



THE CHURCH WINDOW

June 2023



FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

The Pastor's Keyboard will return next month.

Date	Greeter	Head Usher	Liturgist	Fresh Perspectives	Homily	Soundboard
7/2	Lynn Hart	Fay Schroeder	Sue Sackett	Demphna Krikorian	Demphna Krikorian	
7/9	Gary Cypher	Chris Cypher	Marcia Kent	Lisa Reed	Lisa Reed	
7/16	Chuck Byam	Susan Elbin	Greg Elbin	Lynn Hart	Pastor Laura	
7/23	Pat Reed	Lisa Reed	Rich Brown		Pastor Laura	
7/30	Bil Turner	Cheryl Mattson	Leah Horn		Vickie Korroch	
8/6	Sandy Sipes	Leah Horn	Lisa Cypher	Pastor Laura	Pastor Laura	
8/13	Connie Dible	Kim Dible	Vickie Korroch		Pastor Laura	
8/20	Erica Oliver	Nate Oliver	Ron Erskine	Lynn Hart	Pastor Laura	
8/27	Charlene Avery	Cheryl Mattson	Sue Sackett			

Dear Parents,

Our Sunday School & Youth Program will be taking the summer off starting on Sunday, May 28th, and will resume with a Rally Sunday on September 10th! There is a crafting blanket in the front of the pews in the sanctuary on the bell ringers' side and goodie bags that are provided for all children that contain coloring pages and puzzles at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please feel free to enjoy either or both while in worship.

We will be starting a confirmation class this year with an informational meeting to be held on Sunday, June 11th, after church for parents and youth. Pizza will be provided! Please RSVP to Pastor Laura about your plans to attend this important meeting!

It has been a pleasure teaching Sunday school this year! Thank you all for the opportunity!

In faithfulness,

Demphna Krikorian

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., Jenna P., 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.*



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)

WOMEN GATHERING OVER DEVOTIONS

Women Gathering Over Devotions (WGOD) met for the last time this program year on May 15, 2023 for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Several brought devotions that were read and discussed. We enjoyed the many views throughout this past year on the books that we read.

We will not meet until September. If you have a suggestion for a book to begin in September, let a WGod member know.

SISTERS OF RUTH

Sister of Ruth want to thank the generous donations for the personal care packets. We met on May 8, 2023, in the Fellowship Hall and put together the 58 personal care packets for the S.I.R.E.N. Shelter of Eaton County. There were also 8 bags with the extras and 4 blankets that was donated to S.I.R.E.N. as well.

After the care packets were completed, we had lunch at the very new restaurant, Arms and Embers. It was very nice. Try it and support our local businesses.

Wednesdays, June 7 - Free Community Meal

On Wednesday, June 7, is at the Grand Ledge First United Methodist Church, serving from 5:30-6:30pm. Please come and enjoy the summery menu of hotdogs, Fred's special holiday beans, coleslaw, chips, cookies/ice cream! The community meal planners and workers are taking a two-month break in July and August. Meals will start again the first Wednesday of each month in September. If you have questions, please get in touch with Charlene Avery or Sandy Sipes.

RECYCLING EVENT IN EATON COUNTY

There's still time to register for the spring recycling event on Saturday, June 10, in Charlotte.

Recycling Fever 2023 Tickets | Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/recycling-fever-2023-tickets-547748278847>

Income and Expense Report

	Actual April, 2023	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date	Annual Budget
INCOME	\$ 14,265.98	\$ 52,445.54	\$ 43,345.33	\$130,036.00
EXPENSES	<u>11,774.44</u>	<u>54,659.78</u>	<u>53,744.33</u>	<u>162,783.00</u>
BALANCE	\$ 2,491.54	(\$ 2,214.24)	(\$ 10,399.00)	(\$ 32,747.00)

Even though, this month, the income is larger than the expenses, we are still in a deficit position. Your continued support will reduce the deficit and let us serve our congregation and community.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
First Congregational United Church of Christ – Grand Ledge
Executive Board Meeting Minutes April 25, 2023

Call to Order

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

Board Members present: Charlene Avery, Gary Cypher, Kim Dible-Glasser, Ron Erskine, Lynn Hart, Karen Holcomb-Merrill, Leah Horn, Pastor Laura, Fay Schroeder, Kelly Stuible-Clark and Bil Turner

Spiritual Reflection

Leah read a passage from the book of Revelations, a quote from Dag Hammarskjold, offered her thoughts and a prayer.

Open Forum

No one was present for this item.

Consent Agenda

Pastor Laura spoke to the highlights of her monthly report. The Consent Agenda was accepted.

Action and Discussion Items

Sabbatical (added item)

Pastor Laura reminded the Board of her eligibility for a three month sabbatical beginning next summer. There was discussion about when that might best fit into the Church year. It was moved by Ron seconded by Karen to allow the sabbatical to run from June 1 to August 31. Motion passed. The Board is asked to contemplate how best to cover Pastoral Care. Bil will look at how all the pastoral duties were organized during Pastor Nicolette's sabbatical.

Possible Red Cross CPR training

Ron will poll the congregation about the best possible June date for this training.

E-mail votes

Hand bell and chimes purchase. The vote was yes, to purchase the hand bells and chimes. So far, \$1150 has been donated, plus an equal matching pledge toward this purchase. Memorial funds are also available, per Lynn. A special offering will be announced at a worship service.

Position Descriptions

The PDs for Choir Director and the Organist/Accompanist positions plus an addendum to Choir Director PD were sent to the Board by e-mail. The Board discussed the PDs. It was moved by Karen, seconded by Gary to approve all three documents. Motion passed.

Summer Music Scheduling

Kin and Pastor Laura have been working on aspects of this item. Kelly will create a list of potential participants.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES (CONT.)

LanSINGout Chorus (added item)

This group may be available on the last Sunday in June, which is Pride weekend. They probably have a fee in the \$300 area. ONA has some restricted funds. Leah will inquire about the fee and about using the ONA funds.

Video person for funerals (added item)

A funeral may need a substitute video person. It was moved by Karen, seconded by Charlene to pay the substitute at the same rate as the regular individual. Motion passed.

Purchase of laminator

Two different options for a laminator were discussed. The more economical one appears to be about \$50. It was moved by Lynn, seconded by Ron to purchase the more economical one. Motion passed.

Misc. Updates

- Emergency Procedures. A comprehensive document has been produced by Mary Lou Prevost. The Board will review and be prepared to offer comments next month.
- Personnel Committee. Currently the Personnel Committee consists of Karen Holcomb Merrill, Marsha Kent and Lisa Reed. A replacement is being sought for Lisa Reed. The Committee will be working on the remaining Position Descriptions and participating in annual staff evaluations.
- Potential Lugnuts outing. Charlene has it scheduled for August 19th. Announcements will be made.
- Staff substitute list. Substitutes are available for all but the custodians. A custodian task list may be available; Pastor Laura will look for it. It may be possible to find substitute custodians on an as-needed basis. It should be noted there may be occasions when there is a need to do some custodial work on Sunday morning before Worship Service.

Bystander Training. Kelly stated that the training has been scheduled for September 5th at 6 PM and that it will be the one hour option.

New Business

- Lynn announced that the Food Bank support effort at Meijer generated a total of \$16490.

Fay told the Board that Demphna has been working 12-16 hours per month, while her agreement calls for 2 hours per week. After discussion, it was moved by Fay, seconded by Ron to increase the hours of that position to 3 hours per week, beginning next program year. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

The next Executive Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 23rd, 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/>

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8pm AA	2	3 10am AA Women
4 10:30am In-Person and Facebook Wor- ship Service	5	6	7 6pm AA 7:30pm AI-Anon 8pm AA Community Meal 5:30pm Grand Ledge Methodist	8 8pm AA	9	10 10am AA Women
11 9:00 Christian Ed Meeting 10:30am In- Person and Face- book Worship Service	15	16	17 6pm AA 7:30pm AI-Anon 8pm AA Rest in the rush 5- 7pm	18 8pm AA	16	17 10am AA Women
18 10:30am In- Person and Facebk Worship Service	19	20	21 6pm AA 7:30pm AI-Anon 8pm AA	22 8pm AA	23	24 10am AA Women Baby Shower
25 10:30am In- Person and Face- book Worship Ser- vice	26	27 6:30pm Execu- tive Board Meet- ing	28	29	30	

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	
THEME	Graduation Sunda	Tower of Babel	Believing in the Unbelievable	Open and Affirming Sunday	
TEXT	Proverbs 3:13-18 Philippians 1:9-11 The Message	Genesis 11: 1-9 Phillipians 2:1-11	Genesis 18:1-15 and 21: 1-7 Romans 5:1-2		
HEAD USHER	Susan Elbin	Kathy Burt	Tina Lamer	Cheryl Mattson	
GREETER	Sandy Sipes	Gary Burt	Charlene Avery	Fay Schroeder	
LITURGIST	Leah Horn	Lisa Reed	Ron Erskine	Marcia Kent	
SOUNDBOARD					
VIRTUAL COORDINATOR	David Wee	David Wee	David Wee	David Wee	
HYMN SINGER	Choir	Choir	Choir	Choir	



June BIRTHDAYS

Emily Miller-Purrenhage	7th
June Robertson	11th
Karen Walker	15th
Riley Spayde	19th
Erica (Stoll) Oliver	23rd
Tamara Lipsey	27th
Eleanor Clark	29th
Gla' Spayde	30th



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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>
Volunteer Schedule Youth Program Prayers, Cards and Support	2	
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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>