

THE SPIRE

JUNE 10, 2026



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
Ellie Stahr



REMINDER

The Church Office
is closed on
Fridays

Lift up in Prayer

BOB PORTER,
WHO PASSED AWAY
MAY 28TH.



**First St. Charles United Methodist Church
Financial Statement for Operation Account
Projected Full Year 2026**

	2026 Budget / Forecast			
		Increase or (Decrease)		
	\$	from 2025	% TTL	% Inc
<u>Cash Inflow</u>				
Contributions	1,024,031	(12,570)	93.8%	-1.2%
Endowment	46,373	(1,684)	4.2%	-3.5%
First Kids Contribution	12,000	-	1.1%	
Memorials, Lose Cash and Other	9,331	(9,183)	0.9%	-49.6%
Total Contributions	1,091,735	(23,436)	100.0%	-2.1%
<u>Cash Outflow</u>				
Apportionment/Missions	161,893	3,887	14.8%	2.5%
Payroll	591,311	(32,125)	53.9%	-5.2%
Operating Expense	319,146	26,298	29.1%	9.0%
Program Expense	24,688	(3,465)	2.3%	-12.3%
Capital Related	-	-	0.0%	
Sub Total Operations	1,097,039	(5,406)	100.0%	-0.5%
Interest	5,621	(1,274)		
Total Operating Expenditures	1,102,660	(6,680)		-0.6%
Income/ (Loss) From Operations	(10,925)	(16,756)		

For 2026, we forecast that total financial contributions to our mission and ministries will be roughly \$1,024,000, which is 1.3% lower than last year. With mindful cuts, we've been able to reduce expenditures by about .6% to roughly \$1,097,000. Unfortunately, even with careful spending, we anticipate ending the year with an operating deficit of about \$11,000. While this is not cause for alarm, it is a reminder that the ministry and mission of our church depend on the ongoing financial support of the congregation. Thank you for the many ways you continue to help sustain the work God is doing through our church.

Send questions to:
contactleadership@firststcharlesumc.org

2026 Leadership Board



Kathy Avery



Donna Baeten



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Finance Chair

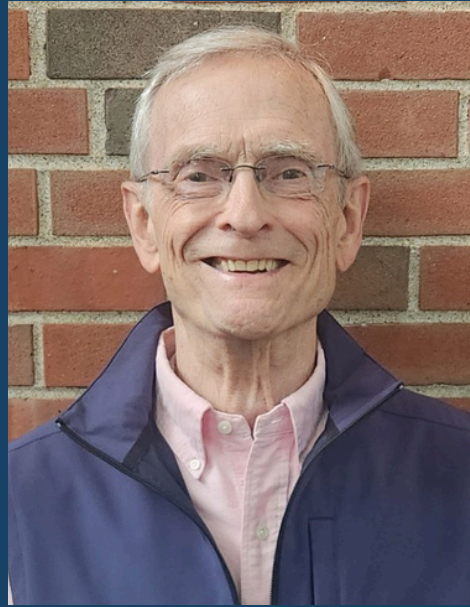


George Estopare-Ilse

2026 Leadership Board



Margaret Harper



John McClure
Chair



Michael Monahan



Tim Mosher
Lay Leader Liason



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Trustee Chair



Carissa Sanders

If you have thoughtful inquiries or concerns, you may reach out to the Leadership Board in confidence at: ContactLeadership@firststcharlesumc.org

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays at 5pm

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT *Mission Trip*

JULY 19TH-25TH

Open to adults and students who have completed 6th grade or higher!

Cost: \$375



Join us on our Summer Mission Trip

July 19-25th

Thinking about a mission trip but feeling a little unsure? It's totally normal to have those "what ifs" creep in. You might be thinking, "I'm not handy, I don't know how to build or fix things, what good could I possibly be?" Honestly, that's a super common thought! So many of us feel that way before we go. But here's the cool part: when you decide to take the leap and say "yes," something amazing happens. Serving others and witnessing their genuine gratitude? That feeling? It's a blessing that sticks around way longer than the actual week you spent there. It truly is a gift that keeps on giving.

Last year, we had an incredible trip to Kentucky where we met the amazing Brenda. For years, she hadn't been able to enjoy her kitchen deck. Well, our team came in and not only rebuilt that deck but also transformed her front deck and installed new flooring in her living room. It was so rewarding to see Brenda step out onto her new deck for the first time in ages!



Now, we're gearing up for another mission adventure from July 19th to 25th! We're partnering with Appalachia Service Project again, this time heading to Buchanan County, Virginia. This trip is open to everyone, from 6th graders to adults.

Come join our team and help us make a real difference in someone's life – and get ready to be changed

yourself! The cost is \$375 per person for a week of serving and caring. It's a great deal for a fulfilling experience!



Seats on the bus may be limited, but we will absolutely hold space for you and your whole family! Don't delay any longer – take the leap and say "yes" to this opportunity today! If you have any questions or need more information before you commit, feel free to email Pastor Kim directly at kamitchell@firststcharlesumc.org. We can't wait to see you there!

YOUTH



**YOUTH
SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

**6TH-12TH
GRADE**

**SUNDAYS AT 9AM DOWNSTAIRS IN THE
BLUE YOUTH ROOM**

FIRST KIDS



First Kids Early Childhood Center

A ministry of First St. Charles United Methodist Church

**2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR
ENROLLMENT**

AGES 3-5

ENROLL NOW



636.947.9380



kjohnson@firststcharlesumc.org



APPLY NOW

We're Hiring!

Nursery Caregiver

- Sunday mornings 8:45am-11am
- Curriculum Provided
- Starting at \$15/per hour



Send your resume to contact@firststcharlesumc.org to apply!

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Caregiver Support Group

*Third Tuesday of the month
3 pm in room 300*

QUESTIONS? CONTACT NICKI REYNOLDS:
NREYNOLDS6@CHARTER.NET



SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

FISH PANTRY

ITEMS NEEDED:

PEARS, CANNED POTATOES, PASTA SIDES, PANCAKE MIX, BBQ SAUCE, TOILET PAPER, HAIR CONDITIONER, BODY WASH, CHILDREN'S TOOTHBRUSHES



Little Food Pantry

These are the most popular items for our pantry that serves our community -



tuna packets



granola bars



chili with beans



baked beans



fruit cups

You can drop food donations in the black bin in the atrium!

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

WALKING GROUP

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH
@ 7:30 A.M.

EMAIL OLIVIA IF YOU'RE JOINING!



WELCOME

JOIN OUR WELCOME TEAM! IT'S THE BEST WAY TO
MEET MEMBERS & GUESTS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, CONTACT OLIVIA!

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES







LGBTQ+ SMALL GROUP


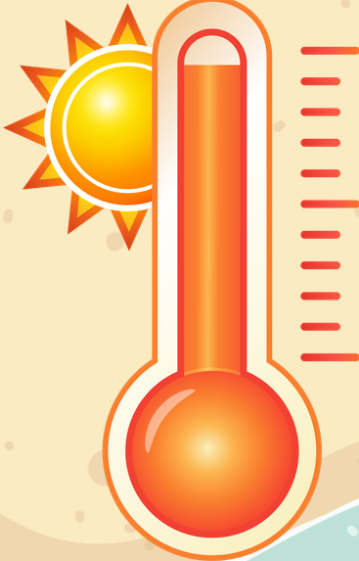
BRING YOUR OWN DINNER AND
ENJOY A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!

JUNE 16TH
CATHERINE COLLIER ROOM
@ FIRST ST. CHARLES
6:00 PM

Showers of Blessing

**SUMMER
needs**

-  SUNSCREEN
-  HATS
-  COOLING TOWELS
-  ELECTROLYTE PACKETS



Showers Spotlight

Bridget Janis

Why and how did you get started helping at Showers?

I had thought about getting involved for a long time and finally felt like that was God nudging me to do it. So after retirement, I jumped right in.

What do you like about helping with Showers of Blessing?

I love visiting with our guests and hearing their stories & understanding why they need our help. I also love meeting new volunteers and sharing that fellowship.

What advice do you have for people thinking of volunteering at Showers?

It's easy to get started & everyone is so nice and helpful. You can also find what suits you best - clothing room, laundry, kitchen, floating around doing everything - there's a spot for everyone! If you have been thinking about getting involved, consider this your sign to get started now!



SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

A vibrant graphic for a bingo event. At the top left, a green speech bubble contains the text "DATE change" in blue and orange script. The background is dark with a grid pattern. In the center, a glowing marquee sign reads "BINGO Potluck". Above the sign are several bingo balls (red with '1', blue with '6', and a yellow one with '57'), bingo cards, and chips. To the left is a purple circle with "G 53" and to the right is a green circle with "19". At the bottom, a blue banner reads "55+ EVENT JUNE 16 AT 11:30AM".

DATE change

BINGO Potluck

55+ EVENT
JUNE 16 AT 11:30AM

A graphic for a writing session. The title "WHAT'S YOUR STORY?" is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, text describes an 8-week group writing session on Tuesdays at 1pm starting June 16th. Contact information for Donna Carlson is provided. The graphic features a hand writing on a notepad, a star, a shoe, a flower, and a mug on the right side, and hearts and stars scattered throughout.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

An 8-week group writing session on Tuesdays at 1pm beginning June 16th

If interested, contact Donna Carlson: donc50@sbcglobal.net

VBS



Mountain Gear Still Needed!

- Skis
- Snowboards
- Ski Poles
- Ski Boots
- Puffer/ski jackets
- Ice Skates
- Ski goggles/glasses
- Hockey sticks
- Any other winter sports gear
- Chiminea



Help us transform our church into Snowball Mountain! We need to borrow all sorts of decorative equipment to make sure our climb is successful. All items will be returned after VBS.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH
7:30 - 9:30 PM**

the **last splash**
of summer

**FREE DRINKS | FREE FOOD | FREE ENTRY
THE COVE @ ST. PETERS REC PLEX**

**† FIRST ST. CHARLES
United Methodist Church**



**RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

**WEDNESDAY,
JULY 22ND**

8:30-12:30 IN THE ATRIUM



FIRST ST. CHARLES UMC

JUNE & July

PRIDE MONTH

SPIRE

WALKING GROUP

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

10 Thursday 11 Friday 12 Saturday 13

Sunday 14 Monday 15 Tuesday 16 Wednesday 17 Thursday 18 Friday 19 Saturday 20

YOUTH GROUP

COMMUNITY CARE
BINGO
WHAT'S YOUR STORY
CAREGIVERS
LGBTQ+

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

PRIDE ST. CHARLES

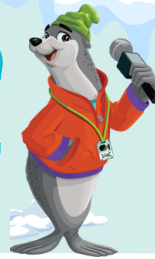
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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

WHAT'S YOUR STORY
LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING [A7] 7PM

SPIRE

VBS



Sunday 28 Monday 29 Tuesday 30 Wednesday 1 Thursday 2 Friday 3 Saturday 4

YOUTH GROUP

WHAT'S YOUR STORY

July

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



Sunday 5 Monday 6 Tuesday 7 Wednesday 8 Thursday 9 Friday 10 Saturday 11




CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WHAT'S YOUR STORY

SPIRE



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



HAPPY PRIDE MONTH



JOIN US AT



PRIDE
ST. CHARLES



JUNE 20TH
11AM - 5PM
@ THE FAMILY ARENA

