

*The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to:*

- **CONNECT** people with God and one another
- **GROW** as disciples of Jesus Christ
- **SERVE** others.

## On Not Staying in the Same Place

I am the kind of person who could live in the same place my whole life. I would see the same people, go to the same places, and do the same things. Sure, some variation would be desirable. But I still look with a certain amount of envy on those who are able to put down roots in a single location.

A few weeks ago during my devotional reading, I came across an episode in the Gospel According to Luke where Jesus is approached by a person rich in money and power who wishes to know how to inherit eternal life.

Upon hearing from the man that he has kept the religious law, Jesus instructs him to do one thing, which is to give away everything he owns and follow him. Those who then hear Jesus insist that it is difficult for those who are rich to enter the kingdom of God respond by asking who can be saved, to which he replies, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God." (Luke 18:27) Peter then chimes in (presumably on behalf of all the disciples), "Look, we have left our homes and followed you." (8:28)

Which is the point at which I say, "Yes, that's right. When I answered the call to pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church, I willingly gave up my right to live in the same place for the rest of my life." Which is where a pastor who is getting ready to move to a new

appointment, as many are this time of year, might begin an essay of sorts about saying goodbye. But that will not be me this time.

Instead, I am reminded of how what Jesus says next often speaks to me as one who has spent nearly thirty years willingly moving from place to place. He says, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life." (8:29)

Mark's version (chapter 10) has Jesus spelling out the "very much more" in the same terms as what has been given up. So I am inclined to say that in return for giving up the chance to stay in the same place with the same people doing the same things my entire life, being an ordained United Methodist minister under the bishop's appointment now serving in my seventh ministry location has meant that my family and I have many homes (though not houses), many friends, and a big extended family—far more than we ever would have received had I been able to do what came naturally and remain in the same place.

I am happy to say that Bishop Beard has appointed me to be the directing pastor here at Champaign First for an eighth year beginning July 1. I am honored to serve here and I do willingly

accept the joys and challenges that come along with the assignment. As I pray for the church daily, I hope you will keep me and your church in prayer regularly as well.

This seems like a good time, though we might be a little late in doing so, to thank you for your support of Stephanie in her campaign for Marion County State's Attorney last year, a post that would have taken us away from here, though she did not prevail in the end. Some of you also have been aware that she applied for an open associate judge position here in Champaign County this year but was not chosen this time. She continues in her role as an Assistant Public Defender here in Champaign County, and we are grateful for your support of her as well as for me. It is our desire to live out God's intention for our lives, though we are sometimes tempted to try to manage our lives and our future on our own.

As we begin our eighth year here in Champaign, I am confident that the God who has begun a good work in all of us together will continue to bring it to fulfillment.

Yours in Christ,  
*Rev. Tom Corum*  
Directing Pastor

# First Wednesday Prayer

Wednesday, July 5  
In the Chapel

First United Methodist Church  
Where Connecting, Growing and Serving are a Way of Life  
210 W. Church Street, downtown Champaign

Coming soon to  
a sanctuary near you:  
A Sunday of Favorite Hymns and  
Worship Songs!



As you know, the music folks work all year to prepare music for the worship services. So Barbara Zachow, our Director of Music and Worship, decided it was time to turn the tables! The music folks picked some of their favorite hymns and worship songs and it is time for YOU to help them sing!

Sunday, July 9, will be a Sunday of Favorite Hymns and Worship Songs. The 9:00 Perceptions Service will feature mostly worship songs, and the 11:00 Classic Service will feature mostly hymns. Come and help fill the sanctuary with beautiful music.

## Drivers Needed



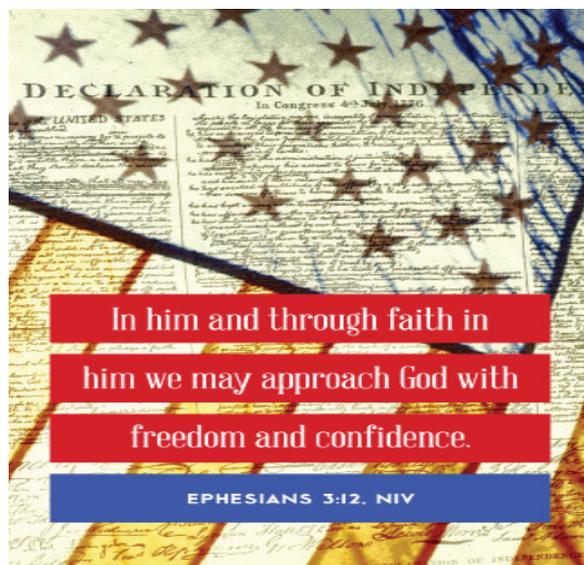
Drivers are  
needed to give  
people rides to  
church services.

Contact Ruth for details.  
ruth@champaignfumc.org

Help church members and friends that don't drive stay connected with our church! Volunteer to provide a ride to and from church on Sundays. Sign up for one or more Sundays per month. Contact Ruth Moore at 356-9078 or email [ruth@champaignfumc.org](mailto:ruth@champaignfumc.org).

"If you want to see what you really value and prioritize in your life, look at how you spend your time."

JON LEONETTI  
Taken from *Mission of the Family*



## Mark Your Calendar

**Brunch with Connie Wieck**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday, August 19**  
**in Friendship Center**



Connie is a Conference missionary serving with Amity Foundation in China.

## 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 website, [www.champaignfumc.org](http://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: "Connecting@First." 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 Directing Pastor, [sjohnson@champaignfumc.org](mailto:sjohnson@champaignfumc.org), or 356-9078.

## Announcements From The Staff-Parish Relations Committee

At this time, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (S-PRC) announces the resignations of two staff members. Ruth Moore has resigned the position of Director of Lay Ministries effective June 30. At her request, Ruth has been on unpaid leave of absence since June 1 in order to care for her mother who is experiencing health difficulties. Pamela Pendleton has resigned the position of BLAST/VBS Coordinator. Both Ruth and Pamela will remain active in the life and ministry of First UMC. We are exceedingly grateful to both of them for their ministry on the FUMC staff. The S-PRC is already moving forward to fill both of these positions. It is with pleasure that we announce the hiring of Mara Boehm as ARK Coordinator and Lauren Barnhart as a member of the ARK Staff. We welcome them to these positions.

Watch for upcoming opportunities to express our appreciation to Ruth and Pamela and to welcome Mara and Lauren to our staff.

## FUMC Part-Time Positions

First United Methodist Church of Champaign, IL, seeks applicants for two part-time positions. The positions could be combined:

**Director of Lay Ministries--** The Director of Lay Ministries will assist newcomers, members, and constituents in identifying, developing, and employing their spiritual gifts and will serve as staff liaison and provide leadership to various ministry teams. Requirements include strong Christian faith, college degree or equivalent work-related experience, and ability to work in a team environment.

**Director of Church and Community Relations--** The Director of Church and Community Relations will assist in telling the story of First United Methodist Church to the community through developing community partnerships and outreach opportunities. S/he will create community outreach ministry plans that support the church's mission and vision. Requirements include strong Christian faith, college degree or equivalent work-related experience, and ability to seek out and partner with other agencies in the community.

Send letter of introduction, resume, and three references to: [sprc@champaignfumc.org](mailto:sprc@champaignfumc.org).

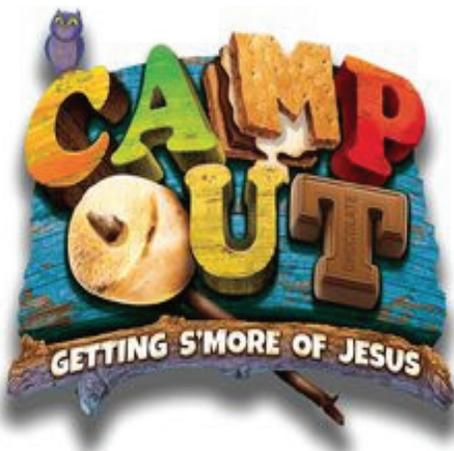
**The Recipients of the  
Clyde Lee & Jane Cecilia Baker  
Endowment Fund Scholarship  
on behalf of  
Professor Jack Sherman Baker**

First United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the recipients of the Clyde Lee and Jane Cecilia Baker Endowment Fund Scholarship on behalf of Professor Jack Sherman Baker. This year, two young adults were awarded with the scholarship: Ryan Berner and Meghan Uppinghouse. Both of them have contributed to the church through their involvement in the music and youth programs, and we are excited to see where this next part of their lives takes them.

**Memorial for Luke Miller**



On Sundays, July 2 and 9, we will be collecting money for a tree and plaque to go in Eisner Park in memory of Luke Miller. We are looking to raise \$450 for this. Please stop by our table in Friendship Center South to donate. Any questions, please contact Shirley Maryan at 359-1895.



**A VBS THANK YOU!!!**

Our theme was Camp Out where kids discovered that Jesus is the light. We had about 15 children (ages 3-5th Grade) participate in the program June 9-10. The awesome decorating crew of volunteers transformed the sanctuary and classrooms into a camping adventure. We sang songs, learned Bible stories, made a camping lantern, ate themed snacks, played games, and learned about serving others. We chose to donate to Cunningham Children's Home and chose the mission project of making 50 stuffed bears with a special message inside, so that the children of Cunningham could feel loved! This year, we had a special program on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. to show parents, grandparents, friends, and the congregation what we learned during VBS. Following the program, we enjoyed hot dogs, s'mores, and fellowship in the church parking lot. Thank you all for your monetary and supply donations! We couldn't have done it without you! After months of planning, everything came together and we couldn't have done it without such a wonderful group of volunteers to make it all happen. Many thanks to the following people who made VBS week great!

<b>Julia Awari</b>	<b>Anthony Pendleton</b>	<b>Cathy Ehler</b>	<b>Teresa Ford</b>
<b>Anna Benson</b>	<b>Elizabeth Boehm</b>	<b>Mara Boehm</b>	<b>Anna Donahoe</b>
<b>Meredith Hecker</b>	<b>Allison Perry</b>	<b>Lizzy Davis</b>	<b>John Donahoe</b>
<b>Frances Donahoe</b>	<b>Katie Keeler</b>	<b>Ashlyn Perry</b>	<b>Evelyn Luckett</b>
<b>Pam Sebby</b>	<b>Stephanie Corum</b>	<b>DJ Luckett</b>	<b>Andie Strauss</b>
<b>Barb Cicone</b>	<b>Kristin Geis</b>	<b>Ronda Moser</b>	<b>Ava Vasey</b>
<b>Madeline Geis</b>	<b>Olivia Geis</b>	<b>Edna Spear</b>	<b>Ryan Vasey</b>
<b>Jason Tompkins</b>	<b>Sophia Uppinghouse</b>	<b>Gary Spear</b>	<b>Pamela Pendleton</b>

## Stock the Food Pantry Early & Often



### Restock the **SHELVES**

First United Methodist Church members are encouraged to bring non-perishable items to the church on the first Sunday of each month to stock our food pantry. These items are used by the volunteers to provide food for the families in need.

*Especially needed are: cereal, pepper, canned tuna, spaghetti sauce, mustard, canned peaches, applesauce, and pork & beans. Of course, monetary donations are always appreciated.*

## 2017 Flower Calendar

Thank you for your generous gift of flowers for our Sunday worship services. If you would like to assist in providing flowers, please sign up on the flower calendar for 2017 on the bulletin board across from the Church Office.

Thank you,  
Teryl Pigott  
217-621-2744  
terylpigott@gmail.com



## Do YOU need a ride to 11:00 Sunday Morning Worship Service?



**We want you here to worship!!** Call 352-6943, and let Al Boehm know of your need. He will be happy to assist you.

## Illinois Great Rivers Conference Disaster Response Mini Academy September 29-30, 2017 East Bay Camp - Hudson, IL



### CLASSES OFFERED:

- ERT (Early Response Team)
- ERT (Recertification)
- CONNECTING NEIGHBORS (Local Church Preparedness)
- SPIRITUAL & EMOTIONAL CARE TEAM (Basic Training)
- VOLUNTEER IN MISSION (Team Leader Training)

### COST:

- FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY:** Includes training, training materials & dinner (NO LODGING)
  - \$30 Connecting Neighbors Training
  - \$30 ERT Recertification Training
- OVERNIGHT:** Includes lodging & breakfast \$50
- SATURDAY ONLY:** Includes training, training materials & lunch
  - \$30 Volunteer in Mission Team Leader Training
  - \$30 Spiritual & Emotional Basic Care Team Training
  - \$30 Early Response Team Training

### REGISTRATION:

Register online at [www.igrc.org/disasterresponse](http://www.igrc.org/disasterresponse)  
Registration deadline: September 20, 2017

COME LEARN HOW **YOU** MAY HELP WHEN A  
DISASTER HAPPENS IN IGRC!

Need more information? Contact: Sara Brown,  
[hashbrown2147@msn.com](mailto:hashbrown2147@msn.com)



As you read this, the youth group will be on our annual Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Mission Trip! I'm here to fill you in on the average ASP week and how everything goes down!

**Saturday** - We arrive at the church at 9:00 a.m. and try to head out by 9:30 a.m. That never happens on time. But eventually, we load up the vehicles and drive to Louisville, Kentucky! We'll stay at Middletown United Methodist Church, which is where David Gerber and his family attend church. We cover the interior of the vans with old bed sheets and cardboard so they won't get dirty. Then we have a devotion, eat some delicious barbeque, and go out for ice cream! When we come back, it's time to hit the hay!

**Sunday** - We wake up early and attend church at Middletown, wearing our ASP shirts. We head out after the service to drive to our center in Barbourville, KY. When we get to the center, we have to perform a skit to introduce ourselves! Then we have meetings, dinner, and a few people get to have an early look at their work sites!

**Monday-Friday** - We get up bright and early, since devotions are before breakfast at 7:15 a.m.! After we eat, we load up our work vans with tools, food, and water and head to our work sites. We'll work until around 4:00 p.m. or so, taking breaks to talk with our families (whose homes we are working on) and eat lunch. When we get back to the center, better race to the showers! Afterwards, we'll do chores, hang out, eat dinner, and have an evening devotion.

Tuesday is Culture Night - the ASP Staff will have someone teach us more about Appalachian culture. We've heard Appalachian folk or gospel bands, storytellers, and learned folk dancing! We'll have to see what it will be this Tuesday! On Thursday, we'll have a picnic with the different families we're serving! Friday night is our last night, so everyone stays up late hanging out. The ONLY thing that is constant every single night? ICE CREAM RUNS!!!

**Saturday** - We get ready to head out. We load up the vans, say goodbye to the staff, and go somewhere in town for breakfast. After that, we'll drive to Middletown United Methodist again to do a last devotion together and have lunch. Then it's smooth sailing all the way home--the kids are typically so tired that they all fall asleep at this point. Then we return to the church and look forward to next summer!

Meredith

[meredith@champaignfumc.org](mailto:meredith@champaignfumc.org)

### Coming Events:

**Wednesday, August 2, 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.- Pool Day at Sholem** - On August 2, we're going swimming at Sholem! Meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. We'll drive over to Sholem to swim! Bring \$5 for admission and proof of residency if you are a Champaign resident (\$7 if you are not). We'll be back at the church at 5:30 p.m.!

**Friday, August 11, 3:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.- Middle School Bible Study and Ice Cream in the Park** - Meet at the church at 3:00 on August 11! We'll drive over to grab ice cream at Custard Cup and then head across the street to Hessel Park for a Bible Study! Afterwards, we'll hang out in the park! Bring a few dollars for ice cream and a Bible!

**Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.- High School Bible Study** - Our high school Bible study meets on Wednesdays at Panera on Kirby from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.! Study the Bible and grab dinner while you get to spend time with friends!

## School Backpacks for empty tomb Kids

It's backpack time again - time to put smiles on the faces of the elementary-school kids of the community who need our help to start school with a backpack filled with all the necessary supplies. These kids will sign up at empty tomb on July 18, and the backpacks will be distributed to them at empty tomb on August 3. It is expected that we at FUMC will supply at least 50 of these filled backpacks. So, now is the time to start shopping.

A list of the needed supplies follows, and there will be a big orange tub at a table in Friendship Center South on July 9, 16, and 23 for your convenience in dropping off your supplies and backpacks. During the week, the tub will be in the Church Resource Room. Of course, if shopping is not your favorite thing to do, we will be happy to accept your monetary donation and do the shopping for you. The filled backpacks will be blessed at both worship services on July 30.

This is a most worthy effort, and, as always, your most generous support is so very much appreciated by the kids, empty tomb, and your Local Outreach Ministry.

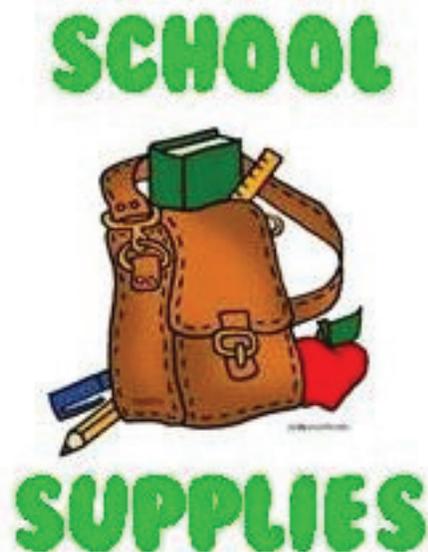
Thank you ever so much for all you do.

Local Outreach Ministry

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### Supply list for Elementary-School Kids:

- Backpack for boy or girl in any color or pattern
- 6 pencils (No. 2)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of washable markers (Crayola)
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of Elmer's Glue (4 ounce)
- 1 pair of scissors (blunt tips)
- 1 - 24-count Crayola crayons
- 1 pencil box
- 5 - 3-prong folders
- 1 box tissue (rectangular)
- 1 pair inexpensive earbuds (can be found at Dollar Tree)
- 1 hand sanitizer (4-8 ounce)
- 4 pink erasers
- 1 ruler (not bendable)



# Congregational Life of FUMC

July 16-31, 2017

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Happy Anniversary**

16 Robert Schmisser  
16 Clement Tshomba  
17 Grace Waibel  
17 Karen Wood  
18 Philip Gates  
18 Ryan Hastings  
19 Sylvia Ronsvalle  
20 Morris Hecker  
21 Marin Mattingly  
21 Will Simmons  
22 LaVerne Cook  
24 Avery Bequette  
24 Caroline Bequette  
24 Mary Clark

24 Sharon Johnson  
24 Ken Kemper  
25 Jess Dowell  
25 Margrete Ekstam  
25 Pamela Rowe  
26 Everett Bargmann  
27 Nancy Phillips  
27 Diane Weible  
28 Faith Middleton  
29 Connie Atkins  
29 Brandy Cicone  
29 Merrill Huffman  
29 Chuck Olson  
29 Scott Shreve  
29 Paula Weldon  
30 Brad Simmons  
31 Bobby Caton

17 John & Mary Ramsbottom  
18 Robert & Verna Coffin  
18 Dick & Ginny Clark  
19 Anthony & Pamela Pendleton  
20 Clark & Joni Roberts  
27 John & Paula Weldon  
29 Jonathan & Kimberly Foltzler  
29 Edwin McCartney & Rita  
Gentry-McCartney  
30 Tom & Betty Fredrickson  
30 Greg & Trudy Walters  
30 Doug & Vanessa Burgett

## Hospital Report

**Hospitalized in the past two weeks:** Betty Alsop, Margrete Ekstam, Jim Moluf, Nellie Johansen, and Jeanne Woolen.



## 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.

Rev. Tom & Rev. Jerry

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## Deaths

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Helene and Bobby Caton and family at the passing of Helene's brother, Dwight Crenshaw, in Lubbock, Texas, on June 13, 2017.



  
**Prayer Requests**

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

## NEXT

**Messenger Deadline,  
July 6, 2017  
published on July 12**

Articles may be submitted by e-mail to:  
bberner@champaignfumc.org  
or brought to the Church.

# Congregational Life of FUMC

## Church Calendar

### Thursday, June 29

8:00 Quilters  
 10:00 Minds in Motion  
 6:30 Perceptions Praise Team

### Sunday, July 2

#### Communion & Food Pantry Sunday

8:15 Coffee Connections  
 8:45 ARK Child Care  
 9:00 Perceptions Worship  
 11:00 Classic Worship

### Monday, July 3

8:00 Quilters

### Tuesday, July 4



**Happy 4th of July!**

**Building Closed**

### Wednesday, July 5

5:00 Wellspring Committee  
 6:30 First Wednesday Prayer  
 6:30 High School Bible Study  
 7:30 Venturing Crew 1

### Thursday, July 6

8:00 Quilters  
 8:30 *Messenger* Deadline  
 6:30 Christian Formation Team  
 6:30 Perceptions Praise Team

### Sunday, July 9

8:15 Coffee Connections  
 8:45 ARK Child Care  
 9:00 Perceptions Worship  
 11:00 Classic Worship

### Monday, July 10

8:00 Quilters

### Tuesday, July 11

11:45 WCG Leadership Team  
 7:00 Boy Scout Troop #1

### Wednesday, July 12

8:30 *Messenger* Deadline  
 12:00 WCG Leadership Team  
 7:30 Venturing Crew 1

### Thursday, July 13

8:00 Quilters  
 10:00 Minds in Motion  
 6:30 Perceptions Praise Team

### Sunday, July 16

#### Native American Ministries Sunday

8:15 Coffee Connections  
 8:45 ARK Child Care  
 9:00 Perceptions Worship  
 11:00 Classic Worship

### Monday, July 17

8:00 Quilters  
 5:15 Board of Trustees

### Tuesday, July 18

10:30 Staff Meeting  
 11:45 WCG Leadership Team  
 7:00 Boy Scout Troop #1

### Wednesday, July 19

7:30 Venturing Crew 1

### Thursday, July 20

8:00 Quilters  
 8:30 *Messenger* Deadline  
 5:00 Fellowship Committee  
 6:30 Perceptions Praise Team

### Saturday, July 22

6:00 Youth Music Ensemble  
 Rehearsal

### Sunday, July 23

#### Youth Music Ensemble in Worship

8:15 Coffee Connections  
 8:45 ARK Child Care  
 9:00 Perceptions Worship  
 11:00 Classic Worship

### Monday, July 24

8:00 Quilters

### Tuesday, July 25

11:45 WCG Leadership Team  
 7:00 Boy Scout Troop #1

### Wednesday, July 26

8:30 *Messenger* Assembly  
 7:30 Venturing Crew 1

### Thursday, July 27

8:00 Quilters  
 10:00 Minds in Motion  
 6:30 Perceptions Praise Team

### Sunday, July 30

#### Backpack Sunday

8:15 Coffee Connections  
 8:45 ARK Child Care  
 9:00 Perceptions Worship  
 11:00 Classic Worship

### Monday, July 31

8:00 Quilters

### Worship Attendance

#### Sunday, June 18, 2017

9:00.....62  
 11:00.....136  
**Total.....198**

#### Sunday, June 25, 2017

9:00.....48  
 11:00.....114  
**Total.....162**

