



THE CHURCH WINDOW

July 2023



FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

The Pastor's Keyboard will return next month.

Date	Greeter	Head Usher	Liturgist	Fresh Perspectives	Homily	Soundboard
8/6	Sandy Sipes	Leah Horn	Lisa Reed	Pastor Laura	Pastor Laura	
8/13	Connie Dible	Kim Dible	Vickie Kor-roch		Pastor Laura	
8/20	Erica Oliver	Nate Oliver	Ron Erskine	Lynn Hart	Pastor Laura	
8/27	Charlene	Cheryl	Sue Sackett			

CONGREGATORS

Our Congregators have decided to take the summer off and will look forward to meeting again the first Tuesday in September! ... Charlene (517.281.5019) and Sandy (517.420.2121)

COMMUNITY MEAL THANK YOU!

There will not be another community meal until Wednesday, September 6...but in the meantime, we want to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to **Lon and Sheila Wilkinson** for helping set up the day before many meals, and to **Gary and Kathy Burt** for faithfully volunteering to serve and clean up. Another to **Gary Cypher** for his serving help when I asked him at the last minute...to **Kim Dible** for helping prepare a meal early on when we were all finding our way around an unfamiliar kitchen, where certain pots and utensils were, how to keep things up to Health Department standards. We partnered with Trinity Episcopal Church to cook one meal and are scheduled to do another in November. We will be gently nudging some of you to volunteer once meals get rolling again in September. We'd really like FCUCC and TEP to cook at least three meals next calendar year. So, rest up your cooking skills, you may be hearing from one of us in the fall ☐

Charlene and Sandy

Prayers, Cards, and Support

Just as individual prayer time is very important to each of us, so is **prayer as a faith community**. We invite you to call the **church office at 627-2336** to notify the pastor of any prayer concerns you would like to share.

Health concerns: Pray for family and friends with health concerns and those who have the Coronavirus.

Those who are struggling be it: financially, mentally, spiritually, individually, or collectively.

Those in a time of transition or turmoil.

Those who serve: soldiers, teachers, police officers, firefighters, counselors, public servants, our congregational leaders, politicians, and many more.

Prayer request: Please pray for those affected by the Coronavirus as well as all those on our prayer list: Darlene B., Corey, Kaleb, Beth P., Doris B., Lili B., Kathy H., Cindy G., Carole S., Barbara N., Geri L., Robert E., Larry and Carol S., Marty S, Maryann, Patricia R., Sarah B., Bonnie., Ron, Katy R, Sue C., Caieya C., Ashley R., Eric, Heather and their families, Lee W., Dan B., Phillip C., Ann E., and Denny E. *In being consistent with the HIPAA Law and people's privacy, we only list individuals with their explicit permission and no last names. During worship, please do not use personal identifiable information for others when asking for prayers.*





Income and Expense Report

	Actual May, 2023	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
INCOME	\$ 8,076.09	\$ 60,521.63	\$ 54,181.67	\$130,036.00
EXPENSES	<u>12,761.96</u>	<u>67,421.74</u>	<u>67,180.42</u>	<u>162,783.00</u>
BALANCE	(\$ 4,685.87)	(\$ 6,900.11)	(\$ 12,998.75)	(\$ 32,747.00)

Our income was very low this month and we had several large bills. We will have a couple of large bills this month as well. Prayerful consideration of increasing your donations will help us to maintain our support of this church and be of service to the community.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
First Congregational United Church of Christ – Grand Ledge
Executive Board Meeting Minutes May 30, 2023

Call to Order

Moderator Leah Horn called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Board Members present: Charlene Avery, Kim Dible-Glasser, Ron Erskine, Lynn Hart, Karen Holcomb-Merrill, Leah Horn, Pastor Laura (via phone), Thea Oatman, Fay Schroeder, Kelly Stuible-Clark and Bil Turner

Spiritual Reflection

Leah read a message from the UCC daily Devotional, and offered a prayer.

Open Forum

No one was present for this item.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was accepted.

Action and Discussion Items

LanSINGout Chorus

The group is not available on the last Sunday in June. We'll try another date. We still need music for that date.

Emergency Procedures Plan

The Emergency Leadership Response Team will be Gary Burt, Gary Cypher and one other. A few minor word changes were recommended. It was moved by Karen, seconded by Kim to approve the Plan. Motion passed.

Endowment Committee

Fay explained there was an error on the Endowment Committee Annual Report, explained the error and the proposed correction. The available amounts in each category were discussed. Julie Wilkinson has agreed to join the Committee. It was moved by Bil, seconded by Fay to approve Julie's addition to the Committee. Motion passed.

Kitchen Repair/Upgrade

Leah reported that Gary Burt has done extensive work on securing bids to replace the dishwasher and upgrade the water heating ability. The total cost will be about \$17,000. Possible sources of that amount were discussed. Item tabled.

Sabbatical in 2024

Bil supplied a summary of how pastoral duties were handled during Pastor Nicolette's 2013 sabbatical. Karen suggested a small group be formed to start the planning for Pastor Laura's sabbatical. She volunteered to be a part of this group, as did Leah and Lynn.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES (CONT.)

Misc. Updates

Personnel Committee. One more member is still needed.

Lugnuts Outing. Charlene informed the Board that we have enough signed up to qualify for a discount on ticket prices.

Staff Substitute List. It was agreed that it would be acceptable to go forward without a formal named substitute for the Custodian.

Update on Bells Purchase. Leah announced that the \$6000 goal has been met.

CPR/First Aid Training. The training will take place at 1 PM on June 14th at the local Fire Barn.

Summer Music Scheduling. Kelly reported that two individuals have signed up and each will help twice. More are needed.

New Business

Ministries of the Church Group

Leah explained that the group that had been studying church functions and who should be performing them has not met for some time but will be reconvening soon. They had previously produced several drafts of an overall look at distribution of church duties.

Digital Ministries from "Convergence"

Pastor Laura informed the Board of the website "Convergence" that is offering many online class opportunities related to church topics. Topics include; Church Justice, Visioning, Church Growth, How to Lead, and many others. There is a charge of \$149 to take the classes. This is the website that had previously been "Center for Progressive Renewal".

Youth Activity Sundays.

Kelly explained that she and others are youth focused events for this summer. There will be one each month and they will be open to all, not just church members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

The next Executive Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 27th, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bil Turner, Church Clerk

Ways to Keep In Touch with the Church!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/uccgrandledge>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcmU3DDWy-JbJ04TgjLtgWg>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/grandledgeucc/>
<https://grandledgeucc.org/>

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10am AA Women
2 10:30am In-Person and Facebook Worship Service	3	4	5 6pm AA 7:30pm AI-Anon 8pm AA Community Meal 5:30pm Grand Ledge Methodist	6 8pm AA	7	8 10am AA Women
9 10:30am In-Person and Facebook Worship Service	10	11	12 6pm AA 7:30pm AI-Anon 8pm AA Rest in the rush 5-7pm	13 8pm AA	14	15 10am AA Women
16 10:30am In-Person and Facebook Worship Service	17	18	19 6pm AA 7:30pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	20 8pm AA	21	22 10am AA Women
23 10:30am In-Person and Facebook Worship Service	24	25 6:30pm Executive Board Meeting	26	27 8pm AA	28	29 10am AA Women
30 10:30am In-Person and Facebook Worship Service	31					

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
THEME	Be At Peace with Who You Are	Learning your Story from those You've Lost	Synod Resolution: Actively Affirming Transgender and Nonbinary Persons	Synod Resolution: Recognition, Repentance, and Reparations	
TEXT	Isaiah 26: 1-6 Matthew 10:16-20, 40-42	1 Corinthians 12	Isaiah 43:18-19 Galatians 3:23-29	Leviticus 19:13-14 Luke 17:1-2	
HEAD USHER	Fay Schroeder	Chris Cypher	Chuck Byam	Pat Reed	Cheryl Mattson
GREETER	Lynn Hart	Gary Cypher	Susan Elbin	Lisa Reed	Bil Turner
LITURGIST	Sue Sackett	Marcia Kent	Greg Elbin	Rich Brown	Leah Horn
SOUNDBOARD	Charlynn Walker	Charlynn Walker	Charlynn Walker	Charlynn Walker	Charlynn Walker
VIRTUAL COORDINATOR	David Wee	David Wee	David Wee	David Wee	David Wee
HYMN SINGER					



July BIRTHDAYS

Chris Cypher	2nd	Janet Harmon	20th
Tom Bernardi	5th	Becky Ramos	23rd
Tina Lamer	5th	Reshay Tanasse	24th
Karen Ramthun	7th	Molly Coombes	24th
Anita Calcagno	10th	Joe Gilson	26th
Elva Maguire	10th	Bob Sackett	27th
Katie Miller-Purrenhage	12th	Jane Cosper	30th
Patty Curtis	20th		



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First Congregational UCC Mission Statement		
<i>Following Jesus, our mission is to serve God by building an inclusive community where uplifting worship and relevant messages deepen spirituality and inspire acts of justice, service, and compassion.</i>		
PASTOR'S KEYBOARD	1	<p style="text-align: center;">STAFF</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage Larry Patterson Office Administrator Brandon Frost, Choir Director Carol Orsborn, Bell Choir Director Dr. James Sullivan, Organist & Accompanist Rev. Demphna Krikorian, Christian Educator Ben Sackett, Custodian Rev. John Baumgartner, Pastor Emeritus</p>
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		<p style="text-align: center;">EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS & BOARD CHAIRS</p> <p>Leah Horn, Moderator Thea Oatman, Vice Moderator Bil Turner, Clerk Fay Schroeder, Treasurer Lynn Hart, Financial Secretary Charlene Avery, Member-at-Large Karen Holcomb-Merrill, Member-at-Large Gary Cypher, Member-at-Large Kelly Stuible-Clark, Christian Education Kim Dible, Congregational Life Ron Erskine, Outreach Board</p>