



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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July 5, 2023

ALL-IN WORSHIP!!

**SEPT
10
2023
WORSHIP**

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Fill the pews
Everyone together
Smiles, Hugs, Happiness
Celebrate First UMC
Put it on your calendar
Momentum
CONNECTED
Don't miss this Sunday!!

LOVE FIRST!

Dearly Beloved!

Please **SAVE THE DATE!**

I am inviting our whole congregation to **PRIORITIZE** being in worship together on **September 10 at 10:30 a.m.**

I know many of you enjoy worshipping online, at home. **BUT COME TO THE CHURCH FOR WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 10.** (You can watch from home in your jammies on September 17!)

I know some of you got out of the habit of weekly worship because of Covid-19. **PLEASE TRY AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 10!**

I am envisioning a Sanctuary full of people who love God, love each other and love this church family. I want us all to see that love up close and **IN PERSON!**

Maybe you need a ride? Call the church office--and **COME TO WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 10!**

I am hopeful about our future, excited about this congregation and eager to feel the power of our people all together in the same place.

So, **SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 10 AT 10:30** in our Sanctuary! Prioritize it, plan it, move heaven and earth to make it happen! I cannot wait to see you!

Love First,
Pastor Julia



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 soon sign up at empty tomb, and the backpacks will be distributed to them at empty tomb on August 8. It is expected that we at FUMC will supply at least 40 of these filled backpacks. So, now is the time to start shopping.

A list of the needed supplies follows, and there will be a receptacle 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 receptacle 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 the worship service on August 6.

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

Thank you so much for all you do.

Outreach Ministry



Supply list Elementary-School Kids (deliver to Resource Room by noon on July 25)

- Backpack for boy or girl in any color or pattern (sizes can vary to accommodate kindergartners through 5th graders)
- 2 spiral **wide-rule** notebooks (no decoration)
- 5 pocket folders (no decoration)
- 6 pencils (No. 2)
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of 24-count crayons (Crayola)
- 1 box of washable markers (Crayola)
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of Elmer's Glue (4 ounce)
- 1 pair of scissors (blunt tips)
- 1 box dry erase markers
- 1 pencil box or bag
- 1 ruler (non-bendable)
- 2 pink erasers
- 1 small box tissues (rectangular)
- 1 hand sanitizer (3-4 ounce)
- 1 package hand wipes
- 1 pair inexpensive earbuds (can be found at Dollar Tree)



DREAM's Shoe Giveaway on August 12

What: DREAM's Back-to-School Shoe Giveaway

When: Saturday, August 12

Where: Douglass Park, during CU Days

DREAM is seeking donations of new shoes to provide quality footwear, as students embark on their school year. You can donate by visiting www.dream.org



**Sunday
JULY 23**

SAVE THE DATE!

7:30 pm

Evening Perceptions

*A time of
Songs and Scripture*

*Led by
Perceptions Praise Team*

*Gather on Church Street sidewalk
or
Bring your lawn chair to circle drive*

DREAM BASKETBALL IS TRAVELING

And they need our help!

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



Driven to Reach Excellence and
Academic Achievement for Males

FUMC children and family events this summer!

- Wednesday, July 26, 5:30 pm- 7:00 pm- Splash

Pad and Dinner at Hessel Park

- Sunday, August 20, 4:00 pm- 5:30 pm- Elevate

Trampoline Park

*All elementary aged and younger children and their families are invited!

Youth News

We have already had our first summer Youth event AND gone on Appalachia Service Project (ASP)! We recently took on an escape room at Champaign-Urbana Adventures in Time and Space. We successfully “saved the world” in under an hour and had a great time doing it! If you have never been to one of their escape rooms, I think all the youth would highly recommend it - think hidden doors swinging open when you put in codes and locks popping open when you solve a puzzle!

ASP was another amazing experience this year! We were in Hazard, KY, and got to meet the homeowners at our two worksites. They were both awesome - connecting with them was easily one of the best parts of the trip for all of us. One group replaced insulation and band joists under the house, while also building a door. The other group put in new flooring and trim in the kitchen and bathroom, while also staining the deck and painting the porch. We all enjoyed spending time together and of course, grabbing ice cream each night!



So far, it's been a great summer and I can't wait for our upcoming activities, like the drive-in and Bible study with ice cream!

Meredith
meredith@champaignfumc.org

Coming Events:

Thursday, July 6 - *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* at the Harvest Moon Drive-In Theater – On July 6, we'll meet at the church and hop into the van to drive to Gibson City to see *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny* at the Harvest Moon Drive-In Theater! Cost is \$5.00. Times depend on when the sun is setting, so stay tuned for the exact time!

Wednesday, August 9, 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm - Bible Study and Ice Cream in the Park – On Wednesday, August 9, meet at the church at 3:30 pm. We'll drive the van to Custard Cup, grab ice cream, and head over to Hessel Park right across the street! Then we'll have a Bible Study in the park! We'll be back at the church by 5:15 pm! Bring a Bible and a few dollars for ice cream!



Deep, deep thanks to Judy Johnson who has led the group of Communion Stewards for over 30 years! She has been responsible for scheduling and coordinating the group of persons who prepare the communion elements each month so that all can participate in the sacrament each month. Judy was a wise sounding board during the changes that were implemented during Covid. Now she has decided to take a step back and focus on other priorities in her life.

THANK YOU, Judy, for your many years of faithful service. May your cup be generously filled with happiness, joy, hope, and love!

Summer Choir Thank You

Thanks to all the dedicated and brave folks who sang with Summer Choir during May and June! You helped to make worship wonderful!

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your request.

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.

Thank You

The family of Iverne Johnson would like to thank everyone for the many cards and expressions of condolences received for Mom's passing. We all appreciate your support and the compassion shown to us during this time. It was a great comfort.

Thank you all so much!
Tina James



Sunday
AUGUST 27

SAVE THE DATE!

7:00 pm

Music in the Courtyard

Featuring:
Carlyle Johnson
Sal Castronovo & Landon Westerfield
Riley Berner & Wesley Uppinghouse

Gospel, Jazz, and More!
Gather on Church Street sidewalk
or
Bring your lawn chair to circle drive

Tune Your Heart

Vote for Favorite Hymns, Psalms, & Songs

July 2 through August 13

Ballot Box in Friendship Center

or

bzachow@comcast.net

Results during September 3 worship

**Do you have a favorite hymn, psalm, or worship song?
Let your voice be heard!**

1. VOTE for your favorite hymns, psalms, and worship songs in Friendship Center between July 2 and August 13. You may vote for one or more in each category.
2. If you prefer, email your votes to Barbara Zachow (bzachow@comcast.net) by August 13.
3. Come to worship on Sunday, September 3, and TUNE YOUR HEART to sing God's praise that morning. The service will incorporate as many of the favorites as is reasonable.



Communion Stewards

If you are interested in helping to prepare communion for worship, contact Barbara Zachow (bzachow@comcast.net). This is not an "every month" commitment. The Communion Stewards share responsibility for preparation and each individual is responsible for a few months each year.



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: canned tuna, canned chicken, canned ham, mayonnaise, cereal, and Jell-o.

Of course, monetary donations are always appreciated.

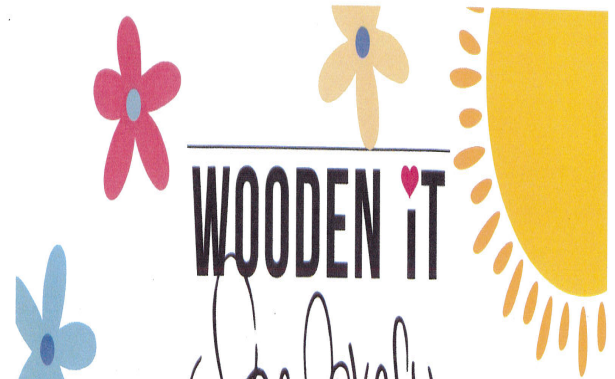
Need a Ride to Church on Sunday?

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.



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Be lovely

SUMMER SALE

FURNITURE SALE ON JULY 22ND

9AM - 1PM

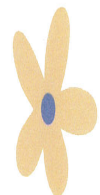
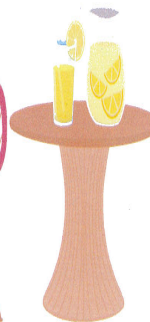
501 S. DOUGLAS AVENUE

HAND PAINTED FURNITURE AND HOME DECOR

ARRIVE EARLY, AS SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED

DISCOUNTED SALE ON LIMITED REMAINING FURNITURE

JULY 23RD, 11:30AM - 2PM



Congregational Life of FUMC

August 1-15, 2023



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|---|--------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Keith Ford | 3 | Dawn Beyler |
| 1 | Judy Johnson (Mrs. Carl) | 3 | Elsie Skaggs |
| 1 | Roberta Johnson | 5 | Jon Mitchell |
| 1 | Amy Paul | 5 | Dave Reineke |
| 1 | Dick Rawlings | 7 | Terry Benson |
| 2 | Pat Askew | 8 | Linda Dimmick |
| 2 | Rachel Curtis | 8 | Marie Djunga |
| 2 | Sarah Curtis | 8 | Becki Fields |
| 2 | Jack Hayes | 8 | Glenna Maxwell-Murphy |
| 2 | Sylvia Herzog | 8 | Frank Melgreen |
| 2 | Irene Swank | 10 | Paul Djunga |
| | | 10 | Marge Starr |
| | | 12 | Pete Beyler |
| | | 12 | Lynne Lyman |
| | | 13 | Emily Tidemann |
| | | 13 | Elise Tompkins |
| | | 14 | Thomas Curtis |

Hospital Report

Hospitalized in the last few weeks: Donna Huls.



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.

NEXT Messenger Deadline:
July 27, 2023

published on August 1
Articles may be submitted by
e-mail to:
bberner@champaignfumc.org
or brought to church.

Deaths

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Ed Cieniawski and family at the passing of Ed's wife, Joan Cieniawski, on February 27, 2023; to the family and friends of Mary Ann Clark, who passed away on May 24, 2023; to Jennifer Simmons and family at the passing of Jennifer's father, Charles W. Crawford, on May 26, 2023; and to the family and friends of Eloise Asherman, who passed away on June 18, 2023.



July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Voting for Favorite Hymns 10:00am Church Service Check Ins 10:30am In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service On Facebook, YouTube, Website	3	4 Building Closed 	5 1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group 5:00pm Wellspring Committee 7:30pm Venturing Crew 1	6 Youth Group Trip to Harvest Moon Drive-In Theater 9:00am VAN Reserved for Book Club 5:00pm VAN Reserved for Youth Group 5:30pm DREAM Basketball 6:00pm Stephen Ministers 6:30pm Perceptions Praise Team 7:00pm Clarinet Group	7 Van Reserved for Faith UMC	8 Van Reserved for Faith UMC 9:00am DREAM Basketball
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23 Reception of New Members VAN Reserved for Van Driver Voting for Favorite Hymns 9:00am Backpack Project 10:00am Church Service Check Ins 10:30am In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service On Facebook, YouTube, Website 7:30pm Evening Perceptions	24	25 9:00am Tuesday Morning Book Club 10:30am Program Staff Meeting 11:30am Walk, Talk, and Let's Eat! 5:30pm DREAM Basketball	26 11:00am One Summer Day Yard Sign Pick Up 1:00pm Social Justice Committee 1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group 5:00pm One Summer Day Yard Sign Pick Up 5:30pm Splash Pad & Dinner at Hessel Park for Children & Families 7:30pm Venturing Crew 1	27 8:30am Messenger Deadline 10:00am Minds in Motion 11:00am One Summer Day Yard Sign Pick Up 11:30am Foundation 5:00pm One Summer Day Yard Sign Pick Up 5:30pm DREAM Basketball 6:00pm Stephen	28 July 27 - Continued Ministries 6:30pm Perceptions Praise Team 7:00pm Clarinet Group	29 9:00am DREAM Basketball

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