



Happy Pentecost!

We seem to be well in to Spring (it seems like the groundhog had it just about right!) and have just now begun the season of Pentecost, where our Sundays begin to be called “Ordinary Time.”

The first Sunday of the month, June 7th, is already the Second Sunday after Pentecost, so we’ve already had two “Ordinary” Sundays. As you know (and judging by the paucity of attendance in comparison to the other two) Pentecost is the third of the three big Holy days of the church (the others being Easter and Christmas, of course).

In Luke 13:20, Jesus compared the Kingdom of Heaven to a woman who hid yeast in three measures of flour until it all was leavened. Although Jesus was talking about the Kingdom of Heaven when he told this parable, he could have just as easily been talking about the Holy Spirit. First of all, like the yeast, there is no way to “hide” the Holy Spirit – the Holy Spirit is going to do his (or her – the Spirit is often compared to the Old Testament Wisdom, which is feminine) work. Plus, three measures of flour is an incredible amount, nearly fifty pounds, yet just that small amount of yeast (or Spirit) is able to make the whole batch rise.

Another aspect of the Holy Spirit is that, through the Spirit, we are all made one. One of the ways that I feel most connected to my fellow humans is through humor. I think Jesus did as well. I mean, when you think about it, this is a really funny story.

It’s almost like a sort of “I Love Lucy” episode where she thinks, “It’s almost 5 o’ clock and Ricky will be home any second. What am I going to do with this yeast? Oh, I think I’ll hide it in this huge bunch of flour I just happen to have around.” So, she hides the yeast in the flour, breathes a sigh of relief, and then realizes that the flour is growing and growing. So, she smashes it down, and it rises back up, and so she takes half and puts it in another place, and now both bunches are growing.

That’s the kind of power the Holy Spirit has. And Jesus uses humor to show us.

I am excited to be entering into this season of the Spirit, and look forward to getting to know the Spirit a little better during this season of the church year.

May God shower you with blessings!

Pastor Jim

Our Church Family



Food Pantry News

During the month of April, 81 people visited the Food Pantry with a total of 277 people being helped.

Progressive Dinner



Coming in June - Progressive Dinner!

If you would like to host a course, please let Marla or Glenda know. If you have a garden to show off as well, that would be a plus. Exact date to be determined.

HISTORICAL FRIENDS TAKE NOTE!

Lincoln County Historical Society will be holding our annual Cemetery tour on June 4th (rain date June 11) at 7 pm at the St. Paul UCC, Old Monroe. We will be honoring 3 veterans: George Braungardt from WW I, Ernest Freese from WW II, and George Rahmier from Korean Conflict. Also, we will honor the Freese family that lost 3 members from the measles in a very short time. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME. BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR AND LISTEN TO LINCOLN COUNTY HISTORY.** Donation of \$10 is requested.

This week we added Jane M. to our prayers for her long-term circumstances.

We continue to keep in our prayers Laretta, Lynn and Ron D., Ernie M., Eileen T., Chuck and Marlene, Lyle R., Jamie, Nor, Rick C., Bob R., Sandy R., Carolyn M., Jackie, Norma K., Diane B., the family of Donna V. and the family of Hunter G.

We lift up in our prayers those who need prayers for their *long-term circumstances*: Carol Jean P.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Our giving in 2026...

Based on our budget for 2026 our offering each week needs to average \$2190.29

2026 Monthly Attendance Average

January: 21
February: 24
March: 28
April: 27
May:
June:
July:
August:
September:
October:
November:
December:

May Attendance:

May 3: 26
May 10: 34
May 17: 27
May 24: 23
May 31:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
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May 3	\$ 7615.00	\$ 265.00
May 10	\$ 920.00	\$ 0.00
May 17	\$ 240.00	\$ 7.00
May 24	\$ 315.00	\$ 0.00
May 31		

Our giving in 2025...

January Average:	\$ 1478.33
February Average:	\$ 1226.25
March Average:	\$ 1160.00
April Average:	\$ 1070.00
May Average:	\$
June Average:	\$
July Average:	\$
August Average:	\$
September Average:	\$
October Average:	\$
November Average:	\$
December Average:	\$

Please remember to invite our inactive members, as well as your family and friends, to worship. Evangelism and hospitality go hand in hand!

Our Guests



Ushers/Greeters

June 7 Stan & Ann Rolf
 June 14 Bob Bothe & Jennifer Schulte
 June 21 Darryl & Phyllis Freese F
 June 28 Jerry & Pat Gifford

Phyllis Freese 06
 Bobby Roskowske 16
 Christopher Dickmeyer 27
 Karter Keeteman 30

Acolytes

June 7 Ann Rolf
 June 14 Jennifer Schulte
 June 21 Janet Drown
 June 28 Janet Drow



Fellowship Hour Servers

June 7 Christian Nurture
 June 14 Council
 June 21 Finance
 June 28 Grounds

Ernie & Jane Meyer June 4
 65 years

Food Pantry Schedule

June 3 11am to 1pm Phyllis & Norma
 4 to 6pm Jane & Janet
 June 10 11am to 1pm Karol & Norma
 4 to 6 pm Joyce & ?
 June 17 11am to 1pm Steve & Norma
 4 to 6pm Liza & Jane
 June 24 11am to 1pm Steve & Karol
 4 to 6pm Liza & Janet

ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MINUTES

April 20, 2026

PRESENT: Jerry Gifford, Glenda Keetemen, Jennifer Schulte, Chris Dickmeyer, Karol Keeteman, Rev. Jim Oleson, Joann Jungermann, Treasurer (non-member)

ABSENT:

Opening Prayer – Karol

Quorum Count (Four (4) = ½ plus one total Council members) – Jennifer, Quorum present

Review of Agenda – Chris made motion to accept with changes; seconded by Jennifer. No discussion, motion passed.

- **Treasurers Report** – Karol made motion to accept as written, seconded Jennifer. No discussion, motion passed.
- **Secretary's Report** – Jennifer made motion to accept as written, seconded by Karol. No discussion, motion passed.
- **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Jim presented his report. No mileage at this time that needs to be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Worship – Christopher** – nothing to report
2. **Grounds Committee – Jennifer** – nothing to report
3. **Christian Nurture – Jennifer** – we served 25-30 people and raised \$105.00 for Food for All at this year's Easter Breakfast. Family picnic will be held May 2nd at 4pm, May 16th will be Triva
4. **Stewardship – Glenda** – nothing to report
5. **Finance – Joann** – nothing to report.
6. **Boy Scouts – Jerry** – nothing to report
7. **Food Pantry – Karol** – they put a lock on the freezer with the meat since the building is open all the time. April Showers deliver which is due to come in on 4/25. They are looking into a mobile food bank.
8. **Bright Futures – Glenda** – nothing to report

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Signs – still in progress
- Painting hallway in Christian Ed Building – still in progress
- Lights – still in progress
- Sanctuary Thermostat – still in progress.
- Painting Schoolhouse – Boy Scouts are still planning on completing once the weather permits for the work to be done.
- Gift Acceptance Policies/Undesignated Fund – still in progress

NEW BUSINESS:

- Question for Church Mutual Insurance – making final adjustments to policies.

Next Meeting

- **Date & Time** – May 11 @ 5:15pm
- **Opening Prayer** – Glenda

ENTERTAIN MOTION TO CLOSE – Motion made by Jennifer, seconded by Karol. No discussion, motion passed.

CLOSING PRAYER – Lord's Prayer

Respectively submit

Jennifer Schulte, Council Secretary

Conference Annual Gathering: Save the Date

The Missouri Mid-South Conference (MMSC) will host its highly anticipated Conference Annual Gathering (CAG) at St. John UCC in St. Charles, MO, on November 6th & 7th, 2026.

This year's event, themed "**Reclaiming our Connection**", serves as a cornerstone for the United Church of Christ community in the region, bringing together clergy, lay leaders, and members from across Missouri, Memphis, and Arkansas for two days of worship, learning, and connection.

CAG will feature a variety of workshops, plenary sessions, and worship services designed to inspire and equip attendees for ministry in their local contexts. The gathering provides an opportunity for participants to engage in meaningful conversations about the future of the church, celebrate milestones, and strengthen relationships within the conference.

St. John United Church of Christ in St. Charles offers an ideal setting for this important event, with its welcoming atmosphere and commitment to hospitality. Registration details, the full agenda, and additional information about speakers and sessions will be available on the MMSC website during May. All are encouraged to attend and help shape the conference's shared mission.

June Stewardship

Emmaus Homes

The special offering for the month of June is Emmaus. For over 130 years, Emmaus has supported adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities through compassionate, faith-based care.

Over the years, how Emmaus provides that support has evolved. For many years, clients lived in large group home settings. Now clients share living space in residential homes with caregivers who come into the home to provide support and guidance. Clients take a more active role in day-to-day responsibilities, as they are able, which empowers them and gives them a sense of purpose,

Donations help support a better quality of life for Emmaus clients, from assistance with dental and medical needs to maintenance on homes, including installation of special safety features in their residences. Donations also help fund outings to events which bring the larger Emmaus family together or for smaller groups to participate in special outings.

Carol Jean, an Emmaus client, has been a part of our St. Paul church family for many years. Our members have made it possible to celebrate Carol Jean's birthdays and special occasions through those years. During the month of June, consider making a donation to our special offering for Emmaus and help have a positive impact on other members of the Emmaus family.
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The Stewardship Committee

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Scouts 7:00 pm	2 Cub Scouts 7pm	3 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	4 Lincoln County Historical Cemetery Tour 7:00pm	5	6
7	8 Scouts 7:00 pm	9 Cub Scouts 7pm	10 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	11 Cemetery Tour Rain Date	12	13
14	15 Council Meeting 5:15pm Scouts 7:00 pm	16 Cub Scouts 7pm	17 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	18	19	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i>	22 Scouts 7:00pm	23 Cub Scouts 7pm	24 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	25	26	27
28	29 Scouts 7:00pm	30 Cub Scouts 7pm				

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Sunday

Book/Bible Study (Sept. thru May).....9:15am

Worship.....10:30am

Coffee and Fellowship.....11:30am

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