

FIRST ST. CHARLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH // ISSUE 12 // VOLUME 56

THE SPIRE

JULY 9, 2026



Meet the Staff

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



Reminder

The Church Office
is closed on
Fridays

APPLY NOW



Nursery Caregiver

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



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

Happy Retirement

Again...



After years of faithful service (and a retirement that apparently didn't stick!), **Jack McCormick** is retiring once again.

Jack of All Trades

Jack has worn more hats around First St. Charles UMC than most of us can count. From managing finances and maintaining our building to running the camera on Sunday mornings and quietly stepping in wherever needed to keep our office running, Jack has been a steady and faithful presence in the life of our church.

Thank you, Jack!

We are deeply grateful for his dedication, generosity, and willingness to serve in so many ways over the years.

Jack's final day in the office will be Wednesday July 30.



Celebrating Jack!

Let's send Jack into retirement surrounded by the love of this church family! We invite you to shower him with cards, notes, and well wishes as we celebrate this next chapter.



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
Cash Inflow				
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%
Cash Outflow				
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 cut, we've been able to reduce expenditures by about 0.6% 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



Rick Bahr



Tyler Brown



Greg DeKoster
Finance Chair

2026 Leadership Board



Margaret Harper



John McClure
Chair



Michael Monahan



Tim Mosher
Lay Leader Liason



Jarred Ray
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

Please pray for
our youth and
adult mentors as
they experience
Unite!

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays at 5pm

No Youth on 7/12

No Youth
Sunday School
7/12

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

6TH-12TH
GRADE

SUNDAYS AT 9AM DOWNSTAIRS IN THE
BLUE YOUTH ROOM

YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH GROUP DAY OUT

PICKLEBALL AT **CHICKEN
N PICKLE**
ST. CHARLES

JULY 26 • 5 PM

Contact Ellie Stahr to register:
estahr@firststcharlesumc.org



Bring a friend to be entered into a raffle!



Every person has a story and life that matters. We want to invite our youth to learn how God can be a part of their stories throughout all of their lives - not just within the walls of the church - and how to share that story in a multitude of ways!

This mini conference will have:

- Their choice of activity sessions
- Food and Snacks
- Fun and community building
- Opportunities to discover more of yourself and tell your story!

August 2

5-7:30 pm

Contact Ellie Stahr at estahr@firststcharlesumc.org for more information, to volunteer for this event, or give supply donations



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



SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

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

Caregiver Support Group

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

QUESTIONS? CONTACT NICKI REYNOLDS:
NREYNOLDS6@CHARTER.NET



FISH PANTRY

ITEMS NEEDED:

CRANBERRY SAUCE, YAMS, CAN
POTATOES, JELLY, TOMATO SAUCE,
PASTA SIDES, BOXED MISC. POTATOES
(AU GRATIN, SCALLOPED ETC.), SALTINE
CRACKERS, MEN'S DEODORANT



SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES



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!



LGBTQ+ SMALL GROUP

BRING YOUR OWN DINNER AND
ENJOY A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!

JULY 21

CATHERINE COLLIER ROOM

@ FIRST ST. CHARLES

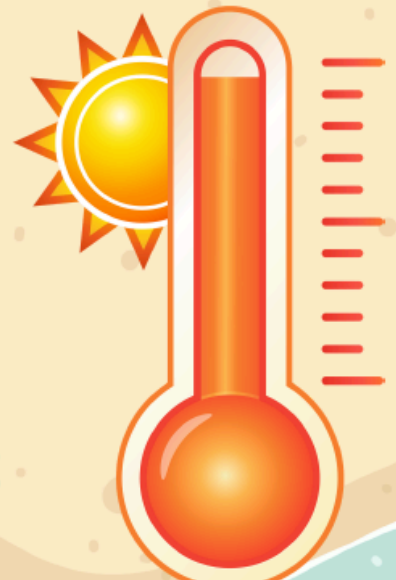
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SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Showers of Blessing

SUMMER
needs

-  SUNSCREEN
-  HATS
-  COOLING TOWELS
-  ELECTROLYTE PACKETS



BINGO
Potluck

55+ EVENT
JULY 21ST AT 11:30AM

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

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

**SAVE
THE DATE**

OUTREACH

**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

OUTREACH



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 22ND

8:30-12:30 IN THE ATRIUM



FIRST ST. CHARLES UMC

VBS

Cokesbury Kids

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

FIND
YOUR
STRENGTH
IN GOD



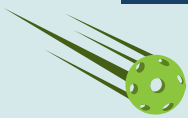
VBS!



Thanks to all our volunteers and families for coming out for this amazing time!



July

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		WHAT'S YOUR STORY?				Unite Conference 
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Unite Conference 		WHAT'S YOUR STORY?				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Youth		 Community Care WHAT'S YOUR STORY? BINGO LGBTQ+				
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
 Youth Night @ Chicken n Pickle		WHAT'S YOUR STORY?			