devotion Corner

O God of community,
who calls us to be in relationship
with one another
and who has promised to dwell
wherever two or three are gathered,
hear this prayer:
By your Spirit you have graced each of us with
differing gifts.
To one you have given the speaking of wisdom,
to another, the utterance of knowledge,
to another, faith,
to another, gifts of healing,
to another, the working of miracles,
to another, prophecy,
to another, discernment of spirits,
to another, various kinds of tongues,
and to another, the interpretation of tongues.
(1 Corinthians 12:7-10)

from R. O. Bideaux, *A Book of Personal Prayer*,
p. 122.

“A Neighbor’s Independence Depends on You”

Volunteers are needed for *Faith in Action* of Champaign County. *Faith in Action* is an interfaith volunteer caregiver program sponsored locally by Provena Covenant’s Center for Healthy Aging. Volunteers provide assistance for seniors with long-term health needs. Services provided include transportation to medical appointments and shopping, friendly home visiting, telephone reassurance calls, help with meals, light housekeeping and other chores around the home. Volunteers choose their area of interest with flexibility to fit their schedules. ***Faith in Action* will be expanding services to all of Champaign County in September and is in need of volunteers in the outlying areas**, in addition to Champaign-Urbana. The next volunteer orientation sessions will be: Tuesday, August 17, at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday, August 25, at 10:30 a.m.

All sessions will be held at Provena Covenant’s Center for Healthy Aging. To register or for questions, please call (217) 337-2022.

McCandless 60th Wedding Anniversary

Bob and Louise McCandless will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on August 19, 2010. Cards and letters can be sent to their home at 306 E. Washington Street, Urbana, IL 61801.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers and concerns expressed by the congregation.

Jim & Carole Smith

FREE RIDES! !!



Do you need a ride to Church?

- For Sunday Worship
- For a Ministry Team Meeting
- For a Wesley Covenant Group Gathering
- For a Social Event

Please call Rev. Mary Brady at 356-9078 if you ever have such a need. We want (and need) you here amidst your Christian Community!

To Our Guests and Visitors . . .

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Champaign. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us, and we invite you to visit the Hospitality desk in the Friendship Center, adjacent to the Sanctuary. Or you can visit us on our web site, www.champaignfumc.org, to learn more about the many opportunities for worship, study, fellowship, and service available through the ministries of our congregation.

How do I become a member...?

If you are considering membership in the congregation of First United Methodist Church, you are invited to attend an orientation group: "Let's Get Acquainted." This is an opportunity to learn more about the ministries of the Church.

If you would like to register for the next group, please contact Sharon Johnson, Administrative Assistant to the Senior Pastor, 356-9078, or sjohnson@champaignfumc.org.

Attention: No Parking in Springer Center Parking Lot

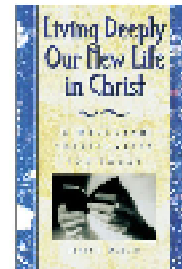
The Springer Center next door to the Church has rented its parking lot on Sundays, so we are no longer welcome to park there. Therefore, it is suggested that we use the Hill Street parking garage, which provides free parking on Sundays and is not that much farther away from the Church.

FUMC is on Facebook!

Become a fan of the Champaign FUMC page. It'll be a great place to stay connected with Church family and view events happening at Church. If you have an event for the entire Church you would like posted on the page, please contact MaryBess Gordon (marybessgordon@gmail.com); she will be happy to get the word out. And as always you can check out the Church's website at <http://www.champaignfumc.org>. See you online!

Looking for a Sunday School Class for part of the summer?!

Here is an opportunity!:



Are we playing in the shallow tide pools of our faith and discipleship, while just beyond roars the majestic ocean of Christian commitment, ready to be explored...? Jerry Mercer, author of ***Living Deeply Our New Life in Christ***, begins his book with this question. Come join this Sunday study if you'd like to explore this question with others in the faith!

Led by Rev. Mary Brady
Aug. 1, 8, 15
In Rm. F, lower level

Food Pantry Donations Needed

Please remember to bring nonperishable items on the first Sunday of each month for distribution to our needy neighbors. *We especially need canned fruit (low sugar), pork & beans, and canned meats.* Do not bring any opened packages as we cannot accept these and have to throw them away. And, of course, monetary donations are welcome for the purchase of perishable items like milk, eggs, and fresh meats. Thank you for your contributions and caring support.



Congregational Life of FUMC

Celebrating a



August 1-15, 2010



- 1 Keith Ford
- 1 Judy Johnson
- 1 Roberta Johnson
- 1 Amy Paul
- 1 Dick Raw lings
- 2 PatAskew
- 2 Rachel Curtis
- 2 Sarah Curtis
- 2 Jack Hayes
- 2 Sylvia Herzog
- 2 Emily Mohr
- 2 Irene Sw ank
- 3 Daw n Beyler
- 3 Frances Hartrick

- 3 Jennifer Zahn
- 4 Lindsay Curtis
- 5 Jon Mitchell
- 5 Jaclyn Patrick
- 5 David Reineke
- 6 Rene Cloyd
- 6 Jack Simpson
- 7 Terry Benson
- 7 Scott Corum
- 7 Anne Johnston
- 8 James Bailey
- 8 Dottie Fanning
- 8 Becki Fields
- 8 Dw ayne Denhart
- 9 James Moluf
- 10 June Crackel
- 10 Alison Dial
- 11 Jean Fisher
- 11 Eric Pecenka
- 11 Mary Taylor
- 12 Pete Beyler
- 12 Lynne Lyman
- 12 Kathryn McCormick
- 13 Emily Fotz ler
- 13 Betty Fryman
- 13 Dominique Luckett
- 13 Elise Tompkins
- 14 Lois Atten
- 14 Thomas Curtis
- 14 James Tucker
- 15 Nathaniel DeThorne
- 15 Vanilda Reyes de Noyes

- 1 Daniel & Deborah Bodony
- 3 Gene & Judy Oldham
- 5 Jeff & Bridgette Thompson
- 9 Robert & Connie Atkins
- 9 David & Melissa Reder
- 10 Jeff & Kristin Geis
- 11 Larry & Gloria Buhrmester
- 12 Richard & Nancy Nash
- 13 Larry & Joni Fredrickson
- 13 Don & Sharon Gerber
- 13 Jim & Marge Moluf
- 13 Scott & Amy Shreve

Hospital Report

Hospitalized in the past two weeks: Diana Elder and Carolyn Schaefer.



GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL?

If you are scheduled by your physician to be hospitalized, please indicate "**Champaign First United Methodist Church**" on your admission form.

Privacy guidelines will not allow hospitals to notify the Church without your permission. If you can, call us before you are admitted, or have a family member or friend let us know.

We don't want to miss you when we visit.

Pastors Tom, Mary, Diana, and Jim

Death

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Neva Summers who passed away on July 19, 2010.

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August 5, 2010
 published on August 11

Articles may be submitted by e-mail to:
bberner@champaignfumc.org

or brought to the Church.

Prayer Requests

If you have a need for prayer, please call the Church Office at 356-9078.



Congregational Life of FUMC

Church Calendar

Thursday, July 29

8:00 Quilters
10:00 Minds in Motion
6:30 Perceptions Rehearsal

Sunday, August 1

8:15 Coffee Fellowship
8:30 ARK Child Care
9:00 Perceptions Worship
10:00 Reception for Amy Shreve
10:00 Study: Living Deeply . . .
Wesleyan Heritage
11:00 Classic Worship

Monday, August 2

Building Closed for Cleaning

Tuesday, August 3

Building Closed for Cleaning

6:30 Entering the Psalms -
Location TBA

Wednesday, August 4

8:00 Venturing Crew

Thursday, August 5

8:00 Quilters
6:30 Perceptions Rehearsal

Sunday, August 8

8:15 Coffee Fellowship
8:30 ARK Child Care
9:00 Perceptions Worship
10:00 Study: Living Deeply . . .
Wesleyan Heritage
11:00 Classic Worship

Monday, August 9

8:00 Quilters
6:45 BSA Troop #1 - Court of
Honor
7:00 Perceptions Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 10

11:00 Staff Meeting
12:00 Promise Keepers
6:30 Entering the Psalms

Wednesday, August 11

8:00 Venturing Crew

Thursday, August 12

8:00 Quilters
6:30 Perceptions Rehearsal

Sunday, August 15

8:15 Coffee Fellowship
8:30 ARK Child Care
9:00 Perceptions Worship
10:00 Study: Living Deeply . . .
Wesleyan Heritage
11:00 Classic Worship

Monday, August 16

8:00 Quilters
5:15 Board of Trustees
6:45 BSA Troop #1

Tuesday, August 17

11:00 Staff Meeting
12:00 Promise Keepers
6:00 Stephen Min. Supervision
Meeting
6:30 Entering the Psalms

Wednesday, August 18

6:00 Venturing Crew

Thursday, August 19

8:00 Quilters
1:00 Care & Share Caregiver
Support Group
6:00 Fellowship Committee
6:30 Perceptions Rehearsal

Sunday, August 22

ASP Sunday
8:15 Coffee Fellowship
8:30 ARK Child Care
9:00 Perceptions Worship
11:00 Classic Worship

Monday, August 23

8:00 Quilters
6:45 BSA Troop #1
7:00 Perceptions Rehearsal

Tuesday, August 24

11:00 Staff Meeting
12:00 Promise Keepers

Wednesday, August 25

6:00 Venturing Crew

Thursday, August 26

8:00 Quilters
6:30 Perceptions Rehearsal
7:00 Local Outreach

Sunday, August 29

Rally Day & Rock the Block

8:15 Coffee Fellowship
8:30 ARK Child Care
10:00 Rally Day Activities
11:00 Worship on the street
12:00 Picnic Lunch
12:30 Concert & Games

Monday, August 30

8:00 Quilters
6:45 BSA Troop #1

Tuesday, August 31

11:00 Staff Meeting
12:00 Promise Keepers

Worship Attendance

Sunday, July 18, 2010

9:00.....98
11:00.....140
Total.....238

Sunday, July 25, 2010

9:00.....96
11:00.....134
Total.....230

Worship

August 1, 2010
10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Perceptions Worship
and
11:00 a.m. Classic Worship

Sermon:
"Possessions and Life"
Scripture:
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

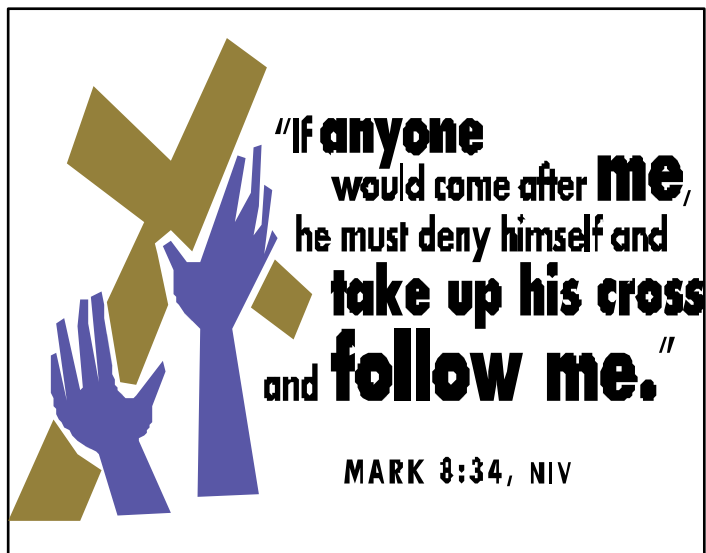
Rev. Tom Corum, preaching

August 8, 2010
11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Perceptions Worship
and
11:00 a.m. Classic Worship

Sermon:
"Haunted By Abraham"
Scripture:
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Rev. Tom Corum, preaching



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Every Sunday morning: 8:15 a.m.-Coffee Fellowship; 9:00 a.m.-Perceptions Worship; 9:55 a.m.-Sunday School for all ages (resumes in the Fall); 11:00 a.m.-Classic Worship. Child care for infants through preschool is available from 8:30-12:15.

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