

A long, straight asphalt road stretches from the foreground towards a bright sunset on the horizon. The road is flanked by dark, rocky volcanic terrain with sparse green and orange vegetation. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and dark purple, with the sun low on the horizon. The entire scene is framed by a white border.

# June

## Newsletter

**First Christian United Church of Christ**

# Pastor's Pondering

I recently preached a sermon titled, "What happened to the Map?" While the book of Acts is a map of the Christian Church, we will also be creating our own MAP (Ministry Action Plan) as a local body of Christ.

As we begin a process of discernment together, I would like to ask you all to pray daily with me for this church and specifically for the visioning team. Ask God to guide us. Where will we go? What do we, as a church, want to do for the community and the world? What are our gifts? We are the body of Christ and St. Teresa of Avila's words should echo in our lives.

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.  
— St. Teresa of Ávila (attributed)*

Together, we will revisit the history of this church and assess our values. We will find a vision (a destination point for our map.)

This process will be intense, and the visioning team will do exercises to reconnect, so we avoid roadkill on our journey!

After that, we will begin the hard work of setting our sails for the wind of the Spirit to catch us and take us onward (oh I jumped into the water from the road) but you get the point. :)

Let's catch the wind of the Spirit and let her take us on a new mission. We are not going to change the world by simply and only going to church but by living as and being the body of Christ. Let's be the Church!

I don't know about you, but that is exciting to me, and I am so glad to be on the journey in this new season with you.

God's Blessings

**Pastor Joy**

# **Our Church Family**

Those remaining in our Prayers...

*Elsie Bolick  
Troy Johnson  
Amber Massey  
Rachel  
Buster Freeman  
Sandy Chapman*

*Mark Garrison  
Bobbye Mebane  
Randy Sellars  
Lewis & Vonnie  
Fowler  
Marci Nanny*

*Joe Strickland  
Shirley Perry  
Frances Morgan  
Ken & Lola Pipes*

## **Change of Address**

Change of address? Please let us know by contacting the church office via email, [office@firstchristianucc.org](mailto:office@firstchristianucc.org) or phone, 336-226-7428.

## **Birthdays**

Deborah Williams 6/1  
Frances Morgan 6/3  
Cyndi Horne 6/5  
Ross Strange 6/7  
Faye Strickland 6/8  
Judy Kipp 6/8  
Charlie Vitou 6/26  
June Sellars 6/29

## **Anniversaries**

Ross & Ann Strange 6/5/1955  
Jamie & Carol Fonville 6/8/1968  
Mark & Margot Pickett 6/13  
Joy Ballard & Kathy Russel 6/20/2018  
Garry & Sherry Massey 6/21/1974

## **Worship Services for June 2022**

Date	Liturgist	Scripture	Theme	Extra Info
6/5/22	Sandra Greene	Acts 2:1-21	Pentecost	Rev. Joy Allridge
6/12/22	Cindy Sharpe	Romans 5:1-11	Trinity Sunday	Rev. Joy Allridge
6/19/22	Brooke Manning	1 Kings 19:1-15	Father's Day	Rev. Joy Allridge
6/26/22	Julie Miller	Luke 9:51-62	Discipleship	Rev. Joy Allridge

## **June Events**

### Women's Circle Meetings

Margaret Lightborne Circle meets on the first Monday of every month at 11:00am in the Bray Hall

Centennial Circle meets on the second Tuesday at 5:30 pm at The Cutting Board

### Adult Faith Formation Class

Lila B Sellers Adult Sunday School meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 am. The classroom is located in the Christian Education building, just over the breezeway from the sanctuary. All are welcome to join in.

### Visioning Committee

Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm

A schedule for additional meetings will be set at this meeting.

### Living The Questions

A 12 week Spiritual Growth and Outreach Study

**\*\*Coming this Fall\*\***

### Summer Symposium

**\*\*Coming this July\*\***



# Community Updates

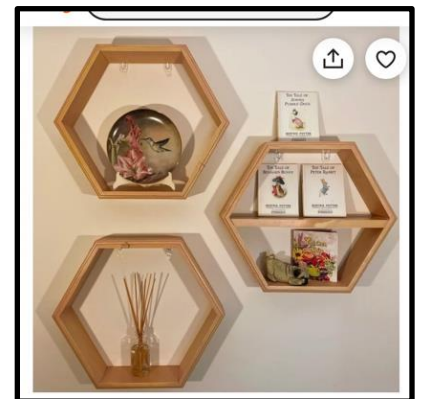
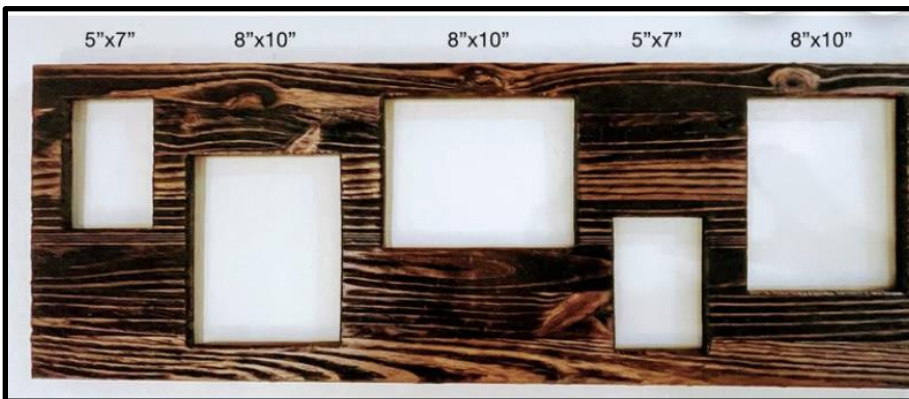
## **UCC Webinar: Climate Change**

Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

### **Casey and Jerri are getting married!**

Casey and Jerri Ann are making plans for their September wedding.

Casey is making wooden shadowboxes/wall cases to help raise money for their wedding. If you are interested in purchasing some of Casey's handworks, listed below is a link to his Etsy shop and



also to their wedding registry. Hand delivery is available.

ETSY Shop

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/RivetingPine>

Wedding Registry

<https://www.theknot.com/us/jerri-ann-sullivan-and-casey-lynn-howe-sep-2022/registry>

## Mission Trip: Uganda



### **UGANDA EVENT DETAILS:**

On July 7th, Dotti Davis and Matt Rice will return to the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement in Uganda to serve as ambassadors of First Christian United Church of Christ. They will work with teachers and students not only in furthering their education but sharing the Word of God which is Christ Jesus. This year, their mission work will include going out in the community to deliver essential supplies and praying with the families. They will also visit the "Hope School" in Hoima. Our church has provided monetary and prayerful support to this ministry as it focuses on children with disabilities. At the end of their trip, they will visit Murchensin Falls for a safari and will have an extended layover in Cairo to see the ancient pyramids. All donations should be in by Sunday, 5 June.

Let's continue to support our missionaries with our prayers

## **First Christian UCC Mission Statement**

We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and in the Church that he has calling into being which, by his grace and mercy, welcomes all. We encourage all who join us and confess Jesus Christ - regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, social, economic, physical or mental condition - to share fully in all aspects of our church life and leadership. We believe relationships between individuals, groups, and nations must be based on love, justice, commitment, and mutual respect; and we strive toward such relationships in our church, homes, and community.

~Approved by FCUCC congregation 2011

### **OUR MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM**

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 am - 12 pm  
Office is closed on Fridays

### **CHURCH OFFICERS**

President: Mr. Troy Johnson  
Vice President: Mr. Jamie Fonville  
Treasurer: Mr. Ken Little  
Church Secretary: Ms. Nancey Simmons  
Acting Church Secretary: Peggy Johnson

### **FIRST CHRISTIAN UCC STAFF**

Interim Pastor: Rev. Joy Allridge  
Minister of Music: Mr. Matt Rice  
Custodian: Mr. Rodney Paul