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# The Messenger May 2019

*No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are On  
Life's Journey You Are Welcome Here!*

## Words from the Pastor

*"For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land." Song of Songs*

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Our senses are awakened to new life in Christ- bright and fragrant flowers in the sanctuary, hymns and voices lifted in praise, and testimonies of God working in our lives. As Easter people we continue to celebrate the risen Savior in our lives, along with all of creation. Liturgically the Easter season continues throughout May until Pentecost Sunday June 9th.

Each Sunday we look to Scripture and the varying ways Jesus appeared to his disciples. He met Mary Magdalene in the garden, others as they were walking along the road, still others at their place of work, and even to those in locked rooms. In each Jesus' message was personal and affirming.

The two disciples on the road to Emmaus didn't recognize Jesus by face when he started walking with them. Then they stopped and he broke and blessed the bread. He didn't insult them for not knowing who he was – he shared it with them as they recognized him.

Mary Magdalene in her grief thought Jesus was the Gardner. Jesus lovingly called her by name, and she was overjoyed.

Thomas needed to see what the other disciples saw. When Jesus once again came into the locked Upper Room, he didn't tell Thomas he was embarrassed to call him a disciple. No, He cared enough to return to those He first called.

Jesus' relationship with them and with us is to meet us where we are, with our questions, our doubts, our needs. When we follow Christ, no effort goes unnoticed in the eyes of God.

The lessons of the Easter season move well beyond Resurrection Sunday into our everyday life. May we continue to encourage one another to recognize new life in Christ in our own lives, instead of judgement.

Be encouraged!

Pastor Marie

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



# May 2019

					1 Bible Study 5:30-6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	2	3	4
5 Food Pantry Giving	6	7	8 Bible Study 5:30-6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	9	10	11		
12 Mother's Day Breakfast 10am Christian Education Giving	13 Retired Group — 11:45am Granny's	14	15 Bible Study 5:30-6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	16	17	18		
19 Building Education Giving Lynn Young Ordination 3PM at Grace UCC	20 Mental Health Awareness Week No Council Meeting No Elders Meeting	21	22 Bible Study 5:30-6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	23	24 Messenger Items Due	25 Youth Group 12PM-2PM		
26 Radio Mission Giving	27	28	29 Bible Study 5:30-6:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	30	31			

## Monthly Emphases

**First Sundays** (May 5th) is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring canned goods and other food for the needy of our community.

**Second Sundays** (May 12th) is Christian Education Sunday; special support for the educational ministry of our congregation.

**Third Sundays** (May 19th) is Building Fund Sunday; continued support for the vision of our congregation, past, present and future.

**Fourth Sundays** (May 26th) is Radio Mission Sunday; support for our weekly radio broadcast on WTCA.

**Fifth Sundays** (n/a) is for Scholarship Sundays as support for our graduates.

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## **First UCC Mission Projects & Going-ons**

**May/June Mission Project:** As a church, as a community, God calls on us to protect and care for those in need. Our mission is to collect and donate items for St. Thomas's non-perishable pantry. Items needed are: paper towels, diapers (any size), baby wipes, shampoo, bathing soap, bathroom tissue, new bath towels & wash cloths, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. All items can be placed on the mission table outside the church office.

**Stamps for Living:** Please put stamps in envelope on bulletin board.

**Red Cross:** We are an active emergency and warming/cooling shelter for those in need of safe accommodations in severe weather. We will send out an email and post on FaceBook when we are set up as a shelter.

**Coffee Hosts:** Please see Tina Morales to sign up to host a Sunday coffee hour. This is a fun way to meet and talk with folks. Just bring a few treats and you are good to go!

**Garage Sale:** Save those items for our Summer Church Garage Sale! The sale will take place June 21 & 22. Your trash is someone else's treasure!

## Persons in Nursing Homes

### Catherine Kasper

Norma Jean Kuhn                      Room 241-B

### Miller's Merry Manor

Mary Alyce Pentelow              Room 70

### Mason Health & Rehab

June Askins                              Room 404

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## **Prayer Requests**

These are special people whom we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers:

»June Askins, Norma Jean Kuhn, Pat Kuskye, Edith Tucker, Suzie Servis, Alice Lawrence,  
Mary Alyce Pentelow, Jack & Pat Carpenter, Lily Myers, Janice Warren,  
CJ Siroky, and Ken Kunze. «

**Please contact Amme Girten at (574) 933-2476 to be added to the prayer chain.**





# First UCC Youth Group

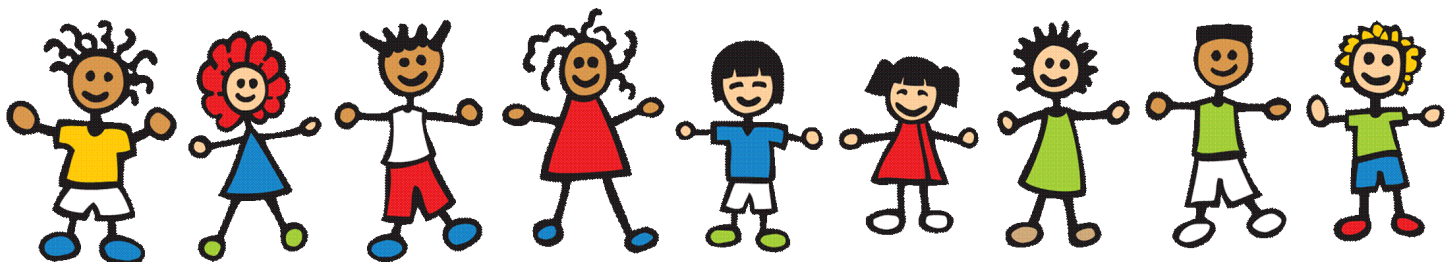


**The Youth Group meets every last Saturday of the month. We will meet again on May 25th from 12PM to 2PM.**

**This month we will start our Millennial - Youth Garden, "MY Garden". Wear work clothes and plan to get dirty! We will be planting a variety of tomatoes, bell peppers, mint, cucumbers, zucchini, and more. We will be having a lunch of pizza and snacks.**

**We have started our first fundraiser. The Youth Group is working to raise funds to take a special trip (TBD) once school is out. We are selling handcrafted notecards (seasonal and all occasion) from Usborne Books called "Cards for a Cause". Our Youth Group will receive 40% of all cards sold. For more information, please contact Christine (574) 210-3198 or the church office (574) 936-3010.**

**Looking ahead to June, the Youth Group will be manning the First UCC's Farmers Market table. We will meet at River Park Square at 7AM on June 29th. More info to come!**



# Church Blessings & Joys



## ♦ May Birthdays:

May 02th- Betty Wenino

May 04th- Geoff Scarberry

May 08th- Mary Alyce Pentelow

May 12th- Martha Yung

May 16th- Josh Watson, 16 years old

May 16th- Fiona Jaynes, 15 years old

May 20th- Ken Reininga

May 20th- Kathy Bottorff

May 21st-Gage Nagel, 6 years old

May 31st- Jase Nagel, 4 years old

### Notes from Members:

Ken Kunze would like to extend his gratitude to the Women of the Church for the monthly cards.



United Church of Christ  
**MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK**

MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The United Church of Christ recognizes May 19<sup>th</sup> as Mental Health Sunday, a day to confront the stigma of mental illness and instead create safe spaces for those who face mental health challenges, and their loved ones. Our worship will include personal experiences of living with mental illness, the role of faith communities, and how to become involved with and support the wider church Mental Health Network.

### **Report from Bob Manuwal - Property Committee Chair**

The repairs to stop the persistent leaks in the Annex kitchen appear to be successful. The leaks in the Annex roof have persisted off and on over a period of months and years. In 2018, Landon Krieg made repairs to the rubber roof but the leaks continued.

In March 2019, after numerous unsuccessful attempts to work with roofing companies, Phillip Marshall, a representative of A&M Roofing, was contacted and agreed to meet and went up on the roof to assess the situation. He reported that the rubber roofing on the Annex roof appeared to be in good shape, but he did see some possible sources of leakage on the west and north faces of the shingled roof including a soft spot on the west face. These faces send water to the Annex roof. He also recommended replacing all the flashing where the shingled roof meets the old building and along the steeple. We also asked him to look at issues regarding the masonry exterior of the church including tuck pointing and stucco. Mr. Marshall then presented a quote to the church. Mr. Marshall reported that the company's masonry person is having surgery so that portion of the work is not yet scheduled. The company was good to work with and they have been paid. They provided the church with a paid receipt, a lien waiver, and a warranty document.

In addition, the Property Committee is waiting for Peregrine Heating & Cooling to replace a circulating pump on the church's boiler system in the basement. This work should be done sometime this summer.

### **AA Meetings at First UCC - Al-Anon Hotline Phone # (574) 341-2871**

**Mondays** - (c) 8PM, "Monday Night Candlelight" • **Tuesdays** - (c) 7:30PM, "New Life Group" • **Wednesdays** - (o) 5:30PM, "Ladies of Serenity" (women's group); (c) 8PM "Winners Group" • **Saturdays** - (os) 8PM, "Winners Group" • **Sundays** - (c) 7PM, "12x12 Group"

(w) Wheelchair Accessible, (o) Open: Open to any interested person, (os) Open Speaker: Open to any interested person, special speaker, (c) Closed: Only for alcoholics and other who have a desire to stop drinking, (s) Smoking



First United Church of Christ

**Board Members:**

Hospitality: Tina Morales  
Youth Representative: Aidan Rivera  
Personnel & Nominating: Emyle Kruyer-Collins  
Church Historian: Elizabeth Brown  
Memorial Committee: Elizabeth Brown &  
Betty Wenino  
Prayer Chain: Amme Girten

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Elders: Rachelle Yung  
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Deacons: Geoff Scarberry  
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Women of the Church: Lily Myers  
Education: Nancy Keyser  
Property: Bob Manuwal

**Executive Committee:**

President: Council, Vice-President: Bob Manuwal,  
Secretary: Barbara Bateman, Treasurer: Christine Jaynes

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