



THE SPIRE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

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
TAYLOR LAWSON-SMITH
JACK MCCORMICK
JIM NICHOLS
OLIVIA OSTERHAGE
KATIE ROAM

FIRST *friends*

AVAILABLE ON OUR  &  PAGES!



OLIVIA WOULD LOVE TO INTERVIEW YOU! LET HER KNOW
IF YOU'RE INTERESTED. SHE'LL EVEN COME TO YOU!

Lift Up in Prayer



Betty Honey, mother of **Carolie (Mike) Owens**, passed away August 29, 2025.

Helen LaBanca, sister of **Doris Czeschin**, passed away September 2, 2025.

Linda Watkins, daughter of the late **Virginia McClary**, passed away August 25, 2025.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 10am
Beginning Sept. 7th!

Kindergarten-2nd grade
upstairs in the gym

3rd-5th grade
upstairs in clownfish room



EARN
Ice Cream

“youth sundae school”

6TH-12TH GRADE

Sundays at 10am downstairs
in the blue youth room
beginning Sept. 7th

MEET TAYLOR!

INTERIM SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Taylor and her family have been active at First St. Charles for seven years and she's graciously stepped in to help support our children & youth Sunday School!



YOUTH GROUP

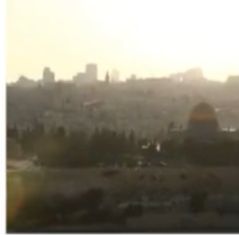
Sundays at 5pm

≡ **FALL** ≡
SCHEDULE

≡ *Coming
Soon!* ≡



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS



THE NEW TESTAMENT YOU NEVER KNEW

TAUGHT BY
KATIE ROAM!

AN 8-WEEK ADULT STUDY
SUNDAYS @ 10 AM IN ROOM 105 (CHOIR WING)



Parents!

DOWNSTAIRS: RED YOUTH ROOM

**PASTOR DEBBY WILL LEAD PARENTS IN A RELAXED SPACE WITH
CURRICULUM THAT MATCHES CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**

DROP YOUR KIDDOS AT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHECK OUT EITHER OPTION!

WE'RE HIRING!



SUNDAY NURSERY ATTENDANT

- Sunday mornings 8:45am-12pm
- Curriculum Provided
- Starting pay at \$15/hour

Email contact@firststcharlesumc.org for more information or to apply!



SEA TURTLE ROOM

3 year old preschool

BACK TO SCHOOL





FIRST ST. CHARLES UMC

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

— SCHEDULE —

Sundays at 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Online at firststcharlesumc.org

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



@firststcharlesumc.org

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

NEW SESSION!

GRIEF SHARE®

A 13-week group designed to offer healing, hope,
and support on your journey of grief.

Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm beginning August 18th

If interested contact Rev. Debby: dbartley@firststcharlesumc.org

Caregiver *Support Group*

*Third Tuesday of the month
6:30-7:30 pm in room 301*

QUESTIONS? CONTACT NICKI REYNOLDS:
NREYNOLDS6@CHARTER.NET



SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Now meets
on the 3rd
Tuesday of
each month!

LGBTQ+ SMALL GROUP

BRING YOUR OWN DINNER AND
ENJOY A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!

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

TINY TOT TIME

9/14 [AT] 4PM
gym at church

10/19 [AT] 4PM 
paint pumpkins at church

11/16 [AT] 4PM
friendsgiving at church

12/10 [AT] 5:45PM  **RSVP** 
hayride through O'Fallon lights



SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES


WALKING GROUP

SEPTEMBER
11TH & 25TH
[AT] 7:30AM

A person is walking on a concrete pier or walkway. In the background, there is a body of water and a city skyline with several tall buildings. The sky is clear and blue.

MEET IN THE ATRIUM

ADULT CONFIRMATION

A yellow rosary is shown against a dark blue background. The beads are arranged in a curved line, and a large yellow cross is at the end.

Renew and reaffirm your confirmation into the
Christian tradition in a seven-week series led by
Pastor Kim

THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30PM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18TH

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES



who is this for?

- ◆ IF YOU'RE NEW TO FIRST ST. CHARLES.
- ◆ IF YOU'VE BEEN AROUND A BIT BUT WANT TO LEARN MORE
- ◆ YOU'VE BEEN AROUND AWHILE BUT ARE LOOKING TO GET CONNECTED
- ◆ IF YOU WANT TO MEET SOME AMAZING STAFF & LAY LEADERS
- ◆ ANYONE WHO WANTS A TOUR OF THE BUILDING

PLEASE RSVP TO MARSHA IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING!
MHUNT@FIRSTSTCHARLESUMC.ORG

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Showers of Blessing

September

DONATIONS
NEEDED:

SHOWERS
VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

- 🌰 TOOTHBRUSHES
- 🌰 MEN'S JEANS → SIZES 30, 32, 34
- 🌰 MEN'S & WOMEN'S BELTS
- 🌰 HOT HANDS
- 🌰 HOODIES
- 🌰 WASHCLOTHS



Every Monday & Wednesday, our Showers of Blessing ministry offers warm showers, clean clothes, and a friendly smile to folks in our community who could use a little extra care. It's a simple way to help people feel seen, loved, and valued.

We could really use more hands on Mondays—especially men who can help with our male guests in the shower area and reception. Your presence helps everyone feel comfortable and welcome.

You don't need experience— we'll help ensure you feel comfortable and equipped. Whether you can come every week or once in a while, you'll be making a real difference!

If you'd like to jump in and help, reach out to bkelly@firststcharlesumc.org.

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

**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

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



OUTREACH



Whether your pet is with us in body or spirit, join us for a time when we celebrate all creatures, big and small!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 5th
at 5 pm

All animals and their humans are invited to our special worship service for the blessing of the animals. Pet treats & human treats will be available.



INCLUSIVITYMATTERS

presents

TRANS 101

SEPTEMBER 28TH AT 4:00 PM

Featuring:

BEN GREENE

Transgender Author & Activist

Learn key terms, hear personal stories, and get practical tips for allyship. Open to all—whether you're a seasoned advocate or just starting out. Includes Q&A.



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FIRST ST. CHARLES
YOUTH PRESENT:

HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

TRIVIA STARTS AT 7 PM

\$25/person
\$200/table

PROCEEDS BENEFIT NEXTGEN MINISTRIES

WE NEED:



VOLUNTEERS



AUCTION ITEMS



YOU!



BRING:

BEST COSTUME



YOUR FRIENDS



**YOUR TRIVIA
KNOWLEDGE!**



**GET YOUR
TICKETS
HERE!**

September & October

			10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Saturday 13
			SPIRE CHOIR	WALKING GROUP!	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Sunday 14	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20
TINY TOT TIME	GRIEF SHARE	COMMUNITY CARE LGBTQ+ CAREGIVERS	CHOIR	ADULT CONFIRM	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Sunday 21	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	Saturday 27
PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS	GRIEF SHARE		SPIRE CHOIR	WALKING GROUP!	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Sunday 28	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
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Sunday 5	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Saturday 11
BLESSING OF ANIMALS	GRIEF SHARE		SPIRE CHOIR	WALKING GROUP!	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	