

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2016 NEWSLETTER

Installation and Ordination

First United Church installed/ordained the new Elders and Deacons on the last Sunday in June during the Worship service.

- + Class of 2019 Elders: Mary Waller, Diane Wheeler, Dick White, Ruth Williams
- + Class of 2018 Elders: Ray Hankins
- + Class of 2019 Deacons: Charlotte Starr and Sarah Todd

Thank you to the outgoing Classes of 2016:

Elders: Ann Rich, Alyssa Upshaw, Diane Wingerter, Ruth Williams

Deacons: Luther Biggs, DaOnne Chenault, Jeff Frost, Judy Hankins, Matt Kozyak

Elders & Deacons now serving:

Elders: Emery Ackerman, Steve Anderson, Patricia Gantt, Amy Lybarger, Charlie McIlvoy, Betty Miles-Smith, Beverley Scroggins, Harold Starr.

Deacons: Nathan Branding, Rick Branding, Jacob Cowley, Tracy Frost, Debbie Johnson, Sandy Kozyak, Dora Moenster, Sarah Welch.

Peanut Fund Raiser – \$404.00 was raised from the peanut fund raiser on July 3. Bags of peanuts were sold for \$4.00 a bag and there was a \$5.00 coupon on the bag for an appetizer from “Texas Road House in Edwardsville.” Thanks to Charlotte Starr and Mary Jane Biggs for putting this fundraiser on.





Leaders for Worship Services

Deacon Teams:

September 4

Rick Branding
Nathan Branding
Charlotte Starr
Dora Moenster

September 11

Dora Moenster
Sarah Welch
Tracy Frost
Sandy Kozyak

September 18

Sandy Kozyak
Nathan Branding
Debbie Johnson
Sarah Welch

September 25

Sarah Todd
Charlotte Starr
Debbie Johnson
Tracy Frost

Children's Moment:

We thank Sandy Kozyak (thank you, thank you) for helping with Children's Moment the third Sunday of every month. Pastor Jeff has been preaching the Children's Sermon during the other three Sundays. Please consider helping one Sunday a month with this Ministry.

Counters:

September 6 Mary Woll and John Hutchings (9:15) (Tuesday)
September 12 Dora Moenster and TBA*** (9:15)
September 19 Mary Waller and Charlotte Starr (9:15)
September 26 Shirley DeCourcy and Walt Wheeler (9:15)

(***counter needed)

Attendance:

June 5 th	76	July 3 th	92	Aug. 7 th	88
June 12 th	71	July 10 th	71	Aug. 14 th	53
June 19 th	59	July 17 th	123	Aug. 21 th	67
June 26 th	63	July 24 th	64	Aug. 28 th	-
		July 31 st	76		

Candle Lighters:

September 4 Will Bright and Art Griffin
September 11 Logan Light and Marissa Potts
September 18 Ian Chenault and Maggie Chenault
September 25 Nathan Lybarger and Calvin Griffin



NAVIGATORS

The Navigators will meet on Friday, September 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Jerry's Restaurant. Host/Hostess: Betty Miles-Smith & Bill Voss

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The Men's Breakfast Group will start back up again after a nice summer break. The men will meet on Saturday, September 10 at 9 a.m. at Uncle Linny's Restaurant. All men of the congregation are invited. *Please RSVP to Matt Kozyak.*

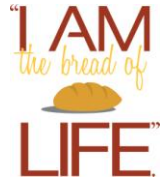
SEAFARERS' MEETING

The Seafarers will meet on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Apple Tree Restaurant. Host/Hostess: Lou Cable and Ted & Norma Macios



A group from First United will be visiting Granite City Nursing & Rehab Center on Monday, September 19 at 2 o'clock. They will be socializing with the residences while playing BINGO and eating cake. This was previously done by the Morning Glories. All are welcome to come and enjoy the festivities.

BREAD OF LIFE: On **July 27** FUPC served 145 meals at Community Care. Our church had a great team of hard workers that included Ted Macios, Shirley DeCourcy, Al Bagi, Betty Miles-Smith, Bill Voss, Ken and Linda Aud, and Ruth Williams. Thanks to all of you.



On a Wednesday in September – exact date TBA, First United will be serving dinner again at Community Care. Cooks, servers, and clean-up helpers are needed. Please consider helping. The people who attend really appreciate what we do. Please talk to Betty Miles-Smith or Ruth Williams for more information.

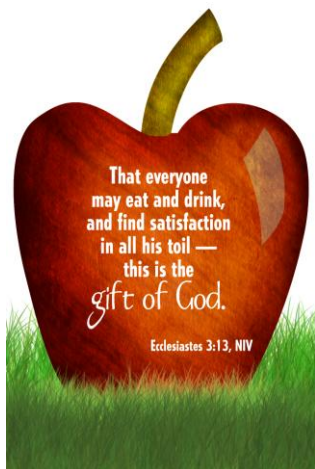


Dear Church Family, Thank you so very, very much for the beautiful cards, calls, prayers, and especially the love. I so appreciate all of you. You have a special place in my heart. God Bless and much love, Sandy Kozyak.

The Celebration of Blessing of the Christian Marriage of Brittany Biggs and Ryan Cunefare took place here at First United on Saturday, July 30, 2016, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. **Congratulations to both Brittany and Ryan.**



T.W.I.G.S. REPORT



As you know, First United has been busy all summer (since May 31) helping distribute food to school age children every weekday (M-F) from 11:30 to 12:30. This is part of a ministry started by Pastor Lisa at Trinity United Methodist to provide lunches for children during the summer months when children in our community are not in school. Trinity provides the food and our volunteers put together the lunches. All this takes a lot of coordination and time; BUT was a GREAT success averaging 102 meals a day being served to children at just this one location. (There are many locations in Granite City and beyond.)

We would like to thank everyone who helped with this project. Special thanks go out to Lucille Trittschuh who chaired this project along with help from her grandson Jacob, Betty Zimmerman and Nancy Gerard. Lucille and her team made runs to Trinity to bring back food to keep our “pantry” full, organized the volunteers, and picked up fruit and veggies from the grocery stores. Thanks to everyone who donated money for the fruit and veggies.

AND a **BIG** THANK YOU TO OUR **WORKERS/SERVERS** who throughout the summer bagged and handed out the lunches: Betty Miles-Smith & Bill Voss, Shirley DeCourcy, Ted and Norma Macios, Mary Waller and grandson, Ruth Williams, Ann Rich, Charlotte Starr, Lucille Trittschuh, Nancy Gerard and grandsons, Betty Zimmerman, Carrie & Jerod Ramsey and family Art, Cal, and Marissa. ALSO Jerry Duncan and grandchildren Taylor, Collin, Bryant, AND Pat Lansaw, Lou Cable, Linda Aud, and Susan Branding and the boy scouts. *(If I missed anyone I apologize.)*

YOU donated \$212.00 and we thank YOU. Most of the money was used towards fruit, veggies, and cooler packs. Food that we didn't use was returned to the TWIGS program. This program is a wonderful mission to this community. For more info on this program, go to www.twigsforkids.org.

Approved by the SESSION: At the August 22 Session Meeting, the Session approved that the collection of coins in the offering plate each Sunday be designated for the TWIGS summer lunch program. Therefore, we can get a head start for next summer.



What a wonderful Vacation Bible School we had in August !!!

We were blessed to have 47 children and 9 teen helpers who registered and participated in V.B.S. along with 27 teachers and adult workers.

At Surf Shack

Pastor: Rev. Jeffery Welch

Surfer Director: Beverley Scroggins

Pre-School
Surf Shack

Guides: Susan Branding and Mary Woll

Teen Helpers: Brittany D.
Shermya H.

Surfers: Noah B., Karla, Nora, Isaiah, Liam, Zoe,
Brooklyn, Noah W.

Kindergarten
Surf Shack

Guides: Linda Aud, Val Fossieck, Diana Lohr

Teen Helper: Marissa P.

Surfers: Nathan, Bryant, Finley, Macy, Madalyn

1st and 2nd
Surf Shack

Guides: Amy Lybarger and Alyssa Upshaw

Teen Helpers: Nathan L. and Lillian H.

Surfers: Jabriran, Chloe D., Chloe H., Jocelyn, Jontye, Abby,
Gracey, Maddox, Kathryn, Hayley, Haven

3rd and 4th
Surf Shack

Guides: Stacie Light and Sarah Welch

Teen Helper: Logan L.

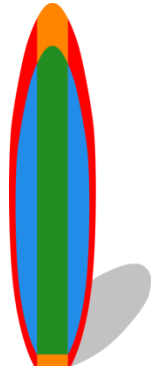
Surfers: Mallory, Karlisa, Joseph, Collin, Taylor, Bailey,
Landon, Lydia, Maggie May

5th and 6th
Surf Shack

Guides: Claudia Cass and Charlotte Starr

Teen Helper: Art G.

Surfers: Sophia, Nicholas, Ryan, Lauryn, Peyton, Shelby,
Mollie, Alivia, Cornisha



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SPECIAL SURFERS

Music / Puppeteer: Jacob Cowley

Skipper: Bev Scroggins

Bible Story: Joyce Toussaint and Sarah Todd

Science: Pastor Jeff with Teen Helpers: Calvin G. and Ian C.

V.B.S. Mission: Sarah Todd

Face Painting: Debbie Johnson

Beach Construction: Charlie McIlvoy, Jacob Cowley, Mary Woll, Bev Scroggins



BEHIND-THE-SCENE

VBS Director: Bev Scroggins

Multi-Media Surf Shack: Walt Wheeler and Harold Starr

Photographers: Walt Wheeler and Sarah Todd

Snack Servers: Tracy Frost, Jeff Frost, Sandy Kozyak, Mary Jane Biggs, Diane Wheeler

Office of the Surf Shack: Nancy Kuehnl

Security at Surf Shack: Al Bagi and Bud Cathey

THANKS TO:

- ✚ **ALL the V.B.S. TEACHERS and V.B.S. Workers** for their time devoted to prayer, meetings, study, preparation, donations of materials and decorations for V.B.S., plus many hours of set-up.
- ✚ **Awesome Teen Workers** for your energy and willingness to help as you guide our young surfers into “Surf Shack” where we “Catch The Wave of God’s Amazing Love.”

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Each **V.B.S. Surfer and Families** who “joyfully donated” to our *Mission Offering* for Community Care.
- **Tim Noud** and Absopure for the donations of bottled water.
- **Members-Friends** who helped fund VBS ! ! ! ! !



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Congratulations to **Ashley & Nathan Gwin** on the birth of their second son, **Samuel Charles**, on June 12, 2016. He weighed 7 lb. 5 oz and was 20 ½ inches long. Samuel has a big brother, Jack. Samuel is the grandson of Pam and Richard Bywater, and great-grandson of Charlie Harrison. Congratulations!

[Presbyterian Women of Giddings-Lovejoy](#) is requesting each church in our Presbytery to bring Hygiene Kits to the [Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Collinsville, Illinois on September 1.](#)

A second collection of the kits will be during our PWGL Fall Gathering at [John Knox Presbyterian Church on September 24.](#)

We will be taking the kits with us to Ferncliff where we will participate in a mission project and a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance training. We hope to come back and share what we learn with those in our Presbytery.

The Hygiene Kit MUST INCLUDE
the following items in bags with no writing.
NO SUBSTITUTIONS, PLEASE.

Place items in a one gallon zip loc bag:
One (1) Hand Towel (price tags removed)
One (1) Wash Cloth (price tags removed)
One (1) Wide tooth comb (no wrapper)
One (1) nail clipper (no wrapper)

One (1) Bar Soap- bath size in single original wrapper
One (1) Toothbrush in original package

Ten (10) Standard Band-Aids in the original single packaging

Please do not add toothpaste. It will be added just prior to shipment.

Your minister/commissioner to Presbytery may bring the kits to PWGL Mod.
Cindy Fieg. *Thank you for any help you may provide!*

Giddings-Lovejoy Stated Meeting will be on Thursday, September 1 at 12 noon.
Location: First Presbyterian Church, Collinsville, Illinois.

Hygiene kits for the Presbyterian Women that were requested for the Ferncliff Mission Project and to assist in Presbyterian Disaster Program will be collected.

Giddings-Lovejoy Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering Saturday, September 24 at 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Meeting will be held at John Knox Presbyterian Church.



CHOIR - Adult Choir will gather on Wednesday, September 7 at the home of Bev Scroggins for a potluck starting at 6:30 p.m. **The Choir will be back singing on Sunday, September 11.** Regular practices at the church will resume Wednesday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m.

FUNDRAISER NIGHT

at



Monday, September 12, 2016

4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ravanelli's Restaurant

#3 American Village, Granite City, Illinois

25% of ALL sales go to

First United Presbyterian Church

2160 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Illinois

**Please help support our church by having dinner (*dine in only*),
September 12. Bring your family and friends.**

**IMPORTANT: Please present this flyer at time of ordering.
(One flyer per ticket)**

September Birthdays

02 Mitchell George
04 Carrie Ramsey
05 Amber Noud
07 Andrea Rhoads
08 Steven Light
09 Beverley Scroggins
09 Jack Jenkins
12 Becky Cowley
12 Brady Thrane
13 Gary Storm
13 Susan Branding
15 JoAnn Burcky
16 Maddi George
17 Neil Epperson-Podoba
17 Logan Light
17 Richard Bywater
20 Jean Martin
21 Bill Bright
24 Cynthia Milton
24 Joshua Sedabres
25 Deborah Epperson
25 Deborah Johnson
26 Channa Hankins
26 Travis Davis
28 Liam Light
28 Melodee Jenkins
29 John Hutchings

September Anniversaries

05 Greg & Mary Woll
05 Tom & Vilma Miner
10 Keith & Geraldine Jackson
10 Jerry & Addie Conner
21 Charles & Laura McIlvoy
26 Jeff & Sarah Welch

***If we have missed your
birthday or anniversary,
please let the office staff
know.*



Scrip Fundraiser Update thru June 30, 2016:

YTD Schnucks Profit through June: \$417.77

All other scrip: \$238.20

Please visit the “**SCRIP TABLE**” before and after Worship Service and purchase your gift cards for back to school, weddings, birthdays, or other occasions. There are a variety of restaurants and retail outlets to pick from. ALSO - remember to use your Schnuck’s e-scrip card when you are out grocery shopping.



MEMORIALS/HONORARIA RECEIVED *(June, July and August 2016)*

IN MEMORY OF MARIAN WATSON

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Aud General Fund

IN MEMORY OF HELEN STILLE

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Aud General Fund

 **SEPTEMBER** **CALENDAR**

Thursday, September 1

Noon Presbyterian Gathering – First Presbyterian Church – Collinsville, Illinois

Sunday, September 4

9:00 a.m. Adult and Youth Sunday School and Nursery
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Communion – (Nursery Provided)

Monday, September 5 – Labor Day - ~Office Closed~

Tuesday, September 6

10:00 a.m. UCM Meeting – City Hall
7:00 p.m. **DEACONS Meeting** – Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, September 7

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Rocks – St. Peter's
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Potluck – Home of Bev Scroggins

Friday, September 9

11:30 a.m. Navigators – Jerry Restaurant

Saturday, September 10

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast – Uncle Linny's Restaurant

Sunday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Adult and Youth Sunday School and Nursery
10:15 a.m. Worship Service – (Nursery provided)

Wednesday, September 14

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Rocks – St. Peter's
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice – Choir Room

Saturday, September 17

6:00 p.m. Seafarers' Meeting – Apple Tree Restaurant

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Sunday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Adult and Youth Sunday School and Nursery

10:15 a.m. Worship Service – (Nursery provided)

Monday, September 19

2:00 p.m. “Celebration” at Granite City Nursing Home (*games and cake*)

6:30 p.m. SESSION Meeting – Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, September 21

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Rocks’s – St Peter’s

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice – Choir Room

Saturday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women’s Fall Gathering – John Knox Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 25

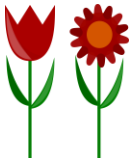
9:00 a.m. Adult and Youth Sunday School and Nursery

10:15 a.m. Worship Service – (Nursery provided)

Wednesday, September 28

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Rocks’s – St Peter’s

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice – Choir Room



Flowers for Sundays – There are several openings on the flower chart for the months of September and October. If you would be interested in placing flowers in the Sanctuary on a Sunday, please check the flower chart in the office.

Cost: \$22.00 a Sunday for two vases.

Please remember in your prayers:

✚ **For Healing:** Ritch Alexander, JoAnn Burcky, Jeff Frost, Jack Jenkins, Dorothea Jones, Sandy Kozyak, Terry Livingston, Dorothy Mitchell, Tammy Potts (Carrie’s sister), Sandy Simpson, Shirley Yates. ALSO: Ryan Schmaeng (*friend of Dora Moenster*); Jodi, (*daughter of friend of Ellyn-Mae Ullman*); Ruth Oster (*sister-in-law of Ruth Williams*); Max Aud and Randy Aud (*brothers of Ken*); Amelia Marie (*daughter of Lindsay & Travis Davis and niece of Stacie & Steven Light*); Dennis Vickers (*Friend of Greg & Mary Woll*); Carolyn Sheffer (*friend of Carl Tanksley*), Sarah McGuinness (*niece of Mary Waller*.)

✚ **Our Nursing Home/Assisted-Living Members & Friends:** Shirley VanBuskirk and Richard Branding (Granite City Nursing Home); Nona Corzilius, Lucille Schannot, Sid Vaughn, Terry Livingston (The Fountains of Granite City); Alice Konieczny (Aspen Creek of Troy); Betty Grayson (Stearns Nursing & Rehab); Logan Donaldson (Cambridge House, Maryville); Glenda Jeffreys (Nancy Alexander’s mom - Wood River), Helen Martin (Cedarhurst, Edwardsville), Ralph Fasick (DaOnne’s dad) – Brethren Retirement Community, Greenville, Ohio)

✚ **Our Home Bound Members & Friends:** Irma Rea, Lois Daniel, Charley Cross.

✚ **Our Military Members & Friends:** David Leistrutz; Chad & Tom Miner; Chris & Todd Moenster; Brian Ortiz; Justin Smith.

- ✚ **Our Christian love and sympathy** go out to Paul and Diane Hollis on the death of Paul's sister, Sylvia Seemiller, who died last Saturday August 20.
- ✚ **Our Christian love and sympathy** go out to DaOnne Chenault and family on the passing of DaOnne's dad, Ralph Fasick, on Sunday, August 28, in Greenville, Ohio. Funeral will be at the Greenville First Presbyterian Church in Ohio on Thursday, September 1.

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Rev. Jeffery L. Welch, Pastor
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Nursery Attendants
Nancy Kuehnl, Office Administrator

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WORSHIP

Sunday 10:15 a.m.

DEADLINES

Sunday Bulletins – Noon Wednesday
First Pres – October 2016 Newsletter due
September 22, 2016

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