

THE SPIRE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026



But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

-Amos 5:24 NRSVue

For me, Amos 5:24 is one of the most powerful and defining verses in the Old Testament regarding social justice. It is a beautiful and challenging verse because it shifts the focus of faith from ritual to action. I have heard it said that Amos invites us into "a true living worship beyond ritual and into constant justice."

Methodism's founder, John Wesley, famously noted that "the gospel of Christ knows no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness." To live constant justice, we strike a balance of personal piety with systemic social action, guided by scripture, tradition, reason, and experience.* It all comes down to how we treat the people around us.

The prophet Amos reminds us that God wants justice. Today, we can continue this legacy and make an impact by supporting global relief efforts, advocating for fair laws, and serving local neighborhoods.

Let justice roll,

Pastor Kim

MISSOURI CONFERENCE RACE AND CULTURE SURVEY

The Missouri Conference of The United Methodist Church is conducting research to better understand race and culture within our connection and congregations.

This survey is confidential and asks for your thoughts and experiences related to racism. Your input is critical as we continue Conference-wide strategies and tactics toward becoming a brave, empowering place for people from all diverse cultures and generations so that we can become a Church for all God's people.

This survey should take no more than 6-8 minutes to complete and will remain open until Oct. 5, 2026. The survey is sponsored by the Missouri Annual Conference and is being conducted by Discipleship Ministries. For more information on the Missouri Annual Conference's work on race and culture: <https://www.moumethodist.org/race-and-culture>

RACE AND CULTURE SURVEY

THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE OF THE UMC IS CONDUCTING
RESEARCH TO BETTER UNDERSTAND RACE AND CULTURE
WITHIN OUR CONNECTION AND CONGREGATIONS.



WE VALUE YOUR INPUT



INCLUSIVITYMATTERS

invites you to our

LGBBQ



Inclusivity Matters warmly invites you to our LGBBQ, celebrating the progress our community has made toward inclusion! There will be food, games, music, and fun for the whole family. BBQ and dessert will be provided- feel free to bring a side to share. We can't wait to see you there!



Sunday, Sept. 27th

4:00 pm

Blanchette Park

Pavilion #3

1900 W Randolph St., St. Charles



Family Fall Fun Day

Saturday, October 10th at 11am

PUMPKINS GALORE
26415 S STRINGTOWN RD, WRIGHT CITY



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 11th
at 4 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.



FIRST ST. CHARLES
YOUTH PRESENT:

HALLOWEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7 PM

\$25/person
\$200/table

Fireside FELLOWSHIP

YOUTH BONFIRE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
5-7PM



HOT DOGS



ENDLESS
S'MORES



YARD
GAMES



A WARM
FIRE



YOU BRING:

A favorite side, appetizer, or dessert to share
(and a hoodie or sweater).

Bring a friend!

YOUTH

A vibrant forest scene with tall trees and lush green foliage. Overlaid on this background is a yellow banner at the top with the text 'NEW YOUTH STUDY' in black, and a dark blue banner at the bottom with the text 'SUNDAYS AT 9AM' in white. The word 'STICK TOGETHER' is written in large, bold, red and orange 3D letters in the center.

NEW YOUTH STUDY

STICK TOGETHER

SUNDAYS AT 9AM

A colorful abstract background featuring various geometric shapes, stripes, and polka dots in shades of pink, orange, teal, and black. A large black silhouette of a person is centered in the foreground, with the text 'YOUTH GROUP' and 'Sundays at 5pm' overlaid on it.

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays at 5pm

YOUTH & CHILDREN

Sponsored by
Youth & Children's Ministry

Winter Clothing Drive

Warm Hearts
— and —
Warm Bodies

We are collecting:

- | | |
|---------|----------|
| Hats | Boots |
| Gloves | Coats |
| Scarves | Sweaters |
| Jeans | Socks |

Donations will be given to
Showers of Blessing Program
at First St. Charles UMC.

October 25th –
November 8th

Children's Sunday School

Sundays at 9am
Check in at the First Kids desk!

Kindergarten-5th grade
upstairs in the gym





The first month of
the First Kids
School Year is off
to a fun start!

NURSERY

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

NEW

FALL WORKSHOP

To register or ask a question,
email Facilitator, Meg Love
margaret.drake.love@gmail.com

EXPLORE The 10 Commandments

through individual workbook
study and discussion
in community

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE: 8 Sessions

ZOOM Mondays 9/28 thru 11/16 | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

IN-PERSON Wednesdays 9/30 thru 11/18 | 9:30am – 11:30am



SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Caregiver Support Group

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

QUESTIONS? CONTACT NICKI REYNOLDS:
NREYNOLDS6@CHARTER.NET



A vibrant graphic for a bingo event. The background is dark brown with a grid pattern. In the center, a large, glowing sign reads "BINGO Potluck" in a stylized font. Surrounding the sign are several bingo balls with numbers: a red ball with "1", a green ball with "24", a blue ball with "6", a yellow ball with "51", a purple ball with "53", and a green ball with "19". There are also several bingo cards and chips scattered around. At the bottom, a blue banner reads "55+ EVENT" and "OCTOBER 20 AT 11:30AM".

BINGO Potluck

55+ EVENT
OCTOBER 20 AT 11:30AM

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

FISH PANTRY

ITEMS NEEDED:

PEARS, PIE FILLING, YAMS, CEREAL,
TOMATO SOUP, SPAGHETTI NOODLES,
RICE, PANCAKE MIX, SALTINES,
TOILET TISSUE



Little Food Pantry

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



tuna
packets



granola
bars



chili with
beans



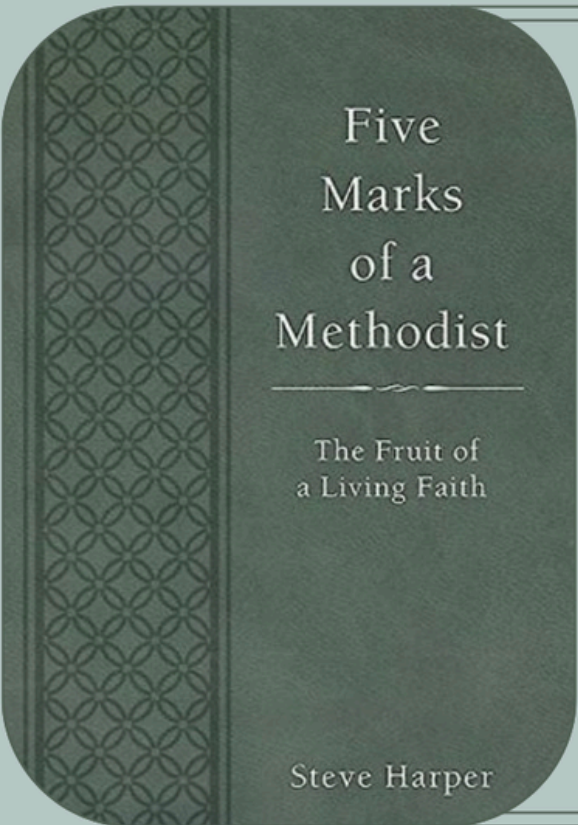
baked
beans



fruit cups

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

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

The image shows the front cover of a book titled 'Five Marks of a Methodist' by Steve Harper. The cover is dark green with a subtle, repeating geometric pattern. The title is printed in a white serif font, and the author's name is at the bottom. A small subtitle, 'The Fruit of a Living Faith', is located below the title.

Five
Marks
of a
Methodist

The Fruit of
a Living Faith

Steve Harper

Five Marks OF A METHODIST

Thursday nights at 6:30 pm
Beginning September 3rd



**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!

SEPTEMBER 15TH

CATHERINE COLLIER ROOM

@ FIRST ST. CHARLES

6:00 PM

Showers of Blessing

September



SHOWERS
VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

- 🌰 Hot Hands
- 🌰 Rain Ponchos
- 🌰 Disposable razors
- 🌰 Hoodies
- 🌰 Men's jeans (sizes 30-34)



SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

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 17th

contact@firststcharlesumc.org for more information

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

A 7-week group writing session on
Wednesdays at 1pm beginning
October 7th

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



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

Cash Inflow

Contributions
Endowment
First Kids Contribution
Memorials, Lose Cash and Other

Total Contributions

Cash Outflow

Apportionment/Missions
Payroll
Operating Expense
Program Expense
Capital Related

Sub Total Operations

Interest

Total Operating Expenditures

Income/ (Loss) From Operations

2026 Budget / Forecast			
	Increase or (Decrease)		
\$	from 2025	% TTL	% Inc
1,025,427	(11,173)	94.1%	-1.1%
46,373	(1,684)	4.3%	-3.5%
12,000	-	1.1%	
6,031	(12,483)	0.6%	-67.4%
1,089,831	(25,340)	100.0%	-2.3%
158,882	875	15.0%	0.6%
566,826	(56,610)	53.6%	-9.1%
309,962	17,114	29.3%	5.8%
21,084	(7,069)	2.0%	-25.1%
-	-	0.0%	
1,056,754	(45,690)	100.0%	-4.1%
5,621	(1,274)		
1,062,375	(46,964)		-4.2%
27,456	21,625		

for questions email: ContactLeadership@firststcharlesumc.org

2026 Leadership Board



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If you have thoughtful inquiries or concerns, you may reach out to the Leadership Board in confidence at:

ContactLeadership@firststcharlesumc.org

SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER *events*

27

sun

LGBBQ

4 pm at Blanchette Park Pavillion #3

28/30

mon/wed

10 COMMANDMENTS WORKSHOP

8-week study exploring the 10 commandments

10

sat

FAMILY FALL FUN DAY

11 am at Pumpkins Galore. FREE entry!

11

sun

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your pet to be blessed at 4 pm!

20

tues

COMMUNITY CARE

Third Tuesday of the month 8-10 am

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tues

55+ BINGO POTLUCK

Third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am

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tues

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Third Tuesday of the month at 3 pm

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tues

LGBTQ+ SMALL GROUP

Third Tuesday of the month at 6 pm
