



# 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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*The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of the Lord endures forever. Isaiah 40:8*

What's "cool?"

You know it when you feel it. Kids have it. Adults don't want to lose it.

Angel Choir will be presenting Buryl Red's *It's Cool in the Furnace* on Sunday, April 30, during the 10:30 am worship service. The story from Chapter 3 of the Book of Daniel will be told by THE ALPS (Alex, Lea, and Plamedi) and the FAB 5 (Blessing, Melody, Oliver, Phoenix, and Sara). Mr. Braulio Muro and Ms. Ellie Pierzina will be assisting.

Even though *It's Cool in the Furnace* holds the record for the "longest running" children's musical (it celebrates its 50th anniversary this year!), the Book of Daniel is much older. The lessons of strength and faith, right and wrong, and bravery and commitment are eternal.

It pays to remember what you learned at home.

Don't lose your head no matter what comes.

Know when to say no.

Know when to say yes.

God is with us.

Praise the Lord your God.

Come to worship on April 30 as Angel Choir reasserts the promise of God's word.

Barbara Zachow

Director of Music and Worship



ALSO – Don't forget to save these dates.

- Sunday, May 7 – Major Music Sunday – 10:30 am – *Awake My Soul, and Sing!*  
Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, Youth Music, Perceptions Praise Team, Orchestra
- Monday, May 8 – 7:00 pm – Choral Union Concert  
Featuring Howard Goodall's *Eternal Light: A Requiem*

## Clothing for Danville Correctional Center's Newly Released Offenders



During the month of April, we again have the opportunity to participate in a program of the Danville Correctional Center to provide good used men's clothing for at least half of those 500 offenders who are released each year with few assets to their name (only prison clothing). Offenders about to be released can select clothing which can give them a sense of self-worth as they step back out into the world.

A labeled box is provided in the Resource Room for donations of all sizes of men's clothing. Especially needed are men's jeans, pants, shirts, shoes, and jackets. Please do not include any belts, ties, suspenders, or hangers. We ask that you make your donations between April 1-30, 2023. The church office will be open from 10 am to 3:00 pm weekdays for you to drop off your items, or you can bring them on Sunday morning.

We will be joining other churches in our area in this program. Please remember the deadline for this spring collection is April 30. We would like to thank Bob Clark from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for picking up and transporting our donated clothing to Danville.

Thank you for your help.

Larson Wesley Covenant Group

## Awake My Soul and Sing

MAY 7, 2023

10:30 AM

MAJOR MUSIC SUNDAY

CHANCEL CHOIR, CHANCEL RINGERS

PERCEPTIONS PRAISE TEAM, YOUTH MUSIC

ORCHESTRA

## Choral Union Spring Concert

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

7:00 PM

First UMC, Champaign - 210 W Church Street

Featuring Howard Goodall's *Eternal Light*

Meghan Raney, Soprano

Salvatore Castronovo, Baritone

Cathryn Case, Harp

Daniel King Crede, Organ

Sunny Choo, Piano

Barbara Zachow, Conducting

Free Admission Donations Appreciated

## DREAAAM BASKETBALL IS TRAVELING

And they need our help!

Snacks such as cases of Gatorade, Trail Mix  
and Granola Bars are Appreciated!



# DREAAAM



## Driven to Reach Excellence and Academic Achievement for Males

### Native American Ministries Sunday April 23, 2023

On April 23, you will have the opportunity to donate to a Churchwide Special Sunday. Your generous gift provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians, strengthens and develops Native American ministries and communities, both urban and rural, and supports Native American outreach at the annual conference level. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the General Board of Global Ministries.

Envelopes will be available in the Sanctuary, Narthex, and Friendship Center. You can also mail your check payable to FUMC to 210 W Church St, Champaign, IL 61820 with "Native American Ministries Sunday" written in the memo line, or go online to [www.champaignfumc.org](http://www.champaignfumc.org) and click on GIVE. Be sure to designate your gift for Native American Ministries Sunday.

Thank you!

**YOUR GIVING  
MATTERS!**

### 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.

### 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.

## What's New at FUMC!

### 'Walk, Talk, and Let's Eat'! Building Reserve and Health: A Walking and Lunch Program

FUMC has been blessed with funding from the United Methodist Foundation to start a weekly exercise, fitness, and nutrition program for adults in our congregation and community. We are happy to announce that Debbie Chew will lead the program. Debbie has many years of experience in directing physical rehabilitation programs.

Each session will consist of gentle warm up exercises, walking, and a time for a shared lunch. The walking will be adapted for varying levels of speed and endurance. No fee is required to participate. The costs per person for lunch will vary, depending on the location and food service. Funding may be available for those who would benefit from assistance with food costs.

Please join us in Friendship Center on:

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m. (walking followed by lunch around 12:30 at the church)

Walkers and volunteers to assist with the program are welcome!! Please contact the church office for any questions or further details.



United  
Women  
in Faith

**UWF Executive Board** will meet on Wednesday, May 3, at 9:30 am in the Conference Room.

**Dorcas Circle** will meet on Wednesday, May 10, at 2:00 pm in Friendship Center North.

**Sarah Circle** will not meet in May.

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## New FUMC Property

On April 25, 2023, at 7:00 pm a special Charge Conference meeting is being called for the approval of purchasing the building and land just east of the church's parking lot at 203 W Hill St., Champaign, otherwise known as the old AMVETS building.



Anyone interested in having a visit from Rev. Julia on a Tuesday afternoon should contact Sharon Johnson at 217-356-9078.



## Prayer Warriors

If you feel the call to pray for members of our church family as well as other folks who need prayers, please let Sharon Johnson know at [sjohnson@champaignfumc.org](mailto:sjohnson@champaignfumc.org).

Prayer requests are sent to our prayer warriors by email usually once a week, although there are times when circumstances require more frequent contacts. If you have any questions about this ministry, or if you have signed up but have not been receiving the prayer chain the last couple of weeks, please give Sharon a call at 217-356-9078.

**Appalachia Service Project Fundraiser at El Toro on May 1**



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## Youth News

**FUMC Graduates:** Are you graduating from High School, Technical School, College, or another school this year? We are accepting information about all of our graduating students so that we can feature them in an upcoming issue of the *Messenger!* They will also be honored on Graduate Recognition Sunday!

Email [meredith@champaignfumc.org](mailto:meredith@champaignfumc.org) by May 9 with the following info:

1. Name
2. School you are graduating from
3. Future work or education plans (i.e. future school and major)
4. If graduating college, what degree you received and what you majored in
5. A picture of yourself.

Meredith



### Coming Youth Events:

#### Friday, April 28 - Baker Scholarship Applications Due

**Monday, May 1 - Appalachia Service Project Fundraiser at El Toro** - Want to support the Youth Group's trip to Appalachia AND have some delicious food? Head over to the El Toro on Springfield Ave. with our flyer and do both! 20% of the cost of your meal will go straight towards helping us get to Kentucky this year to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier! You must have the flyer with you!

**Sunday, May 7, Noon-4:15 pm - Last Youth Group at Illini Baseball Game!** - Take me out to the ballgame!! We'll meet at the church at noon and take the van to the Illini baseball game!! The game is free, but bring money if you would like any concessions. We will try to be back around 4:15 pm!

#### Monday, May 15 - ASP Full Payment Due

**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.



FUMC has a fantastic Tech Team that is the hands and feet behind the scenes for worship services. The team operates sound and video for the worship service on Sunday mornings.

We would like to expand our Tech Team, so if you are computer savvy or willing to learn, email Barbara Zachow ([bzachow@comcast.net](mailto:bzachow@comcast.net)) for more information.



## Scholarship Fund

FUMC has a scholarship for our youth (and previous youth) who are advancing their education! If you are interested, all the information can be found below!

First United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the Clyde Lee and Jane Cecilia Baker Endowment Fund Scholarship on behalf of Professor Jack Sherman Baker. This scholarship is available to current and previous youth who have been active in the youth and/or music ministries of FUMC. It is available for advanced education, including community/junior college, 4-year college/ university, or accredited trade school.

Applications can be obtained by contacting the church office and must be turned in for consideration by April 28, 2023.



First United Methodist Church members are encouraged to bring non-perishable items to the church on Sunday morning or during the week (any time between 10:00 am - 3:00 pm) to stock our food pantry. These items are used by volunteers to provide food for families in need. Please call Sue Bachman at 217-359-4390 for information on volunteering.

*Especially needed are: macaroni and cheese, mustard, and toothpaste.*

*Of course, monetary donations are always appreciated.*

## Thank You from Midwest Mission

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Champaign First UMC,

Thank you for your generous donation of the Hygiene Kits to Midwest Mission. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others. Your donation will leave Midwest Mission and be a practical example of God's love in the world to the "least of these." "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

It is due to your generosity and partnership with Midwest Mission that we can touch so many lives for Christ around the world and around the corner. Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!

Yours in Christ,  
Chantel Corrie  
Executive Director



P.S. Please keep Midwest Mission in your prayers as we are praying for you. We pray over each organization and donor before the letter leaves.

# Congregational Life of FUMC

May 1-15, 2023



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|---|------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Jim Smith        | 8  | Grant Henry      |
| 2 | Aidan Moberg     | 9  | Scott Kemper     |
| 2 | Gwen Uppinghouse | 10 | Daniel Bodony    |
| 2 | Marie Till       | 10 | Erwin Hoffman    |
| 3 | Todd Boehm       | 10 | Barbara Mitchell |
| 5 | Olivia Proctor   | 12 | Cindy Hand       |
| 6 | Dale Myers       |    |                  |



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| 5  | John & Kathy Doll   |
| 12 | Luke & Lindsey Wurl |

## Hospital Report

**Hospitalized in the last two weeks:** Mary Lou Gannaway and Carole Smith.



## 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.

8 *Pastor Julia*



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

## 2023 Offering Envelopes

If you would like a supply of offering envelopes for 2023, they are available now in the Church Office and in the Narthex. We have weekly sets (52 envelopes) and monthly sets (12 envelopes). The envelopes are dated but not pre-numbered.



**FUMC will celebrate  
Holy Communion  
during worship on  
May 14.**

**NEXT Messenger Deadline:  
April 27, 2023  
published on May 2**

Articles may be submitted by  
e-mail to:  
[bberner@champaignfumc.org](mailto:bberner@champaignfumc.org)  
or brought to church.



# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>16</b> Jazz Sunday 10:00am Church Service Check Ins 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	<b>17</b> 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 6:00pm Sarah Circle 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 11 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop 1 7:00pm Choral Union	<b>18</b> 7:30am FUMCCC Vision/Hearing Screenings 9:00am Tuesday Morning Book Club 10:30am Program Staff Meeting- CANCELLED 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 1:30pm WCG Bonus Semester 5:30pm Board of Trustees 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 5:30pm DREAAM STEAM Lab 6:00pm Chancel Ringers 7:15pm Finance Committee	<b>19</b> 7:30am FUMCCC Vision/Hearing Screenings 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group 5:00pm GriefShare Support Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Venturing Crew 1	<b>20</b> 10:00am Minds in Motion 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 3:30pm DREAAM STEAM Lab 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 6:30pm Perceptions Praise Team 7:00pm Clarinet Group	<b>21</b> 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program	<b>22</b> 9:00am DREAAM Basketball
<b>23</b> Native American Ministries Sunday 10:00am Church Service Check Ins 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	<b>24</b> 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 11 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop 1 7:00pm Choral Union	<b>25</b> 9:00am Tuesday Morning Book Club 10:30am All Staff Meeting 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 1:30pm WCG Bonus Semester 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 5:30pm DREAAM STEAM Lab 5:30pm Outreach Ministries 6:00pm Chancel Ringers 7:00pm Special Charge Conference 7:15pm Administrative Council	<b>26</b> 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 1:00pm Social Justice Committee 1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group 5:00pm GriefShare Support Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Venturing Crew 1	<b>27</b> 8:30am Messenger Deadline 11:30am Foundation 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 3:30pm DREAAM STEAM Lab 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 6:00pm Wrapped in His Love 6:30pm Perceptions Praise Team- CANCELLED 7:00pm Clarinet Group	<b>28</b> 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program	<b>29</b> 9:00am DREAAM Basketball 3:00pm Angel Choir Musical Dress Rehearsal
<b>30</b> Family Fun Sunday 10:00am Church Service Check Ins 10:30am Angel Choir Musical: "Cool in the Furnace" 10:30am In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service On Facebook, YouTube, Website 5:00pm Youth Music 6:00pm Youth Group	<b>1</b> ASP El Toro Fundraiser 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 6:30pm Scouts BSA Troop 1 7:00pm Choral Union <b>May 2</b> 11:30am Walking 6:00pm Chancel Ringers 7:15pm Worship Ministry Team	<b>2</b> 9:00am Tuesday Morning Book Club 10:30am Program Staff Meeting 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 1:30pm WCG Bonus Semester 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 5:30pm DREAAM STEAM Lab	<b>3</b> 9:30am United Women in Faith Executive Board 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group 5:00pm GriefShare Support Group 5:00pm Wellspring Committee 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Venturing Crew 1	<b>4</b> 10:00am Minds in Motion 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program 3:30pm DREAAM STEAM Lab 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 5:30pm Stephen Ministers 6:30pm Perceptions Praise Team 7:00pm Clarinet Group	<b>5</b> 1:00pm DREAAM Enrichment Program	<b>6</b> 9:00am DREAAM Basketball

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