



First United Methodist Church Champaign

Where connecting, growing, and serving are a way of life



The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to:

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

Messenger

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Dear Friends,

Let's Celebrate God's Goodness!
October 22, 2023 is Consecration Sunday.
PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!
Let's worship together at 10:30 a.m.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for their own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Have you experienced the presence of God and the blessings of God? YES??! Thanks be to God!

Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, **"What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"**

The people of First United Methodist Church love God, care for one another and serve our community. We celebrate all the good work God is doing through us, for us, and for others.

During the service on October 22nd, you will be asked to offer your **2024 Estimate of Giving** cards as part of our worship. **2024 Estimate of Giving** cards are also available online on our website under the "GIVE" tab at champaignfumc.org. After the service, we will have a small Bundt cake for everyone to take home! It's our way of saying thank you for your faithfulness!

The **Estimate of Giving** card is your opportunity to make a prayerful commitment to celebrate the blessings of God in your life and to faithfully follow the teachings of Jesus Christ in caring for others. What do you wish to give back to God through our church's ministry in 2024? **Could you step up in giving 1% or 2% more of your income as you grow toward tithing?**

The opportunities for ministry are many and the needs of our neighbors are great. Let's make 2024 a wonderful year of faith, love and service! Your financial support matters!

Love First!

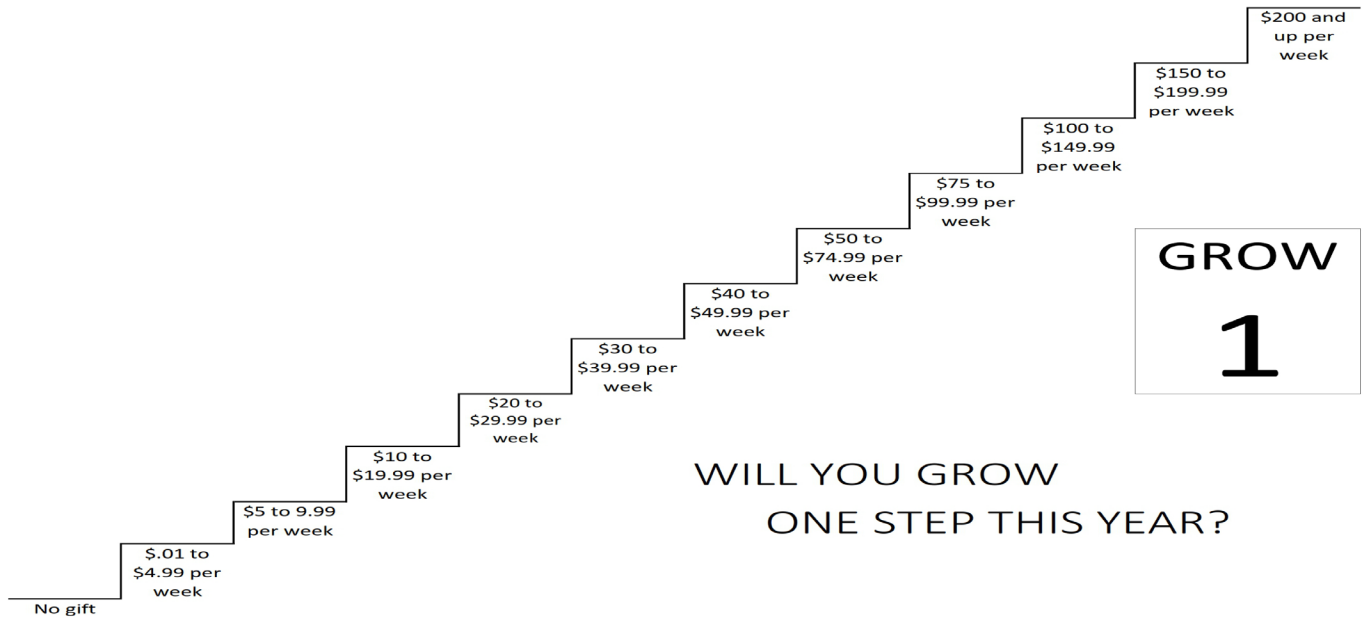
Rev. Julia Melgreen



Champaign First United Methodist Church

Breakdown of our Congregation's Giving Patterns

Find where you are on this chart [your weekly giving]



WILL YOU GROW
ONE STEP THIS YEAR?

Weekly Income Chart

WEEKLY INCOME	BEYOND A TITHE		TITHE	Working Towards a Tithe								
	15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$200	30	24	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
\$300	45	36	30	27	24	21	18	15	12	9	6	3
\$400	60	48	40	36	32	28	24	20	16	12	8	4
\$500	75	60	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5
\$600	90	72	60	54	48	42	36	30	24	18	12	6
\$700	105	84	70	63	56	49	42	35	28	21	14	7
\$800	120	96	80	72	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	8
\$900	135	108	90	81	72	63	54	45	36	27	18	9
\$1,000	150	120	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10
\$2,000	300	240	200	180	160	140	120	100	80	60	40	20
\$3,000	450	360	300	270	240	210	180	150	120	90	60	30
\$4,000	600	480	400	360	320	280	240	200	160	120	80	40

1. Find where You are on the chart (your weekly income / giving).
2. Move one block to the left to determine what GROW ONE % would be for you.

Building Affordable Homes in Kentucky

For the past several years a small but energetic group from FUMC has traveled to Hazard, Kentucky, to help build homes by working with the Housing Development Alliance, Inc. Incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1993, the Housing Development Alliance serves as lender, counselor, developer, and contractor for low-income persons in need of housing assistance. Their mission is to strengthen communities through creating high quality, long lasting, affordable homes.



On Sunday, October 29, another group will travel to Hazard to help build another house (or two if we have enough volunteers). We will work for 3½ days, leaving Hazard mid-afternoon on November 2.

This year, more than ever, HDA needs volunteers. In July 2022 their service area had flash flooding that destroyed 1749 homes and damaged another 4057 homes. HDA is building and repairing homes for the flood victims in addition to their normal home building programs.

This is your personal invitation to get on board. We'd love for you to join us in our joy of serving. John Doll is the contact person. He can be reached at 217-398-3040; text at 217-377-4199; or email at jandkdoll@yahoo.com. Help us raise the walls on another home.

Fun Fall Activities for your Brain and Body!

"Peace and Peanut Brittle!"

Your FUMC Minds in Motion program has some fun activities planned for fall. Each program or outing includes opportunities to build brain health while engaging with others in a fun activity. Socializing itself is positive for the brain. Please consider joining us for some or all of the following:

October 19: Tai Chi and Meditation followed by a discussion with Sara Marsh-Yant, LCSW, MPAC, on ways to decrease anxiety while improving brain health. No charge.

November 2: Visit to the Vault Art Gallery in Tuscola followed by lunch (and peanut brittle) at Flesor's. Transportation available. Cost: Meal only

November 16: Tai Chi, followed by a demonstration and discussion regarding the positive effects of meditation on the brain and body, led by French Fraker, OLLI Instructor. No charge.

Each program will start between 10:00 – 10:30 am. Please call the church at 217-356-9078 to register or for any questions.



GREEN TEAM NOTES: The Styrofoam Dilemma: Part 1!

As many of you know, our only local Styrofoam recycling resource, Dart Corporation, has closed. We are so grateful for the many years that Tim Bachman has been dedicated to recycling our used Styrofoam goods. And, while you may think that Styrofoam is still the least expensive source of disposable goods, the actual costs of Styrofoam may surprise you.

Environmental costs include:

- Polystyrene, the main component of Styrofoam, is slow to degrade and leaches harmful chemicals into the soil and water sources.
- Polystyrene manufacturing requires petroleum (a limited resource) and is a major source of hazardous wastes.
- Polystyrene manufacturing contributes to global warming.

As the chemical styrene is found in Styrofoam, the known costs to health include:

- Center for Disease Control studies have found measurable amounts of styrene in the blood in about 50% of persons tested.
- Styrene has been linked to nervous system disorders including headaches, fatigue, dizziness, confusion, and difficulty concentrating.
- Thyroid problems have been linked to styrene.
- Styrene is listed by the World Health Organization as a potential cause of cancer.

FUMC has had Styrofoam alternatives available for several years. For drink containers, both cold and hot beverage containers are available in the Friendship Center North kitchen. Cold and hot beverage containers, such as those pictured below, are made from corn plastic or sustainably sourced paper, are compostable, or can be recycled if rinsed clean. The hot beverage containers are double lined for safety. Compostable paper plates, bowls, and utensils are also available. These products are available in the Wellness Office.



If you have any questions or would like to have additional non-Styrofoam products, please contact Sharon in the church office or Sandy Burgener at: sandsburgener@gmail.com. Other Green Team members include Terry Benson and Karen Wood, along with Cindy Shepherd, our Faith in Place Resource Person.



Restock the SHELVES

Food pantry update: FUMC always needs staple food items such as in the list below. This outreach ministry works through a helping coordinator at empty tomb to deliver needed food and healthcare items to folks in our community. There are five church members willingly volunteering to make deliveries to those in need--at least one delivery a week. Our pantry provides the non-perishable items and fresh food is added as they shop at a local store. Monetary donations are always welcome. Bring your bag of groceries to church on Sundays or drop them off in the Resource Room during the week. Thank you so much for thinking of others in this community in need of healthy staple foods.

Love 1st!

Especially needed are: vegetable soup, canned beets, French-style green beans, and tuna.



October 17 - Sam's Cafe
October 24 - Jupiter's Pizzeria
October 31 - Watson's Shack & Rail

We meet at 11:30 on Tuesday mornings at the church. The program is led by Debbie Chew, a professional with experience in exercise, and includes a group stretching and warm up time, structured walk adapted for varying levels of ability, and a group lunch. This program is offered free of charge, with the lunch costs being \$10.00. We walk from the church at 12:20 to the restaurant. Please contact the church at 217-356-9078 for information or to register for the walking program.

Trunk or Treat



Join us on Sunday, October 29, from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm for Trunk or Treat! We'll have decorated trunks to go around to for candy and we'll also have hot dogs in the parking lot! If you would like to have a trunk and pass out candy OR you would like to help in another way, please contact Meredith at meredith@champaignfumc.org!

If you would like to donate candy for the Youth Group to hand out, please bring it in to the church by October 23! Thank you!



United
Women
in Faith

Sarah Circle will meet on Monday, October 16, at 6:00 pm at Terry Benson's home. Laura Curtis will provide the program. Sarah Circle will not meet in November.

UWF Executive Board will meet on Wednesday, November 1, at 9:30 am in the Conference Room.

Dorcas Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 8, at 2:00 pm in Friendship Center North. Carolyn Schaefer and Bonnie Whiteside will host the meeting.

Youth Events

Fall is in full swing! When I am on my daily morning walks, I see pumpkins, leaves, Halloween decorations, and even TWO different 12 feet tall skeletons (I've actually seen a third around town as well). As I'm sure many of you are well aware, I am more of a summer person, so I can be a little sad when that time of the year ends. However, what helps me enjoy a new season is all the traditions it brings. So, I'm going to list my fall bucket list, but I need your help - please let me know what I am missing so that I can embrace the season!

- Carving a pumpkin
- Apple picking at Curtis Orchard
- Watching *Halloweentown*
- Decorating my house for Halloween
- Going to a Haunted House (which I'll be doing with the Youth Group!)
- Making spooky treats
- Going to a Halloween party
- Drinking apple cider
- Eating pumpkin pie
- Attending Trunk or Treat
- Passing out candy on Halloween
- Watching Halloween episodes of some of my favorite shows (*The Office* and *Bob's Burgers*)
- And yes...watching Hallmark Christmas movies, which begin on October 20th!

Let me know what I missed from your fall bucket list!

Meredith
meredith@champaignfumc.org



Coming Events:

Friday, October 27, 6:00 pm- 10:00 pm - Haunted House and Hot Chocolate - Meet at the church for a Haunted House and Hot Cocoa! We'll be heading to the haunted house in Downs, IL, and then grab hot chocolate (and donuts) at Krispy Kreme before heading back to Champaign. Cost is \$4. We'll be back in the church parking lot by 10 pm. Please RSVP so I purchase enough spots for us!

Sunday, October 29, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm - Trunk or Treat and Halloween Party - We will be helping out with Trunk or Treat and eating hot dogs! Afterwards, we'll head down to a Halloween movie night in the Youth Room complete with snacks!

Sundays, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm - Youth Group - Our middle school and high school youth meet every Sunday evening at the church! Come join us for an evening of activities, fellowship, and fun! We meet in the youth room and dinner is provided.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The United Women in Faith Sunday Markets were a great success. Thanks to all those that made soup, baked goods, and donated silent auction items. We especially are thankful for all of our customers that purchased soup, baked goods, baskets, and auction items. We will be making our budgeted Pledge to Mission thanks to your support.



UWF will again be participating in our FUMC Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29. If you would like to contribute candy treats for our UWF Trunk, please give your donation to Sharon Johnson. We are also needing a few volunteers to distribute the treats. Please let Karen Wood know if you are available. Thanks for all you do for UWF at FUMC!

Need a Ride to Church on Sunday?

The Wellspring Health and Wellness Committee is grateful to Gwen Uppinghouse for accepting the position of van driver. The van will be available for pick up for the 10:30 service two Sundays per month initially. Other transportation services may be available on Sundays when the van is not scheduled.

To schedule a ride, please call Sharon at the church office no later than 2:00 pm on the Friday afternoon before the Sunday when a ride is desired. Sharon can be reached at: (217) 356-9078.

Charge Conference

Charge Conference date is November 5, 2023, at 4:30 pm at Faith United Methodist Church. Please save this date!

Flower Calendar

Floral arrangements for worship services are a simple way to remind us of the beauty of nature that God has created for us and to honor or memorialize a loved one. To celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or any special occasion, please sign up on the calendar located on the bulletin board across from the church office. Prior to the worship service for which you sign up, you will receive a phone call asking for your preference of fresh or silk flowers. Meanwhile, if you have questions, please contact Teryl Pigott at 217-621-2744.



Visit our website
(www.champaignfumc.org) and fill out
a prayer request form or call the church
office at 217-356-9078 and
leave a message.

Congregational Life of FUMC

November 1-15, 2023



- 1 Ian Burgener
- 2 Bob Rowe
- 3 Isabel Charter
- 3 Linda Fozler
- 4 Mark Rayburn
- 6 Clare Copeland
- 6 Joseph Hecker
- 7 Lori Palmer
- 8 Charlotte Patterson

- 9 Barb Cicone
- 9 Kimberly Fozler
- 9 Camille MacRae
- 10 Anthony Cicone
- 10 Ethan Walker
- 11 Stephen Wattnem
- 11 Toby Woods
- 12 Dick Clark
- 13 Coady Murphy
- 15 Fallon Floyd



- 2 Charles Heimbach & Angela Brown
- 11 Frank & Julia Melgreen

Hospital Report

Hospitalized in the last two weeks: Mary Lou Gannaway, Steve Poole, and Carole Smith.



NEXT Messenger Deadline:
October 26, 2023
published on October 31
Articles may be submitted by
e-mail to:
bberner@champaignfumc.org
or brought to church.

Deaths

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Barb Mitchell and family at the passing of Barb's brother, Bill Mulvey, on October 6, 2023, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL; and to Cyndy & Larry Skeels and family at the recent passing of Cyndy's mother, Diane Barnes.



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 the church office before you are admitted, or have a family member or friend let us know.

I don't want to miss you when I make hospital calls.

Please check out the signup board in Friendship Center and find a date you can be a GREETER/COFFEE TIME VOLUNTEER. Lots of dates needed!!!



COFFEE
fellowship

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>15 VAN Reserved for Sunday morning 9:30am ARK Nursery 10:00am Church Service Check Ins 10:00am Scouts BSA Troop #1 Popcorn Sale 10:30am In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service On Facebook, YouTube, Website 4:00pm Angel Choir 5:00pm Youth Music 6:00pm Youth Group</p>	<p>16 6:00pm Sarah Circle 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop 1 7:00pm Choral Union 7:00pm Young Adults WCG</p>	<p>17 9:00am Tuesday Morning Book Club 10:30am Program Staff Meeting 11:30am Walking Talking Lunch Bunch 5:30pm Board of Trustees 5:30pm DREAM Basketball 5:30pm DREAM STEAM Lab 6:00pm Chancel Ringers 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 11 Den Meetings 7:15pm Finance Committee</p>	<p>18 1:00pm Larson WCG 1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group 6:00pm GriefShare Support Group 6:30pm Beyler WCG 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Venturing Crew 1</p>	<p>19 10:00am Minds in Motion 1:00pm UWF Meeting 5:30pm DREAM Basketball 6:00pm Wrapped in His Love 6:30pm Perceptions Praise Team 7:00pm Clarinet Group</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00am DREAM Basketball</p>
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<p>29 Family Fun Sunday 9:30am ARK Nursery 10:00am Church Service Check Ins 10:30am In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service On Facebook, YouTube, Website 4:00pm Van Reserved for Youth Group 5:00pm Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>30 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop 1 7:00pm Choral Union 7:00pm Young Adults WCG</p>	<p>31 9:00am Tuesday Morning Book Club 10:30am Program Staff Meeting 11:30am Walking Talking Lunch Bunch 5:30pm DREAM Basketball 5:30pm DREAM STEAM Lab 6:00pm Chancel Ringers 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 11 Den Meetings</p>	<p>1 9:30am United Women in Faith Executive Board 1:00pm Larson WCG 1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group 5:00pm Wellspring Committee 6:00pm GriefShare Support Group 6:30pm Beyler WCG 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Venturing Crew 1</p>	<p>2 10:00am Minds in Motion 5:30pm DREAM Basketball 6:00pm Wrapped in His Love 6:30pm Perceptions Praise Team 7:00pm Clarinet Group</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:00am DREAM Basketball</p>

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