

THE SPIRE

January 28, 2026

Paint Night
Pictures
Inside!



Unreserved Commitment

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)*

In the commissioning of Isaiah, we see a man who may not have known what he was signing up for, but he had a willing heart, a readiness to go. Isaiah's immediate and enthusiastic "Here am I; send me!" shows complete surrender and eagerness to be used by God, even without knowing the full details of the mission ahead.

I have felt that mix of anticipation and nerves myself, especially when it comes to mission trips. I don't know why, but I am always apprehensive to sign up, but always happy that I did. There hasn't been a mission trip I haven't enjoyed and grown. It is mostly due to those I travel with and the new people I meet.



This Summer, First St Charles United Methodist Church has a unique opportunity to live out this calling by traveling to Kentucky **July 19-25th**, and I want to invite you to prayerfully consider joining us. This trip isn't just about building walls, repairing decks, or laying new floors, though we will be doing those things! It's about building relationships, encouraging others, and stepping outside our comfort zones to witness God working in new and profound ways.

I wholeheartedly believe this trip will be transformative, not only for the community in Kentucky but for each and every one of us who participates. It's a chance to see through a different lens, to connect with people on a deeper level, and to grow in our faith.

If you've ever felt a nudge to serve in a deeper capacity, to make a tangible difference in the lives of others, then this is your moment. Perhaps this is your time to embrace that calling, to step forward with courage and say, "Here I am! Send me!"

I encourage you to prayerfully consider whether this is the right opportunity for you. If you're interested or simply want to learn more, please don't hesitate to reach out. Let's explore this opportunity together and see how we can make a difference, both in Kentucky and in our own lives.

For more information go to <https://asphome.org/about/>

Let's journey together!

Pastor Kim Mitchell

WELCOME TO OUR TEAM

MEET Ellie

Youth Coordinator

Hi everyone! My name is Ellie, and I'm so excited to introduce myself as your new Youth Coordinator. I'm really grateful for the chance to join this community and begin getting to know you and your youth.

I come with over a decade of various ministry experience working with youth and young adults, and I'm currently pursuing a Master of Divinity at Phillips Theological Seminary. I am deeply relational, and I love walking alongside young people as they ask big questions, explore faith, and figure out who they are in this complicated world. I believe the church should be a place where curiosity is welcomed, doubt is allowed, and everyone knows they belong.



As a queer woman and proud lesbian, inclusive and affirming ministry is very personal to me. I care deeply about creating youth spaces where every young person feels safe, affirmed, and loved exactly as they are. I'm especially passionate about trauma-informed ministry and helping the church be a place of healing, honesty, and hope.

I'm also a mom to two little boys, which has shaped both who I am and how I show up in ministry. When I'm not working or studying, you'll usually find me spending time with friends or family, exploring a new restaurant or coffee shop, knitting or crocheting, or curled up with a good book.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you, learning this community's story, and partnering together to support and nurture our youth. Please feel free to say hi.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING



Merle Nicholas

100th

Birthday

Meet the Staff

Rev. Kim Mitchell
Rev. Debby Bartley
Rev. Steve Williams
Patti Adams
Karla Curry
Stacey Davis
Eric Heien
Marsha Hunt
Kerri Johnson
Beth Kelley
Jack McCormick
Jim Nichols
Olivia Osterhage
Meredith Ramsey
Katie Roam
NEW Ellie Stahr

How does Moses brew coffee?

HEBREWS it!

Beverages are always welcome in the sanctuary, friends. We ask that you fasten a secure lid to your beverage vessel and that you don't leave your beverage underneath the pews.

Thank You

Welcome



June Strader

We have welcomed many new friends into membership and baptism these past few weeks!



Al Bauschard

Welcome



Kathy Schultz

Make sure to introduce yourself and wear your name tags so our new friends can learn your names!



Georgia Gessling

FIRST KIDS

2026 SUMMER & 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

ENROLLMENT

will begin on January 21st.



First Kids
Early Childhood Center



A ministry of First St. Charles United Methodist Church

ENROLL NOW!



Contact Us
636-947-9380

Contact Kerri:
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SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

WALKING GROUP

**FEBRUARY 12TH
AT 7:30AM**

LGBTQ+ SMALL GROUP

BRING YOUR OWN DINNER AND
ENJOY A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!

**FEBRUARY 17TH
CATHERINE COLLIER ROOM
@ FIRST ST. CHARLES
6:00 PM**

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

FISH PANTRY

ITEMS NEEDED:

TUNA HELPER, MUSTARD, KETCHUP,
SHAMPOO, TEA, WOMEN'S DEODORANT,
ADULT TOOTHPASTE, BODY WASH,
DISH SOAP, CHILDREN'S TOOTHBRUSHES



Little Food Pantry

ITEMS NEEDED:

mac n cheese cups - fruit cups - tuna packs -
individual peanut butter cups - ritz crackers - chili -
canned pasta (spaghetti o's/ravioli) - granola bars -
pudding cups - oatmeal packages - peanut butter
crackers



All canned items need to have pull-tab tops

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES



Adult Confirmation

Updated Start Date:

Wednesdays at 3 pm Jan. 28th - March 4th

Thursdays at 6:30 pm Jan. 29th - March 5th

In Catherine Collier

Renew and reaffirm your confirmation into
the Christian tradition through our Adult
Confirmation Small Group



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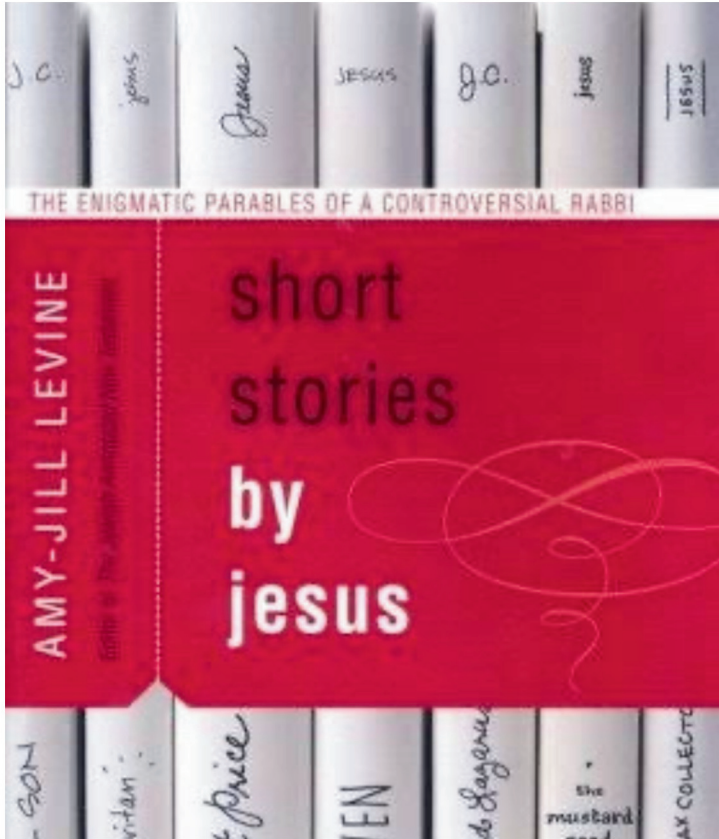
HELLO
MY NAME IS

*Welcome Team
Member*

Join our
Welcome Team!
It's the best way
to meet members
& guests on
Sunday mornings!

For more info, contact **Olivia Osterhage:**
oosterhage@firststcharlesumc.org

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES



Adult Study

Sundays at 10am

Jan 4th — Feb 8th

Room 162 (Red Room)

KATIE ROAM LEADS A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

Showers of Blessing

♥ MEALS NEEDED!! ♥

GRAB A GROUP OF FRIENDS, YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, NEIGHBORS, ETC. AND GET TOGETHER TO PROVIDE A MEAL!

THE NEXT TWO PAGES HAVE SOME TIPS & IDEAS ON HOW TO NAVIGATE FEEDING A CROWD.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, JUST CALL THE OFFICE!

SHOWERS
VOLUNTEER SIGN UP



SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

showers of blessing *meal guide*

50 SERVINGS

pro tips

- Our guests get a lot of the same foods over-and-over (*egg casserole*). They're grateful regardless, but they appreciate it when you think outside the box!
- Foods that are easy to hold and serve are great- think soups, casseroles, and other one-pot dishes.
- Some of our guests struggle with dental issues- so soft and easily digestible foods are preferred. Apples, crunchy granola, popcorn, and tough meats are often left behind.
- Freezer meals that can be brought ahead of time and reheated are ideal!
- Nutrient-dense and protein-rich meals help our folks stay healthy and warm.
- Your group can gather to cook together, or prepare individual components and assemble.
- If you or your group need space to prepare your meal, you can reserve our church kitchen by calling 636-947-0066.
- You can drop your meal off, or if you prefer, you can stay and serve your meal on the day-of.



Meal Sign-Up



Recipe Ideas



Quantities Guide

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

showers of blessing *meal guide*

50 SERVINGS

menu ideas

- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Broccoli Cheese Soup
- Tater Tot Casserole
- Chicken & Rice Casserole
- Chicken Ramen
- Minestrone
- Pot Pie
- Baked Pasta
- Pancakes & Sausage
- Breakfast Casserole
- Chicken & Cheese Enchiladas
- Pulled Pork/Chicken Sliders
- Loaded Hashbrown Casserole
- Meatball Subs
- Taco Bar
- Baked Potato Bar
- Chili
- Sheet-pan Fajitas
- Pizza
- Breakfast Burritos

quantities guide

- **Meat:**
 - 12-13lbs in soups/sauces
 - 15lbs as an entree
- **Rice/Grains:**
 - 10 lbs
- **Pasta:**
 - 10-12lbs
- **Bread:**
 - 2 loaves as side
 - 4 loaves for sandwiches
- **Pizza:**
 - 16 pizzas
- **Vegetables:**
 - Canned:
 - 2 #10 cans or 14 small cans
 - Fresh:
 - 1-1.5lbs salad mix
 - 15-20 lbs potatoes
 - Frozen:
 - 4 (40 oz) bags



We'll be offering
Drive Thru Ashes
again this year in our
atrium circle drive
from 7 am - 4:30 pm



today

OUTREACH

FIRST ST. CHARLES' UMC

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 28th
8:30am-12:30pm in the atrium



SIGN UP
TODAY

WARMING CENTER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Jan. 11th-17th Feb. 8th-14th
Jan. 25th-31st Feb. 22nd-28th

For more info email: mhunt@firststcharlesumc.org

It's the imperfections
that make something beautiful
that's what makes it **different**
and **unique** from everything else.

— Bob Ross



OUTREACH



OUTREACH

INCLUSIVITY MATTERS

presents:

PLAYING IT SAFE:

Becoming a Strong Ally For Equality

Feb. 15 at 4pm

Learn how to speak up with confidence, respond to harmful comments in the moment, and show up in real, meaningful ways as an ally to our LGBTQIA+ community.

**New
Swag!**

INCLUSIVITY MATTERS



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January

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FEBRUARY

WARMING CENTER



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