



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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YOU ARE INVITED!

WORSHIP

September 10 at 10:30 am
Champaign First Sanctuary

LUNCH

Lunch catered by CHIPOTLE
Following worship
RSVP 217-356-9078

Dearly Beloved!

To be **ALL IN** for something is to be 100% committed to it.

On September 10, please show that you are **ALL IN** for Champaign First!

Did you ever play hide-and-seek with your neighborhood friends? My neighborhood played hide-and-seek and kick-the-can a lot. At some point, if the game ended and everyone had not come in, someone would shout at the top of their lungs: "Olly-olly-All-In-Free" and we all knew we should return to center.

I am shouting at the top of my lungs: OLLY OLLY **ALL IN FREE!**

I am imagining our pews filled and seeing our beautiful congregation all together in a way that we haven't been since before Covid. Can you see it? Will you prioritize it? Are you **ALL IN?**

In addition to being together, we have the opportunity to receive a wonderful and FREE meal after church! Please let us know if you are **ALL IN** for lunch by calling the church office at 217-356-9078. It's going to be a beautiful day to worship the Lord, fill the pews, hug our friends, eat good food and enjoy the blessing of being a church family.

I AM ALL IN!

Love First,
Julia

New Members Received on July 23, 2023



Christie Brown, JD McClanahan, Bridget Sullivan, Ethan Walker, Rachel Hammond, and Rev. Julia Melgreen

Christie Brown is originally from New Orleans. Her family is steeped in that city's history since before the United States became the United States. Christie comes from a Catholic family and she attended parochial school until her family relocated to Champaign. Christie has come to FUMC seeking a new church home after COVID. As a retired nurse, she is a gardener, a knitter and continues the family tradition of collecting and living with antiques! Christie has two sons but no grandchildren yet!

Rachel Hammond was raised in North Prairie, WI, a small town west of Milwaukee. She is especially close with her mother and sister, both of whom now live in the greater Madison, WI, area. Rachel attended the University of Mississippi for undergraduate studies, and she currently attends graduate school at the University of Illinois as she works toward a PhD in Chemistry.

JD McClanahan grew up in North Texas and came to Champaign for graduate school, following undergrad in St. Louis and two years in Moab, Utah, as an Americorps VISTA. He works as an urban planner for the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, where he enjoys working with community members and local institutions to create a safe, affordable, and healthy community for everyone that lives in Champaign-Urbana. He enjoys hiking, reading, cooking, and hanging out with his cat, and doing all of the above with his fiancée, Bridget. JD has enjoyed attending FUMC for the last year and getting more involved, including with the Young Adults group, and looks forward to getting more plugged in in the future!

Bridget Sullivan is excited to become an official member of First United Methodist Church! A member of the Champaign-Urbana community since 2018, Bridget has worked for the University of Illinois for the last five years. She currently serves as a Communications Specialist for the Humanities Research Institute. Outside of work, she enjoys going on hikes with her fiancé, JD, discussing fiction or non-fiction with her book club, and spending her Monday nights with the Young Adult Wesley Covenant Group. If you've got a good book recommendation or a recipe for a gluten-free treat, please let her know!

Ethan Walker grew up outside of Dallas, Texas, and graduated from Westmont College in 2022. He is currently pursuing his PhD in Chemistry at UIUC. Ethan grew up attending White's Chapel United Methodist Church and was confirmed there. In his free time, he enjoys reading science fiction and fantasy, drawing, and cooking new foods.



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. Check out a recent *Messenger* article to see what the needs are at any specific time. 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: canned mixed vegetables, canned creamed corn, canned mixed fruits, canned pears, canned pepper, ketchup, small sized detergent, hair shampoo, and toothbrushes.

Music in the Courtyard

Featuring:

Carlyle Johnson

Sal Castronovo, Landon Westerfield

Riley Berner, Wesley Uppinghouse

Sunday, August 27, 2023

7:00 pm

Youth News



Recently, the little children of FUMC and their families were invited to meet at the splash pad at Hessel Park to cool off and have dinner. It was so fun to watch them gleefully run through the mists and jets of water or even stand underneath the water dump bucket. It was also probably much needed for them, as the temperature was in the mid 90s that day!

This is one of the ways that real water and the living water that Jesus provides are pretty similar. The kids were refreshed by the regular water that they were running through - all their weary tiredness from the end of a hot day was gone! The living water that Jesus gives us refreshes our souls! God's living water is salvation - it saves us and gives us the ultimate peace. There's nothing more refreshing and life giving than that!

Meredith
meredith@champaignfumc.org

Youth Coming Events:

Wednesday, August 9, 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm - Youth 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!

Sunday, September 10, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - First Youth Group of the Year!

Urbana Theological Seminary Classes

Urbana Theological Seminary classes begin August 21, the same as the U of I. Anyone can audit register for a class. The Seminary is a great way to go deeper into the Bible and Christian understanding, from the comfort of your home.

Go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/urbanaseminary/>
or: <https://urbanatheologicalseminary.org/>

Classes are online/Zoom, except where noted.

Old Testament Survey, Dr. Kenneth Cuffey
(Former FUMC Mid-Winter Retreat speaker)
Time: Wednesdays 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Start Date: August 23, 2023

History of World Christianity 1: Early and Medieval
Dr. Joseph Thomas, former retreat speaker
Time: Thursdays 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Start Date: August 24, 2023

Theology 1, Dr. Todd Daly
Time: Mondays 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Start Date: August 21, 2023

Christian Ethics, Dr. Todd Daly
Time: Fridays 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Saturdays 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Dates: Sept 8-9, Oct 6-7, Nov 3-4, Dec 1-2

There and Back Again: The Work of J.R.R. Tolkien
Dr. Melody Green
Time: Thursdays 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Start Date: Aug 24, 2023

Evangelism, Dr. Roger Ross
Dates: Tuesdays and one weekend as noted.
August 22, 29 (All In person); Sept. 5, 12, 26 (All by Zoom);
October 6-7 Weekend – In person (Friday 6-9 pm, Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. No lunch provided.); October 10, 17, 24 (All by Zoom); November 7, 14, 28 (All in person)

Women in Mission, Dr. Anne Alexander
Time: Tuesdays 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Starting Date: August 22, 2023

The Story of God's Word, Dr. Kenneth Cuffey
Time: Tuesdays 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Starting Date: August 22, 2023

Classical Hebrew 1, Mike Shea
Date & Time: to be determined based on students



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
GRATEFULLY RECOGNIZES

First United Methodist Church, Champaign

For faithfully serving the Lord in words and actions and for sharing their gifts to end world hunger and poverty. This congregation has richly blessed families in need with gifts of livestock and agricultural training to help families become self-reliant.

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and He will reward him for what he has done."

PROVERBS 19:17

Berit Kimrey
Berit Kimrey
Director of Faith Communities

Presented this
July 2023



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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 from
Midwest Mission Team**

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Your loving support means the world to Midwest Mission and to the countless people who will be touched by your generosity. You are a shining light for Christ and a beacon of hope!

In His service,
Midwest Mission Team



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The Illinois Great Rivers Conference
of The United Methodist Church
Recognizes

Champaign First UMC
AS A 2022
FIVE STAR MISSION CHURCH

★ Paid 100% of Apportionments

★ General Advance or UMCOR Project(s)	★ GBGM Missionary Support
★ Conference Advance Special Project(s)	★ Three or more UMC Special Sundays

Rev. Dr. Curtis Brown
Director of Connectional

Rev. Dr. Frank J. Beard
Bishop, Illinois Great Rivers Conference

**GREEN TEAM NOTES:
Saving Energy!**



In recent months, the FUMC Green Team has been working on several green efforts including increasing recycling efforts, reducing use of non-sustainable goods (i.e., plastic cups, utensils, garbage containers/bags), investigating solar energy options, developing green guidelines for use by all FUMC groups and visitors, and providing examples of sustainable goods for use in the home. And, while we can still be more consistent in these efforts, we are making progress!

What priorities do you see for FUMC next? We've had some suggestions regarding possible future programs and activities, such as:

- Installing a pollinator pocket,
- Hosting a vegan coffee hour,
- Building green activities and information into children's programs,
- Offering programs on a variety of topics including incorporating pollinator plants into your landscape, advantages of electric cars, resources for energy saving in the home.

If you have any additional suggestions for future green programs and efforts, please let us know. Or, if you would like to join in any green activity, please contact Sharon in the church office or Sandy Burgener at: sandsburgener@gmail.com.

We would love to hear from you!



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.

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!

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!!!



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.

Charge Conference

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

Thank You

Dear church family,

Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, memorials, and food at the passing of our parents/grandparents, Ron and Carol Bielfeldt. We appreciate all of the condolences.

Peace be with you,
Bonnie, Dave, Rachel, Ryan, and Riley Berner



Congregational Life of FUMC

August 16-31, 2023



- 16 Virginia Lawler
- 17 Leah Fields
- 17 Donna Huls
- 18 Riley Berner
- 19 Matthew Bodony
- 20 Olivia Geis
- 21 Bennie Barham
- 21 Layla Chapman
- 21 Sara Chapman
- 21 Maleah Morrow
- 22 Nicholas Cravens

- 22 Tim Morrow
- 22 Mike Webb
- 24 Barb Alsup
- 25 Gene Larson
- 25 Carolyn Schaefer
- 26 Richard Hertel
- 26 John North
- 27 Tim Bachman
- 28 Rob Beldon
- 29 Sue Bachman
- 29 Teresa Ford
- 29 Liam Patterson
- 29 Allison Perry
- 29 Ann Tate
- 29 Ray Wiggs
- 30 Wayland Dimmick
- 31 Anna Benson
- 31 Steve Burgener

- 16 Jason & MaryBess Gordon
- 16 Elmer & Sharon Lash
- 16 Jasper & Anne McKenney
- 17 Brandon & Lori Kauffmann
- 18 Carlyle & Judy Johnson
- 22 Aaron & Kristine Brown
- 26 Jim & Melanie Paul

Hospital Report

Hospitalized in the last few weeks: Sylvia Herzog and Millie Sims.



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:
August 17, 2023

published on August 22

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

Coca-Cola Gives Program Ends

The Coca-Cola Gives program ended on June 30, 2023. FUMC donated \$127.28 to Dr. Howard PTA by saving the codes on caps, flaps, and wraps of Coke products. Thanks to all who donated!

Deaths

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Bonnie & Dave Berner and family at the passing of Bonnie's mother, Carol Bielfeldt, on July 12, 2023; and to Donna & Terry Huls and family at the passing of Donna's mother, Ruby Vaughn, on July 26, 2023.



August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 VAN Reserved for Van Driver Voting for Favorite Hymns 9:00am FUMC Pick-Up Garage Sale 10:00am Church Service Check Ins 10:30am In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service On Facebook, YouTube, Website</p>	<p>31 10:30am FUMCCC Pre K Graduation Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 9:00am Tuesday Morning Book Club 10:30am All Staff Meeting 11:30am Walking Talking Lunch Bunch at Café Kopi</p>	<p>2 10:30am FUMCCC Pre K Graduation Rehearsal 7:30pm Venturing Crew 1</p>	<p>3 4:00am FUMCCC Toddler B Open House 4:00pm Pre K Graduation 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 6:00pm Stephen Ministers 6:30pm Perceptions Praise Team- CANCELLED</p>	<p>4 3:30pm FUMCCC Infant A Open House 4:00pm FUMCCC Toddler A Open House</p>	<p>5 9:00am DREAAM Basketball</p>
<p>6 Blessing of the Backpacks Voting for Favorite Hymns 10:00am Church Service Check Ins 10:30am In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service On Facebook, YouTube, Website</p>	<p>7 Church Office Closed for Deep Cleaning FUMCCC Closed for August Break</p>	<p>8 Church Office Closed for Deep Cleaning FUMCCC Closed for August Break 11:30am Walking Talking Lunch Bunch - CANCELLED 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 7:15pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee 7:15pm Worship Ministry Team</p>	<p>9 FUMCCC Closed for August Break 9:30am UWF Sunday Markets Planning Meeting 1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group 3:30pm VAN Reserved for Youth Group 3:30pm Youth Group Bible Study & Ice Cream in the Park 7:30pm Venturing Crew 1</p>	<p>10 FUMCCC Closed for August Break 10:00am Minds in Motion 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 6:00pm Stephen Ministers 6:30pm Perceptions Praise Team</p>	<p>11 FUMCCC Closed for August Break</p>	<p>12 9:00am DREAAM Basketball</p>
<p>13 Voting for Favorite Hymns 9:00am Larson Visioning Group 10:00am Church Service Check Ins 10:30am In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service On Facebook, YouTube, Website</p>	<p>14 5:30pm Nominations Committee</p>	<p>15 9:00am Tuesday Morning Book Club 10:30am All Staff Meeting 11:30am Walking Talking Lunch Bunch at Peking Garden 5:30pm Board of Trustees- CANCELLED 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 7:15pm Finance Committee</p>	<p>16 1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group 7:30pm Venturing Crew 1</p>	<p>17 8:30am Messenger Deadline 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 6:00pm Stephen Ministers 6:30pm Perceptions Praise Team</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 9:00am DREAAM Basketball</p>
<p>20 9:00am Larson Visioning Group 10:00am Church Service Check Ins 10:30am In-Person Worship Service 10:30am Worship Service On Facebook, YouTube, Website 4:00pm Elevate Trampoline Park for Children & Families</p>	<p>21 5:30pm Nominations Committee</p>	<p>22 9:00am Tuesday Morning Book Club 10:30am Program Staff Meeting 11:30am Walking Talking Lunch Bunch at Neil St. Blues 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 5:30pm Outreach Ministries 7:15pm Administrative Council</p>	<p>23 1:00pm Social Justice Committee 1:00pm Wednesday Recovery Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Venturing Crew 1</p>	<p>24 10:00am Minds in Motion 5:30pm DREAAM Basketball 6:00pm Stephen Ministers 6:30pm Perceptions Praise Team</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 9:00am DREAAM Basketball</p>

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