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June 8 is Pentecost Sunday.
 Please wear red to church to
 help celebrate the birthday of
 the church!

June is our month to serve the food pantry.
 We have June 16-30 from 9:30-11:30. Please
 sign up to help if you can.



Mother's Day in the sanctuary was a warm day. It brought our attention to the need for a new air conditioner to replace the one that no longer worked. Ben has worked with his company to best meet our needs with the least amount of money. \$8000 is needed to replace one of our units. If you are able to contribute toward this necessary maintenance update, please mark your check for the maintenance fund.



Pastor's
Office Hours



Church Secretary

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9-12
 Afternoons by appointment

Office Hours Monday-Friday

8-12

May be gone to the
 doctor with Mom

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Brian's Beacon

June is a month that I love for many reasons. First is the weather. Most of the time it is not too hot, and we all know that it is not cold. I love June because it has some of the longest days of the year. So, I figure that I can get more done because of the long days. June has great flowers, and the garden is coming together. June is the month of Pentecost and Father's Day.

Father's Day is almost as good as having a birthday. I get cards, and gifts and get to pick the meal. Like having a birthday. I also like to think about my heavenly Father. Who I know loves and takes care of me. The Bible tells me how he created this wonderful world with beautiful trees, sky, mountains, oceans, animals, and people. God is good and with him being my Father I know that all of my needs are going to be met. The Bible speaks of his character. How he is kind, and loving. In James 1;17 it speaks of "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth," And this birth is about our salvation. He has given us new life in him! We have a church family as well as our own earthly family. A group of people that also care and love us.

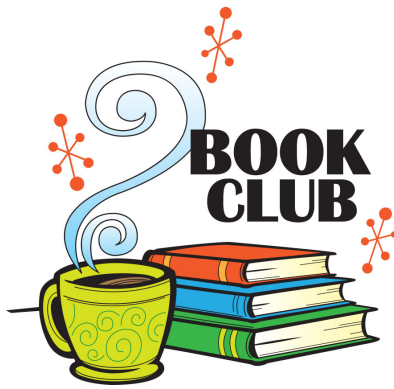
Father's Day is lot to be thankful for. We find forgiveness from our heavenly Father as well as purpose. Father's Day What are you going to do? I plan on being with my church family and some of my earthy family, but it will be a great day because of all the many things I have just shared. Mark your calendars for June 15th Fathers' Day and see you in church.

Pastor Brian

Bible Reading for the Month

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Job 1-4	2 Job 5-7	3 Job 8-10	4 Job 11-13	5 Job 14-16	6 Job 17-20	7 Job 21-23
8 Job 24-28	9 Job 29-31	10 Job 32-34	11 Job 35-37	12 Job 38-39	13 Job 40-42	14 Psalm 1-8
15 Psalm 9-16	16 Psalm 17-20	17 Psalm 21-25	18 Psalm 26-31	19 Psalm 32-35	20 Psalm 36-39	21 Psalm 40-45
22 Psalm 46-50	23 Psalm 51-57	24 Psalm 58-65	25 Psalm 66-69	26 Psalm 70-73	27 Psalm 74-77	28 Psalm 78-79
29 Psalm 80-85	30 Psalm 86-89					



Book Club will meet June 11 at 10 AM. The books can be found in Fellowship Hall or you can contact Jane Uzzell. This month is the Odyssey Award. This award is for the best audio book.



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for celebrating my graduation with a special blessing box, ceremony, and church gathering. Thank you for the graduate book, flowers and cake. I have fond memories of my time in youth group with my church family especially Christmas Programs. I will keep all of the memories with me as I go to Midland and study to be a realtor.

Thank you so much

Skylar Indra



6th	Tom Surber
9th	Scott Williams
18th	Desiree Martinson
19th	David Thompson
26th	Susan Allyn
27th	Lori Williams
29th	Timothy Braezel

Anniversary

7th	Lee and Michelle Indra
8th	Glenn and Lis Williams
20th	Scott and Lori Williams



June 1

Communion: Ben Uzzell and Susan Surber
Ushers: Pat Jenny and Bonnie Dewell
Greeters: Randy and Kay Neuharth
Reader: Tom McConnell
Leader: Scott Williams
Flowers: Bonnie Dewell

June 8

Ushers: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger
Greeters: Susan Surber and Pat Jenny
Reader: Randy Neuharth
Flowers: Pat Jenny

June 15

Ushers: Mike Synovec and Barb Koenig
Greeters: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger
Reader: Scott Williams
Flowers: Scott and Lori Williams

June 22

Ushers: Rita Woodard and Tom McConnell
Greeters: Ben and Stacie Uzzell
Reader: Jane Uzzell
Flowers: Barb Koenig

June 29

Ushers: Scott and Lori Williams
Greeters: Mike Synovec
Reader: Kay Neuharth
Flowers: Karen Allyn



July 6

Communion: Andrea High and Pat Jenny
Ushers: Karen Allyn and Susan Surber
Greeters: Tom McConnell and Bonnie Dewell
Reader: Tom McConnell
Leader: Susan Allyn
Flowers:

July 13

Ushers: Barb Koenig and Rita Woodard
Greeters: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger
Reader: Andrea High
Flowers:

July 20

Ushers: Ben and Grace Uzzell
Greeters: Stacie and Reece Uzzell
Reader: Verletta Olson
Flowers: Pastor Brian and Andrea High

July 27

Ushers: Scott and Lori Williams
Greeters: Verletta Olson and Lynne Bichlmeier
Reader: Jane Uzzell
Flowers:

Please notify the office if you are not able to attend a service.

May

From 5/1/25 through 5/31/25

This includes bills for the last week of April.



Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$ 14,691.60
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$ 5,654.95</u>
Subtotal	\$ 20,346.55
Salary	--\$ 10,499.81
Church Maintenance	—\$ 1,691.15
Office Expenses	—\$ 1,145.94
Worship	—\$ 338.00
Lenten Dinners	—\$ 17.92
Insurance	—\$ 1,031.08
Conference	—\$ 1,220.00
Substitute Organist	—\$ 280.00
<u>Renner's</u>	<u>—\$ 500.00</u>
Final Balance	\$ 3,122.65

▶ June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:15 Worship Unity Council	2	3	4	5	6	7 Linaje in kitchen
8 10:15 Worship Pentecost Linaje in Fellowship Hall 12:30	9	10	11 10 Book club Pastor vacation	12 Pastor vacation	13 Pastor vacation	14 Pastor vacation
15 10:15 Worship Pastor vacation	16 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 Pastor vacation	17 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 Pastor vacation	18 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 Pastor vacation	19 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	20 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	21
22 10:15 Worship	23 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	24 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	25 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	26 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	27 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	28
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▶ July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 10:15 Worship	7	8	9 10 Book club	10	11	12
13 10:15 Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:15 Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:15 Worship	28	29	30	31		