



Greetings!

Having just celebrated the day of Pentecost, and followed that up with Trinity Sunday, we had kind of a double dose of the Holy Spirit, and while our Sundays begin to be called “Ordinary Time,” we tend to focus more on this extra-ordinary person of the Trinity.

The Holy Spirit is the most mysterious part of the Trinity (Creator God, Savior Jesus, Transformer Spirit). It is the Holy Spirit that connects us with the heart of God; that guides us, convicts us, challenges us, and soothes us. It is the Holy Spirit that woos us to take a risk, and who prods us to step out in faith. But we cannot see the Spirit, only its effects, like a breeze stirring leaves on a tree. The Spirit moves and causes others to move. The Spirit can move us.

At baptism, being born of water and the Spirit, we individually become sacred vessels bearing God’s Spirit, and are personally commissioned into the work of Christ’s holy church. We become Spirit-bearers to others.

In the middle of the quadrangle of Eden Theological Seminary, where I got my Master of Divinity degree, there is a fountain that burbles with splashing water. That is what I think of when I think of God’s Spirit. It bubbles with life, with joy, and with purpose. When I open my life to God’s Spirit, the Holy Spirit, I get to share in that effervescent life, joy, and purpose.

But it is not always an easy thing to open ourselves to God’s leading. It may take us places we wouldn’t necessarily have thought to go. Then the adventure begins!

So rather than “Ordinary Time” perhaps a better description of this liturgical season might be “Extraordinary Time!”

May God shower you with blessings as we continue to worship together in “Extraordinary Time!”!

May God shower you with blessings!

Pastor Jim

Our Church Family



This week we added Jack B., Randy M. and the family of Laretta.

Food Pantry News

During the month of May, 104 people visited the Food Pantry with a total of 350 people being helped.

We Extend Christian Love and Sympathy to the family and

friends of: Laretta Thomas. Laretta passed away on Sunday, June 21st.

We continue to keep in our prayers Lynn and Ron D., Ernie M., Eileen T., Chuck and Marlene, Lyle R., Jamie, Nor, Rick C., Carolyn M., Jackie, Ray C., Belinda D., Linda M., Brittany and Edward, Steve, Mary and Jerry, Pat G., and Baby Remi.

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: 28
June:
July:
August:
September:
October:
November:
December:

May Attendance:

May 31: 28

June Attendance:

June 7: 20
June 14: 20
June 21: 20
June 28:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>
May 31	\$ 800.00	\$ 100.00
June 7	\$ 1265.00	\$ 525.00
June 14	\$ 1710.00	\$ 200.00
June 21	\$ 310.00	\$ 0.00
June 28		

Our giving in 2025...

January Average:	\$ 1478.33
February Average:	\$ 1226.25
March Average:	\$ 1160.00
April Average:	\$ 1070.00
May Average:	\$ 1978.00
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

July 5 Bobby Roskowske & Joyce Noble
 July 12 Joe Walker & Marla Stewart
 July 19 Darryl & Phyllis Freese
 July 26 Richard Warren & Bob Bothe

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Cody Hyde 17
 Carolyn Meier 21
 Linda Meier 21

Acolytes

July 5 Bobby Roskowske
 July 12 Marla Stewart
 July 19 Janet Drown
 July 26 Janet Drown



Fellowship Hour Servers

July 5 Messenger
 July 12 Food Pantry
 July 19 Stewardship
 July 26 Worship

Ron & Lynn Dutton July 6

Darryl & Phyllis Freese July 7

Food Pantry Schedule

July 1	11am to 1pm 4 to 6pm	Phyllis & Norma Jane & ?
July 8	11am to 1pm 4 to 6 pm	Karol & Norma Joyce & Richard
July 15	11am to 1pm 4 to 6pm	Karol & Phyllis Liza & Richard
July 22	11am to 1pm 4 to 6pm	Steve & Norma Liza & Jane
July 29	11am to 1pm 4 to 6pm	Karol & Steve Georgia & Liza

ST. PAUL UCC COUNCIL MINUTES

May 11 ,2026

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

ABSENT: Glenda Keeteman

Opening Prayer – Jerry

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

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

- **Treasurers Report** – Chris made motion to accept as written, seconded Jennifer. No discussion, motion passed.
- **Secretary's Report** – Chris 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** – 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** – April Showers donations came in. Mobile Food Bank Truck will be arriving sometime in June or July.
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 – June 15th @ 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 submitted,
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.

July Stewardship

Food Pantry

The special offering for the month of July is our Food Pantry. Caring and Sharing, who is our major food source, is relocating. They have been closed during this transition. This has caused our supply of food to be low. During the first five months of 2026, we have served an average of 300 people per month.

Please consider making a monetary or food donation to our pantry.

The Stewardship Committee

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	2	3	4
5	6 Scouts 7:00 pm	7 Cub Scouts 7pm	8 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	9	10	11
12	13 Scouts 7:00 pm	14 Cub Scouts 7pm	15 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	16	17	18
19	20 Council Meeting 5:15pm Scouts 7:00pm	21 Cub Scouts 7pm	22 Food Pantry 11:00am – 1:00pm & 4-6pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Joann on vacation					
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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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