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Never place a
period where God
has placed a comma

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**It's time to put up
the lawn chairs!
The first Sunday
back inside will
be September 7.**

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About the cover: "A Circle of Joy," featuring the Englehart children and a few friends. Nearby is Baby Blake Carabajal, who spent his summer on the Commons learning to walk and his grandma thinks he's made it! Photo by Caryn Hansen. August 17, 2025



PASTOR'S CORNER

Pastor Adam Droscha

Our 'Be the Church' Rally

I dread making posterboards for anything; I always have. Even as a kid when I liked to draw and never shied away from an opportunity to have the spotlight, I hated making presentational posterboard displays. Whether it was for a junior high science fair project, or one of those insufferable history timeline presentations, inevitably several of my classmates' posterboards

looked way cooler than mine, which really got under my skin especially after I had spent so much time writing, tracing, coloring, and aligning. I came to despise posterboard projects even more when I discovered later in life that many of my classmates' stunning posterboards were actually made by their parents.

And yet when we get to Rally Sunday every year, my heart softens. A sense of nostalgia springs up in me when I think about all of us gathering as a group around our important projects to share about what we do and why. It throws me back to those feelings of enchantment around a new school year. I even look forward to seeing the posterboard displays, knowing they look better than anything I could hope to create.

What really stands out to me about our Rally Sunday festivities every year is how it's a little, intentional celebration about the ways we embody our mission to 'be the church.' We're a creative church body with many ideas and methods for expressing ourselves, serving our community, becoming more hospitable, and living the common life together. When I look around the Bess Fulton room on Rally Sunday, I'm reminded of how life in Christ and life together is supposed to be dynamic and fun. It's too easy for church to become stale, stagnant, and stuck in one mode of expression. Churches both as institutions and bodies of faith should

be alive and active in many ways.

I'm thankful that our church does not just talk about 'being the church.' I'm thankful that 'being the church' for us looks like having an art team, a team dedicated to social justice and activism, regular bar outings to talk about big ideas and concepts, a women's group that's been around for the better part of a century, a team dedicated to the care and welfare of our congregants, multiple Bible studies, and plenty more. And I'm grateful to all of you not just for these teams, or just for staying active and making our church look cool, or for your poster-boards. I'm grateful to all of you for seriously and consistently and joyfully embodying the mission to 'be the church.'



Fall Membership Class

During the month of October, Pastor Adam is hosting a membership class!

This class will be held in two sessions, with a new member induction ceremony toward the end of the month.

In the class those desiring to join First Congregational Church with formal member standing will learn about why we have membership and what it entails, some history of the church, congregational polity, tithing, how we serve the sacraments, ways to get involved at the church, and more. You will be able to ask questions that come to mind and decide if membership is right for you.

Membership class will not commit you to membership! It's just an opportunity to learn about our church and what membership looks like for us. If you want to participate in the membership class, please email Pastor Adam at pastor@ucccharlotte.org.





Outreach Moment

Mary Normand, chair

Concert on the Square: This was a successful event again. Lots of positive comments about the ice cream sandwiches and our willingness to make them and give them out.

Loads of Love This was held August 16 at the Quality Dairy laundromat. We were very busy again. We spent \$755.50. This was the last one, for our church, for this year.

A member of the Outreach Board drafted a letter explaining what Loads of Love is and how we're doing it here in Charlotte. This letter was sent out to 75 churches in Eaton County via email or Face Book. One woman from the Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids contacted the church regarding Loads of Love. I have spoken with her. She is interested in being included in emails from the Loads of Love group here and possibly coming to our next planning meeting on October 9 at 2 pm.

August Giving Tree This was to meet with Pastor Messner from the Charlotte Methodist Church to see how we can help with their monthly community dinner. Chris Reist-Rush and I met with him August 20. They will take whatever help we can give. I have offered to help with the October 1 dinner. Besides furnishing the food I'm not currently sure what else will be needed. Pastor Messner will contact me as the date gets closer

September Giving Tree CROP walk. A video about this will be shown September 14 during church.

Neighbors in Need This offering starts October 5 but can be given throughout the whole month.

October Giving Tree This is the beginning of our winter coat drive. More information will come out as it gets closer.

Festival of Trees This is coming fast. It's the weekend after Thanksgiving. This is a fun event with lots of cool entries and all the money goes to Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center to buy boots for their clients. Please think about a tree or some other Christmasy things you might want to donate.

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42nd Annual Charlotte Area CROP Hunger Walk

Deb Cogswell, First Congregational UCC CROP Walk Champion

Date: **October 5, 2025**

Location: **Bennett Park**

Registration: **1:30 pm**

Walk: **2 pm**

The 42nd Annual Charlotte CROP Walk is sponsored by area churches coming together to stamp out hunger through concentrated fund-raising benefitting neighbors in need, locally and globally. Area churches, businesses, and organizations seek donations to meet our \$25,000 goal, with help from our dedicated Walkers who walk to symbolize the steps people near and far need to take to live.



There will be music, food, encouragement to cheer on the walkers.

Why walk? (Why not just give?)

Walking shows solidarity with the millions who walk miles every day in search of food and water, both in our country and around the world.

Because as we walk, we gather. We cross denominational lines and partner with local organizations who stand on the front line facing the challenge. Locally, three agencies, SIREN/Eaton Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, and Helping Hands Food Pantry, directly benefit from the funds raised.

As a community, our goal is to raise \$25,000. But walking is not the only way to raise funds. Within the community there are other opportunities. For example:

Cravings Gourmet Popcorn Sales – 50% goes to CROP now through September 14

Community Night at Culver's in Charlotte, 10% goes to CROP, September 15, 5 to 8 pm

Applebee's Charlotte, 10% goes to CROP, September 24, 4 to 9 pm

Helping Hands Food Pantry Event at ALIVE, September 27, 5 to 8 pm

Another way to help is simply to raise awareness. If you are on social media, look for CROP Walk using the tag #CROPHungerWalk and share some of the information found.



Everything's Coming Up Flowers!

Shirley Ripley, Flower Committee

With Fall approaching services will be held in the Sanctuary again. This means you will have the opportunity of providing an altar arrangement for one of our Sunday services.

With many fall flowers in bloom you may have some in your garden you would like to share. Or perhaps there is a special occasion or special person you would like to honor with an arrangement. It is nice to see the different arrangements that enrich our worship time. The flower chart is posted by the elevator and some dates have already been taken. But many are still available .

This is another way you can volunteer to your church. If you have questions, please contact Shirley Ripley (ShirleyRipley5@gmail.com) or Diane Sowle (DianeSowle55@gmail.com). If you want a dedication in the Sunday Bulletin make a note of it when you sign up or contact Caryn Hansen at editor@uccCharlotte.org by Thursday morning before you place your dedication on the altar.



The Cookie Brigade

The Care Committee

Calling all bakers!

Re: Cookies for Coffee Hour Coming into the fall months (which can be especially busy)

The Care Committee is attempting to build up our cookie reserve in the deep freeze to be used for coffee hours.

If you are baking, and are able, might you consider sneaking in an extra batch for the church?

Simply place your sweets in a freezer appropriate container, label them with your name and date they were baked, and place them in the deep freezer in the small room off to the south side of the Bess Fulton Room.

Questions? Drop a note on the Welcome Card or contact Pam Rinckey.



Banned Book Read-In

Amy Frost, Social and Environmental Justice

“Where the Wild Things Are”, “The Lorax”, “1984”, “To Kill a Mockingbird”,
“Charlotte’s Web”, “The Color Purple”, “Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl”, “Are You
There God? It’s Me Margaret”, “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings”

What do all these books have in common? They have been banned in school or public libraries. Book bannings and challenges are on the rise.

Join us as we bring this issue to light in Charlotte. Bring your lawn chair and a banned book that resonates with you. We will read on the lawn of the Church from 11:30-12:30 on Sunday, October 5 (the beginning of Banned Book week 2025).

We will have Coffee Hour outside so we can read with snacks. If it is chilly, bring a blanket and get cozy. In case of rain we will move inside. Books will be available if you would like to borrow one.

Hopefully this small act of resistance will spark discussion and action. While we may not be noticing incidences of book banning here, they are happening all over the country. The United Church of Christ stands strongly against book banning and offers resources on their website.

More information is available on these (and other) websites:

PEN America [pen.org](https://www.pen.org) - PEN America stands at the intersection of literature and human rights to protect free expression in the United States and worldwide. We champion the freedom to write, recognizing the power of the word to transform the world.

American Library Association [ala.org](https://www.ala.org) - Empowering and advocating for libraries and library workers to ensure equitable access to information for all.

National Council of Teachers of English [ncte.org](https://www.ncte.org) - A leading partner to and professional home for teachers of English and language arts at all levels.

New York Public Library [nypl.org](https://www.nypl.org) - Inspiring lifelong learning, advance knowledge, and strengthen our communities.

Banned Book List (this is just a sampling—there are many lists available online)

Children's Books

Charlotte's Web
Where the Wild Things Are
Hop on Pop
The Lorax
The Day You Begin
Antiracist Baby
All Are Welcome
The Name Jar
The 1619 Project: Born on the Water
Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race
This is Your Time (Ruby Bridges)
Sing a Song Calvin
Families, Families, Families
In Our Mothers' House
The Baby Tree
Captain Underpants (series)
And Tango Makes Three
Junie B. Jones (series)
Baseball Saved Us
No, David!
The Complete Book of Cats
The Complete Book of Dogs

Older Children/Middle Grade Books

The Watsons Go to Birmingham
Before We Were Free
Harbor Me
Brown Girl Dreaming
Too Bright to See
Maus
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
The Wizard of Oz
Hunger Games
Goosebumps (series)
The Giver
Olive's Ocean
Are You There, God? It's Me Margaret

Adult Books:

A Raisin in the Sun
To Kill a Mockingbird
1984
The Bluest Eye
The Handmaid's Tale
Beloved
Persepolis
A Thousand Splendid Suns
Fences
The Kite Runner
How to be an Antiracist

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
The Autobiography of Malcom X
The Great Gatsby
The Sun Also Rises
Animal Farm
Moby Dick
Of Mice and Men
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
The Color Purple
The Grapes of Wrath



Pub Theology: ‘What do you mean by that?’

Pastor Adam Droscha, facilitator



Words we throw around in church settings like “faith,” “spiritual,” “Christian,” and others tend to mean different things to different people. “Christian” to one person may primarily be a label of their religious affiliation, and to another it’s a description of an ethic like that of Christ, and to another it may describe a type of person they want nothing to do with. To some it may be a label to embrace and redeem, and to others it may be one to avoid altogether. Oddly enough, for how important such words are for church and church people, sometimes when we come to church for services, rituals, service projects, or events it doesn’t always feel like it’s the right setting to explore what we mean by them.

Our Pub Theology gatherings are where we explore topics like that. We get together at the local bar, one person brings a topic of discussion, we order drinks and food, and we open the floor for conversation and curiosity. Pub Theology is when we get away from the hustle and bustle and performance of regular church time to talk openly about what we might even mean by church. Unlike a sermon, there’s not one person doing the talking and telling others what to think or believe. And unlike Bible studies (though we might use a text or a quote as a conversation prompt), there’s no book, or script to lean on to decide how you think or feel about a topic. We come with just our thoughts and experiences.

In our thoroughly religiously, spiritually, philosophically, socially, and politically pluralistic time, taking time to converse and process together is sacred space. And yes, we have talked about what we mean by “sacred.” We open the floor to listen and learn from one another, even if we disagree. Pub Theology is where we dissect and deconstruct, inquire and investigate, and have sobering conversations, believe it or not. All are welcome at Pub Theology, regardless of faith, religion, church affiliation, or preference of drink.

We meet at Riedy’s Pizza and Tavern in downtown Charlotte on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. We hope you’ll join us.





Jesus' Ethics Training

Curt Scott, class facilitator

Bible Study for Adults: Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm

During my last semester at University of Michigan, I learned that English translations of Ancient Greek, including the Bible had long been censored for sexual content, due to pressure from conservative Christians. "This is why we learn Greek," she said.

It was at Michigan that I began to see the Christian narrative as an unethical, anti-Semitic tools tailored to ignore a thousand years of Jewish ethics and coopt the title, Chosen. I responded in 1992 by teaching Historical Jesus to Methodists.

I still teach, because Christianity still hurts people.

My understanding of Faith compels me to study intriguing thoughts and events then gather with friends to weigh them. Faithful, to me, is villagers gather to ask civically pertinent questions like, "But won't they suffer?" while emperors and warlords shoot those who stand to speak.

In the long skein of ethical people who stood against Empire, where do I stand? How do I know? These are very old questions and fodder for Tuesdays. In good times and in bad we're supposed to haul them out.

Ethics is a conversation about ethics. It has been thus since Sophocles wrote plays about ordinary people and Socrates got young men to question the motives of their fathers; one of those teens being Plato. The pedagogical beginning for Jews is perhaps the moment Moses beats to death the symbol of Pharaoh's Whip-based Economy.



Tuesday evenings are different. This semester we'll knock on the doors of Judaism and Platonism to hear what made Jesus talk like Jesus. From Bronze Age Law Givers to John the Baptist we'll hear cries for a better world by way of a more ethical human population.

Join us at 6:30 to learn what kind of Love got Jesus to drop the hammer and speak?

all Church Bonfire

September 6, 6 pm

Location: LT and Peggy's
1080 White Birch Trail
Charlotte, Michigan

There will be hay bales, but you
may want to bring a lawn chair.

There will be Brats, Hotdogs, Baked
Beans and all the fixings for S'mores.

There will be pop (root beer, 7-up,
orange crush, and squirt.

Sponsored by
the Men's Group



Jen Sygit
TRIO

Alex Teller Opening	September 13 5 pm
Congregational Commons 128 South Bostwick Street Charlotte, Michigan	



News from Blanche Moyer Circle

Judi Cates, chair

Monday, September 8

Gathering, 5:15 pm

Dinner, 5:30 pm

Dinner: Mexican Lasagna, Salad, Corn Bread, Dessert and iced tea/coffee/ice water

Cost: \$5.00

Blanche Moyer Circle is the longest running Women's Circle in our Church having begun in the early days when there were seven circles. What is a "Circle"? The Women's Circle was designed for ladies to get together for food fun and a time for fellowship. We meet seven times a year in the Bess Fulton Room for dinner and a program that helps with fellowship or community involvement.

The annual fee is \$5.00...yup just \$5.00! This goes into our own checking account separate from the main church. Each dinner is \$5.00 and it also goes into our own checking account. The collected funds are used for items needed in the Church or in the wider community. We also donate to a memorial for each member or spouse of a member to their designated memorial request.

This month we will meet on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 5:15pm in the ANNEX with dinner at 5:30 pm. As it is Spanish Heritage Month we will have Maria Davis present about her trip to Spain earlier this summer. Bring you own table service. We will furnish everything else needed! We invite all the women of our Church or Community to join us as we enjoy time to relax for a great dinner and fellowship.

Please RSVP to Judi Cates at (517) 667-6659/ judithcates68@gmail.com or to Barb Anderson at barbaraf5543@icloud.com to reserve a spot for dinner and fellowship.



Neola Rendell and Diane Hudson at the 2024 October Blanche Moyer Circle gathering.



Candlelight Dinner

Sandra Field, co-organizer

Friday, October 16, 6:30 pm

Bess Fulton Room

OPEN TO ALL

Join us for a Candlelight Dinner. Make it a date night. Bring your special someone, or just a friend. This event is sponsored by the Art Team and is in preparation for the Women's Retreat the next day. Chris Reist-Rush, 517-719-8889, caureist@sbcglobal.net, or Sandra Field, 517-575-8101, yoursturlycollection@hotmail.com.



Autumn Women's Retreat

Sandra Field, co-organizer

Saturday, October 17, 9 am to 5 pm

13855 S. Jones Rd. Battle Creek, MI 49017

\$15 donation

Calling all women!

Join us for a day of fellowship growth and empowerment at our Woman's Retreat. Leave feeling renewed, refreshed, and connected. This year's theme is "Seeing Through the Eyes of Love," looking at better and more healthy ways of seeing our encounters in life through the lens of love.

Please register in advance by signing up on the Welcome Card or on the chart created by Chris Reist-Rush. Questions should be referred to Chris Reist-Rush, 517-719-8889, email caureist@sbcglobal.net, or Sandra Field, 517-575-8101, yoursturlycollection@hotmail.com.

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in yourself and your spiritual journey.



The Holiday Bazaar- 89th Annual!

Amy Krizek, co-chair

“Crafts from the Congregation” is the official name for this event. Lovingly called “Bazaar,” this is the 89th year and it is scheduled for Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8, with an opportunity for church family to shop that Sunday following worship.

It may seem early but the title describes it all – we count on the congregation and friends of this church to donate toward its success.

We need YOU especially right now, if you:

- do a craft (or many)
- garden or do canning
- cook or bake
- have vintage costume jewelry to donate

Contact Mary Normand or Amy Krizek for more information on any of this. Complete contact information is on the next two pages.

Craft sessions with planned ideas will be publicized, watch your emails. We will pickle beets and process butternut squash the later part of September, so kitchen help is welcomed, watch your emails. Jewelry donation boxes are placed in the annex and Bess Fulton Room basement for your donations of grandma’s or auntie’s or your own repurposed jewelry.

It takes a lot of work and people to put this event on and the money from the events fund several projects around the church as well as assisting several other charitable agencies/projects in the community.



Crafts from the Congregation 2025

Friday, November 7th - 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 8th - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

89th year!

Sponsored by the Bazaar & Women's Fellowship

Family DINNER: Friday, 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

CRAFT Lounge

Co-Chairs: Judy Johnson 543-7768 and Jan Shall 269 832 5114

Bazaar sells crafts created by individuals who donate their special handmade/homemade items. Beginning Sunday, Nov 2 after Church, bring any item you are willing to donate for our sale to the Annex. Pricing these items by YOU is very important and appreciated.

Craft Sessions

Chairs: Dyna Lehman 983-8825, Judi Cates, Stephanie Tighe 517 667 8448

We hope you are working on homemade items at home. Group craft workshops happen on many Thursday mornings 9am. Watch your bulletin and emails for details. Ideas are welcome! Join us for these crafting sessions.

Jewelry Shop

Chair: Sharon Oatman 402-3297

Vintage jewelry of all kinds is "repurposed" on this very popular Jewelry Shop. Please try to get your "gems" dropped off in specially marked boxes at church by Oct 19 for pricing.

Country Kitchen

Chair: Chris Reist 517-719-8889

Country Kitchen sells home grown and home-baked products. Especially good are breads, pies, jams, garden produce & herbs. Bake ahead and freeze!! Members and friends drop off labeled donations in the Annex starting Sunday, Nov 2.

COOKIES, COOKIES, Cookies! homemade holiday style cookies are needed! Dropped off in the Annex after 3pm on Tuesday,, Nov 4. Help with packaging is needed.

Hospitality

Co-Chairs: Judi Cates 667-6659 & Pam Rinckey 543-2901

Cashiers/Baggers: Friday, Nov 7, 9 am. -4:30pm, Saturday, Nov 8, 9am - 2pm.

Conversation Cafe Friday 9:30am-1pm

Chair: Jenny Bohms

Enjoy FREE beverages and relaxed conversation with other Bazaar customers and friends in the Church Lounge. Cinnamon Rolls, Large Buttermilk Cookies or Turkey or Egg Salad Croissants as a cash purchase or your Country Kitchen goodies can be enjoyed in this venue.

Pie Baking

Co-Chairs Mary Kohmuench 973-897-9471 & Pam Rinckey 543-2901

Thursday, Nov 6, 10am Workers and donations for pie fruit ingredients needed.

Pies are sold at the Luncheon by the slice and large and small size pie during Bazaar.

Bazaar Family DINNER Friday 4:00pm - 6:30pm

Co-Chairs: Amy Krizek 652-1579, Mary Normand 543-9487

Our Bazaar Family dinner held in the Bess Fulton Room, Dine in or Carry out. Dinner includes choice of Entrée (Hot Chicken Salad, Vegetable Quiche or specialty Beef & Noodles), beverage and two sides. Add a slice of one of our signature homemade pies!

Meat Prep: Tuesday, Nov 4, 1:00 pm. Workers needed to chop cooked beef & chicken.

Veggie Prep: Thursday, Nov 6, starting at 9 am. Workers needed to peel apples.

Servers/Cashiers: Friday, Nov 7, 4:30pm. (Treasurer: Pam Rinckey)

Dining Room

Chair: Bill Oatman 543-5178

Set up Thursday, Nov 6. Help is needed Friday night 4pm—6pm to keep our guests served during the dinner. If you can pour coffee, greet friends, serve meals, contact Bill.

Pie Cutting and Carryout pre-packing: Friday, Nov 7, 3pm.

Dishwashing Brigade

Co Chairs: Bren Wood 973-8791028 & Anna Mitchel 652-9957

Thursday Nov 6 11am – 4pm prep & pie crew; Friday, Nov 7, 4-8 pm. Earth-friendly china plates are being used and we need dishwashers and pot scrubbers.

Publicity

Co-Chairs: Dyna Lehman 543-1292 & Amy Krizek 517 652 1579

Help with distribution of publicity information and menus to local businesses and organizations. Starting week of October 19.

Questions: Call Amy Krizek 652-1579 or Mary Normand 231-6647

There are LOTS of opportunities to get involved! Here is a list of the different parts of the Bazaar that all come together for a fun-fellowship-filled two days.

When We Come Together . . .

Sunday Worship, 10 am In Person and on Facebook, @ucc48813 and website: ucccharlotte.org

Learning Opportunities	Meeting Times	Contact Person
Words and Tangents	Sun, 8 am, Annex/Library	Jan Shall, JanShall00@gmail.com
Godly Play	Summer Hiatus	Lexi Konietzko. akonietzko129@gmail.com
Devotional Bible Study	Mondays, 10 am and 4 pm	Adam Droscha, pastor@uccCharlotte.org
Prayer Group	1st & 3rd Thur, 10:30 am	Sandra Field yourstrulycollection@hotmail.com
Mental & Spiritual Wellness Support Group	Summer Hiatus	Kate Durda, KateDurda@gmail.com
Pub Theology	2nd, 4th Thurs. 7 pm, Riedys	Adam Droscha pastor@uccCharlotte.org
Adult Bible Study	Tuesdays, 6 pm, LMR	Curt Scott, CurtisJScott@hotmail.com
Coffee Hour with a Pastor	Evelyn Bay, Tuesday, 10 am	Pastor Droscha, pastor@uccCharlotte.org
Healthy Lifestyle Class	Last Saturday, 11 am, LMR	Deb Cogswell, cogswell2003@gmail.com

Music

Choir Practice	Wednesday, 7 pm, Lounge	Ramona Kime, Ramona.Kime@gmail.com
Bell Choir	Wednesday, 4 pm, Sanctuary	Jenny Bohms, rjbohms@yahoo.com

Committees & Groups

Art Ministry Committee	2nd, 4th Tues, 11 am, Art Rm	Sandra Field, yourstrulycollection@hotmail.com
Blanche Moyer	2nd Monday, 5:15 pm, LMR	Judi Cates, JudithCates68@gmail.com
Church Life	Sept. 2nd Mon. 6:30, SMR	Amy Frost, frostamy58@gmail.com
Communications	3rd Monday, 6:30 pm, SMR	Matt Slot, MattSlot@gmail.com
Prayer Shawl	1st & 3rd Sat, 9:30 am, Lounge	Amy Krizek, Mom_Krizek@hotmail.com
Social & Environmental Justice Committee	2nd Sun, 11:30 am, Annex LMR	Mary Kohmuench, mtheoharis@gmail.com
Women's Fellowship	As Needed	Mary Normand, DavidNormand@att.net
Men's Group	2nd and 4th Saturday, 10 am	Larry Taylor, TaylorLT1752@att.net



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9a - 2p
517 543 1310
Sunday Worship Service 10 am
In Person, Facebook, YouTube



Instagram



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Calendar Highlights

A full calendar of events can be found at
www.uccCharlotte.org/calendar

September 1 - Office Closed and events canceled (Labor Day) Church Life will meet on September 8
September 2 - Bible Study for Adults starts again after the Summer break. Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Annex LMR!
September 3 - Care Community, 10 am, Annex Library
September 4 and all Thursdays - Crafting for the Holiday Bazaar, 9 to Noon, Annex LMR or Church Art Room
September 4 - Prayer Group, 10:30 am, Small Prayer Room (Church)
September 6 and September 20 - Prayer Shawl, Church Lounge (knitting and crocheting shawls of comfort)
September 6 - Church Bonfire, 7 pm, LT and Peggy's, 1080 White Birch Trail, Charlotte
September 7 - First Sunday back inside
September 8 - Blanche Moyer, 5:15, Annex Large Meeting Room (see article on page 14)
September 8 - Church Life Meeting, 6:30, Annex Small Meeting Room
September 9 and September 23, Art Team Meeting, Art Room (Church)
September 11 and September 25, Pub Theology, 7 pm, Riedy's Pub
September 13 and September 27, Men's Group, 10 am, Annex Large Meeting Room
September 13, Concert, Jen Sygit Trio - Final concert in the series, 5 pm, Congregational Commons
September 14, Rally Sunday, 10 am Church; 11 am Rally and Potluck, Invite a friend, bring a dish, Bess Fulton Room
September 15, Communications Meeting, 6:30 pm, Annex Small Meeting Room
September 18, Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Annex Large Meeting Room
September 20, Cozy Congregational Creators, 10 am to 2 pm, Church Art Room
September 27, Healthy Lifestyle Class, 11 am, Annex Large Meeting Room

Items that occur weekly include:

Devotional Bible Study, Mondays at 10 am and 4 pm, Annex Large Meeting Room
Coffee Hour with a Pastor, Tuesdays at 10 am, Evelyn Bay's
Bell Choir Practice, Wednesdays at 4 pm, Church Sanctuary
Choir Practice, Wednesdays at 7 pm, Church Lounge