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# The Messenger June 2018

*No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are On  
Life's Journey You Are Welcome Here!*

## What a Miracle Feels Like

Written By Christina Villa

"When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea."- Mark 4:45-56

This sentence from Mark is just one example of the peculiar way the Bible often has of describing extraordinary events. Jesus walking on water is surely one of the major astounding things in the entire New Testament. And yet here its related almost as an afterthought, a minor detail, as in "she stepped off the curb, into a puddle."

You'd think there might be a little more build-up to a spectacle like this, some mention of the urgency Jesus felt to get out to the boat full of disciples by the most direct route. But no, he sees them in trouble and goes over to help, "walking on the sea." No drama at all, just a flat statement.

This does often seem to be the way longed-for good news or desperately-needed help arrives in our lives. Without fanfare or advanced notice, often after you've stopped waiting and wishing for it-there it simply is, like you lost dog sitting on the back steps. The job offer from an interview last year. The college acceptance letter amid a pile of rejections. The positive pregnancy test after years of infertility. You can't believe it, you thank God, you look twice to make sure its really true.

When you're straining at the oars against an adverse wind, remember that at any moment you might look up and see salvation walking toward you, even if that seems as impossible as walking on water.

## Important Events in June!

**June 3, Sunday:** Speaker Chuck Krieg, Communion and Carry-in

**June 10, Sunday:** Speaker Rev. Marie Siroky

**June 11, Monday:** Retired 11:30am Symphony

**June 12, Tuesday:** Men's Banquet 6pm

**June 17, Sunday:** Hymn Sing

**June 19, Tuesday:** Council Meeting 7pm

**June 21-23:** Church Yard Sale

**June 22, Friday:** Messenger items due

**June 24, Sunday:** Speaker Rev. Marie Siroky

**June 29, Friday:** Cubs game

## **First United Church of Christ's Mission**

*"A faithful family of God, committed to proclaiming the peace,  
faith, and love of Jesus Christ to all!"*

### **First UCC News**

**The Men and Young Boys** will enjoy a meal and Mystery Trip on Tuesday, June 12th. Mark your calendar to attend and enjoy this fun evening for the men and friends of the Church!

**Church Yard Sale** is June 21-23. As you do your spring cleaning bring items to the Church to donate for this fundraiser. Donations of baked items, snacks, and bottled water will also be appreciated. Call Tina or the Church with questions or pick up.

**South Bend Cubs** game Friday, June 29th tickets will be \$14.25/person. We have reserved a block of 20 seats for our Church. Pay early to save your seat. See Bob for more details.

**Building Repairs:** The Church is/has undergone some major repairs recently. \$6000 was needed to fix the annex roof. Over \$2000 is needed to fix the boilers and get a maintenance program in place. There is also a need for all new toilets to decrease an extraordinarily high water bill due to them running. June 3 will be a special offering to help with these cost. Please help the Church.

**The Retired Group & Soon To Be Retired Group:** Meets Monday, June 11th at 11:30am at Symphony.

**First UCC Council:** Council met Tuesday, May 15th. Council will meet again on June 19th at 7pm.

**One Day Bus Trip:** Will be Saturday, July 21st. We will be traveling by motor coach to Saugatuck, MI. Enjoy lunch and shopping on your own before we board the Star of Saugatuck II paddle boat for a 90 minute cruise up the Kalamazoo River and enter Lake Michigan. Join us for a great summer day!

When: Saturday, July 21, 2018  
Time: Depart 8am and Return 7pm  
Price: Adults \$65  
Youth (6-12) \$50  
Youth (3-5) \$46

Remember this is a fun way to raise money for the Church! More info from Tina or the office.

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### **Prayer Requests**



These are special people whom we need to keep in our thoughts and prayers:  
»June Askins, Norma Jean Kuhn, Nancye Fowler, Ken Kunze, Pat and Ralph Kuskye, Edith Tucker, Family of Nancye Fowler, Dolores Gehrke, Alice Lawrence, Mary Alyce Pentelow, Jack & Pat Carpenter, Susie Servis, Doug & Lily Myers. «

**Please contact Amme Girten at (574) 936-2437  
to be added to the prayer chain.**

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### **Persons in Nursing Homes**

All would enjoy prayers, cards, and visits from their Friends at First United Church of Christ.

#### **Catherine Kasper**

Norma Jean Kuhn

Room 241-B

#### **Mason Health & Rehab**

June Askins

Room 307

#### **Miller's Merry Manor**

Mary Alyce Pentelow

Room 41

## Monthly Emphases

**First Sundays** (June 3th) is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring canned goods and other food for the needy of our community.

**Second Sundays** (June 10th) is Christian Education Sunday; special support for the educational ministry of our congregation.

**Third Sundays** (June 17th) is Building Fund Sunday; continued support for the vision of our congregation, past, present and future.

**Fourth Sundays** (June 24th) is Radio Mission Sunday; support for our weekly radio broadcast on WTCA.

**Fifth Sundays** (n/a) is for Scholarship Sundays as support for our graduates.

## Marvelous Mission Projects

**June Mission Project:** The mission project for the month of June will be special offerings for Heminger House. The children will collect a noisy offering on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for this charity that helps battered women and children.

**Stamps for Living:** Please put stamps in envelope on bulletin board.

**Spartan Labels for Cash:** The Education Committee is no longer collecting Spartan brand labels.

**The Pastor's Pantry:** If you or someone you know has an emergency food need, please let us know.

**Hope Ministries:** We served a meal to Hope residence and friends from the community in need on Thursday, May 31st. Our menu was hamburgers, hot dogs, green salad, potato salad, fruit salad and cookies. We provided goodie bags to 20 children. We also provided some general hygiene items for a few adults. This is a great mission that is near and dear to our hearts. We were sad to not be able to offering them complete hygiene kits this time. So please as you are out shopping throw in a couple travel size hygiene items whenever you have a few extra dollars and help us give something small that means so much to those without proper housing. We will look to serve again in the fall. Thank you to Penguin Point, Dairy Queen, Morrow Insurance, and Martins who helped us with money and donations.

AA Meetings:  
M - 10am, 8pm  
T - 7:30pm

AA Meetings:  
W - 5:30pm  
(Women), 8pm

AA Meetings:  
Sat - 8pm  
Sun - 7pm

First United Church of Christ

**Board Members:**

Hospitality: Tina Morales  
Youth Representative: Aidan Rivera  
Personnel & Nominating: Emyle Kruyer-Collins  
Church Historian: Elizabeth Brown  
Memorial Committee: Elizabeth Brown &  
Betty Wenino  
Prayer Chain: Amme Girten

**Board Members:**

Elders: Rachelle Yung  
Business & Finance: Rex Nifong  
Deacons: Geoff Scarberry  
Parish Life/Festivals: Barbara Bateman  
Women of the Church: Lily Myers  
Education: Christine Jaynes/Nancy Keyser  
Property: Bob Manuwal

**Executive Committee:**

President: Rachelle Yung, Vice-President: Bob Manuwal,  
Secretary: Barbara Bateman, Treasurer: Christine Jaynes

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