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# The Messenger September 2018

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

## Words From Pastor Marie

September has arrived! There are the traditional events heralding the end of summer: Blueberry festival, Labor Day, and dusk creeping in earlier each passing evening. There is excitement and anticipation as well. Stores ready themselves for the new school year with an endless supply of paper, pencils, crayons and notebooks: both paper and electronic. , For teachers and students the alarm clock is set earlier, school busses and walkers transform the community. Soon the smell of burning leaves and fireplaces will enter into the tailgates and stands as we watch new football season... It's as if our senses are bombarded with constant stirring up of memories and anticipating the unknown...

Which brings us to September at First UCC Plymouth and your congregational decision to call me as Interim Pastor. I am honored for your trust and for what lies ahead. As we create worship together, I am thankful for our covenant as UCC that calls us to discern together, to recognize the rich diversity in our congregation and community, and above all us to disagree and dialog. Yes, disagree- if you have every tried to decorate a Christmas tree with a group of people- even though all agree in celebrating the season- you'll have your clear lights only people vs. those who prefer a single color, or multi-color except purple, and lights, blinking or not, etc. etc. Not so trivial when it is attached to memories.

First UCC's history with the community is filled with tradition. Your ministry to one another is second nature. My liturgical traditions and ministerial experience in the community may be very different. The grace of the United Church of Christ is in our shared experience, and how we welcome all to share this experience of First. Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. On Saturday August 25, Rev. Chad R. Abbott was installed as the Conference Minister for the Indiana Kentucky Conference United Church of Christ. More about Chad can be found on our Facebook page and website. He has been extended an invitation to visit First .

First UCC is part of the Northwest Association of the United Church of Christ. The fall meeting will take place Sunday Oct. 21.

## Important Events in September!

**September 2, Sunday:** Speaker Rev. Marie Siroky, Communion

**September 9, Sunday:** Speaker Rev. Marie Siroky and carry in meal.

**September 10, Monday:** Retired 11:45am Mancinos

**September 16, Sunday:** Speaker Rev. Marie Siroky

**September 18, Tuesday:** Elders 6pm and Council Meeting 7pm

**September 21, Friday:** Messenger items due

**September 23, Sunday:** Speaker Rev. Marie Siroky

**September 30, Sunday:** Speaker Rev. Marie Siroky

## **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**

#### **Who's on first and what are they doing?**

Starting September 5, our interim Pastor Rev. Marie Siroky will facilitate weekly Must-Go Mondays discussions at 6:00PM (Feel free to bring your dinner- those most go leftovers) and join us.

1<sup>st</sup> Monday- Coping With Unexpected Events

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday- Still Speaking Bible Study

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday- More than Words Prayer Group

4<sup>th</sup> Monday- Be the Church in Community

**Coping With Unexpected Events**- Trauma and unexpected events affect every part of our life. Supporting one another after trauma or after a loss: a death, change in health, incarceration, violence and world events. Facilitated group in a safe non-judgmental atmosphere.

**Still Speaking Bible Study** Explore the stories in Scripture where God speaks in profound, challenging, and unsettling ways. How does God speak to us and through us today

**More than Words Prayer Group** Prayer involves all of our senses, music and art, movement and aroma, laughter and drama. Experience God's extravagant welcome in a no sermon allowed space.

**Be the Church in Community** No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at First! That doesn't mean closing our doors to issues shaping our families, community and world. Each month will include speaker or panel discussion.

#### **The Retired Group & Soon To Be Retired**

**Group:** Meets Monday, September 10th at 11:45am at Mancinos.

**First UCC Council:** Council met Tuesday, August 21st . Council will meet again on September 18th at 7pm.

**Elders:** Will meet Tuesday, September 18th at 7pm.

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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 Kuskye, Edith Tucker, Erica Nagel, Dolores Gehrke, Alice Lawrence, Mary Alyce Pentelow, Jack & Pat Carpenter, Susie Servis, Lily Myers, Janice Warren, and Ken Kunze. «

**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** (September 2nd) is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring canned goods and other food for the needy of our community.

**Second Sundays** (September 9th) is Christian Education Sunday; special support for the educational ministry of our congregation.

**Third Sundays** (September 16th) is Building Fund Sunday; continued support for the vision of our congregation, past, present and future.

**Fourth Sundays** (September 23rd) is Radio Mission Sunday; support for our weekly radio broadcast on WTCA.

**Fifth Sundays** (September 30th) is for Scholarship Sundays as support for our graduates.

## Marvelous Mission Projects

**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.

**September Mission Project:** The September Mission project will be benefiting the Boys and Girls Club. We will be collecting the following items:

Index cards, wax paper, construction paper, aluminum foil, washable markers, Dixie cups, and coffee filters.

Cleaning items: heavy duty trash bags, windex, disinfectant spray, dish soap, dish rags, floor cleaner, toilet paper, and paper towels .

They also can always use markers, crayons, pencils, printing paper, arts/crafts items, reading books, candy and small items to use as prizes.

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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