

ROBINSON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • JUNE 2020

The Herald

Listening to God's Heart from the heart of the city.

FELLOWSHIP

During this time of social distancing, it's harder to exercise our Spiritual Muscle of Fellowship... but not impossible! Look inside for ways to connect with other members of our church family and the community!



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends,

Welcome to summer! This has been a strange transition for all of us. The online school year has ended for most people. Birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations have all been held virtually, and celebrations are being done in creative ways. The uniqueness with which people have approached these kinds of situations says something about our need to fellowship and our desire to show hospitality.

Those are, in fact, the spiritual muscles we want to work on this month - fellowship and hospitality. I've been amazed that, as we have lived in this unique time, so many people have participated in Bible studies and in Sunday school classes. Last week, we had someone in Vermont and someone in California with us. Just to see one another's faces and hear each other's voices has made getting through this time much easier. If you haven't tried out Zoom or another meeting platform yet, I encourage you to try it!

As we move forward into phase 3 (hopefully) of reopening, and as the church council makes plans for how we can move into phase 4, fellowship and hospitality are going to be key pieces. How do we best fellowship with social distancing? Are there new ways of being together, perhaps informally? How do we show care and hospitality to one another in respect and love? Can we make space for new people and different ways of doing things in an interim time?

I want to encourage you to reach out to people in our congregation. Check on them, see if there are needs that the church can meet, and gather informally (and responsibly) with each other. Know that you are each loved beyond measure! Begin to prepare yourselves to see a few changes to the facilities that will make space for us together safely. And, please pray for your church council as we work together to plan for phase 4 of reopening. You'll likely receive a separate mailing later this month with detailed information on our plan.

Until then, I will trust that you're joining me in worship on the radio or through livestream each week. How grateful we can be that we still remain connected in these ways!

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jay Regan", enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Pastor Jay

Opportunities for Fellowship

Even as we're socially distanced, we do have opportunities to engage in fellowship together online! Our Sunday School classes continue this month, as well as Bible studies for adults, Refresh for high school and middle school students, Kids' Club, and older and younger elementary Sunday school classes. Each one of these Zoom gatherings provides opportunities for learning, prayer, and fellowship with one another. Don't know how to use Zoom? We'd be happy to teach you - just contact the church office!

We also encourage you to reach out to your church family. Plan a socially distanced gathering with 2-3 other church friends in your backyard. Call or FaceTime someone who lives alone, and would welcome more human contact. The church is also happy to set up virtual Zoom gatherings for those who would like to interact with others, but don't feel ready to get out of their homes. There are a wide variety of ways that you can engage in fellowship and show hospitality to each other!

Sunday School Update

Sunday School classes will continue to meet through Zoom with their current curriculum until they are completed. On June 7, the Koinonia class, led by Pastor Jay, will go back to their standard weekly studies. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office so we can get you the proper materials needed. On June 14, Nina Davis will begin leading the SPICE class through weekly lessons following the *FaithLink* Weekly curriculum on Zoom. Faith and Friends will finish their current study on World Religions on June 7, and they will be asked to join the *FaithLink* study with the SPICE class until we begin our church-wide-study, The Generosity Challenge, in August.

30 Days of Spiritual Stamina

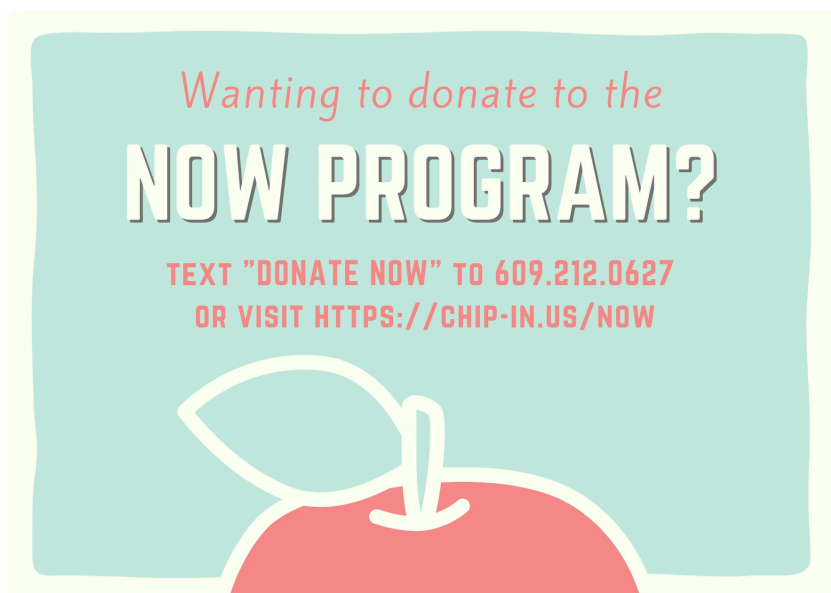
Are you looking for ways to increase your spiritual stamina while you run the race of life? Join us for a study of 30 Days of Spiritual Stamina, by Melissa Spoelstra. This is a devotional prayer guide to help one learn how to pray in different ways. We will walk through this book together for a 5-week study. Dates are June 25, July 2, 9, 16, and 23. Meetings will be on Zoom from 7:00-8:00 pm. You'll need this book and a journal. We will begin the readings and set up the journal at our first meeting. Contact the church office to sign up, or email Lori Treadway at tlhe@frontier.com for more information.

NOW Summer Lunches

In July, we will pick back up with our summer lunches. Volunteers must wear masks and gloves. Lunches will not be served in the parks but will be served at the education entrance of FUMC. The families will drive up and volunteers will bring their lunches to them. We will be serving 5 days a week.

Here is the link for anyone that would like to sign up to serve lunches in July:
<https://signup.com/go/CEuuxyF>

This summer looks a little different for NOW but we are doing everything that we can to make sure that everyone still has the support that they need! This is a gracious act of hospitality for our students and their families.



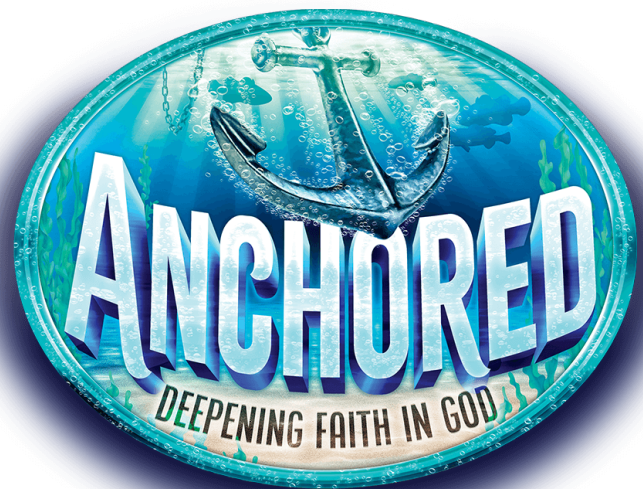
Employee of the Month

Staff Parish would like to recognize Nina Davis as the Employee of the Month for June! Congratulations!



VBS

In July, we will be having a stay-at-home Vacation Bible School called Anchored: Deepening Your Faith in God. Participants will receive a box dropped off or mailed to their homes with items needed to participate. We will also meet together online through Zoom. Keep an eye out for online registration very soon!



Care News from Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry has been engaged in fellowship and hospitality throughout the month of May. Stephen Leaders and Ministers contacted and talked with members of the church, met virtually together using Zoom, and planned for continuing education modules.

The Illinois shelter-in-place order has been a stressful time for everyone. Personally contacting and talking with others is emotionally vital - these calls not only provide members with opportunities for care, but also provide opportunities for fellowship. The Stephen Ministry team is available to contact church members in order to pray *with, for and beside* them. Please contact Pastor Jay or one of the Stephen Ministers to arrange for prayer. Stephen Ministry is active at FUMC, and we are available for everyone.

The leaders and ministers met on May 13 for the first supervision session. The goal of supervision is for the Stephen Ministers to work together to enable the best distinctively Christian care possible for their care receivers. Supervision sessions are confidential, and the care receivers are always the supervision group's top concern. Confidentiality is maintained because the Stephen Ministers are in a covenant ministry. Trusting each other with private affairs is paramount.

Stephen Ministry is here for you! If you are struggling, going through a difficult time, experiencing a life transition, please let Pastor Jay know. He would be happy to talk with you about how Stephen Ministry works and how you can benefit from the care ministry of a Stephen Minister. How can congregation members receive a Stephen Minister as a Christian caregiver? Anyone 18 years or older can receive a Stephen Minister. If an individual desires a Stephen Minister to walk through any situation or time with them they need simply to ask a Stephen Leader. Then they will be referred to Pastor Jay as the Stephen Leader Referral Coordinator. He will talk to them and facilitate their assignment of a Stephen Minister. Congregation members may also refer other members. The best way to refer a hurting person is to say to them, "I'm going to refer you to Stephen Ministry," then tell Pastor Jay. Many times if you just ask them, they will say no. You may be aware of a crisis if that is the cause or you may just notice they are not acting the same, or are not following through like they used to or usually do.

June meetings:

June 10 - Supervision

June 24 - Supervision and continuing education: Caring for people before, during, and after hospitalization

Stephen Ministry looks forward to the month of June when we will work together in fellowship. Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."



June Birthdays

6/1	Peggy Dart
6/2	Debbie Goff
6/3	Jon Anderson
6/5	Sharon Miller
6/9	Chloe Kubiak
6/10	Brennan Tracy
6/15	Larry Bonnell
6/16	Susan Neely, Shirley Treadway, Pam Bell
6/17	Janis Daugherty
6/20	Tyler Veenstra, Lillie McDonald
6/21	Steve Diel, Dan Fearday,
6/23	Alice Taylor, Guy Treadway, Alice Holtzhouser, Rose Ellen Osborne
6/25	David McGahey, Kay Bonnell
6/28	Matthew Elliott
6/29	Edna Frakes

June Anniversaries

6/3	Tricia & Jay Anderson, Allison & Rusty Reinoehl
6/6	Gary & Linda Null
6/13	Greg & Janis Daugherty
6/15	Rev. Louis & Dorothy Youngs
6/20	Chris & Emily Midgett
6/21	Kirbie & Ben Ackman
6/26	Lenzi & Nicholas Ippolito
6/27	Bob & Antje Pippin
6/28	Leonard & Debbie Goff

Prayer Requests

John, Jeremy, and Greg Markello; Carol Wolf; Carl and Helen Blanton; Michael Brady; Patty Steele; Cathy Thomas; Judson Richardson; Julie Zhang; Bill Thompson; Michael Keene; John Larrabee; Nicole Young; Evan Prah; Margie Moore McNamara; Richard Youngs; Kay Young; Nancy & Charlie Young; Fred White; Vonnetta Shipman; Becky Goodwin; Caius Bell; Ray & Nelda Dotson; Kim Collins; Claudette Mejean; Ava Seaney; Demmie Long; Jaycie Hoagland; Emma Bodine; Charles Hough; Charley Clark; Sheltyn James Henry; Susan Rodgers; Norris Adams; Rick Pritchard; Laurie Vaughn; Bill Jones; Kay Bonnell; Wally Leggit; Joe Schmidlin; Cathy Frakes, Judy Eckert; Bernice Kibler; Lisa Schaefer; Shirley Wakefield; Matthew Williams; Debbie Summerfield; Kasey Harbin; Bob Callier; Larry Potts; Eloise Jewell Hoagland; Rick Richardson; Patricia Hodgson; Pamela Hart; June Watson; Maria Reis; Paul Davis; Kathy Kennedy; Roger Pethel; Jesse Newbold; Chris & Emily Midgett; Tina Klender; Paul Clinton; Duane Parker; Shay Berry; Ruth Fiscus; Max & Debbie Tedford



June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4:00 pm - Younger Elementary Sunday School (Zoom)	2 6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	3 4:00 pm - Kids' Club (Zoom) 6:00 pm - Refresh (Zoom)	4 9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (Zoom) 4:00 pm - NOW Bagging 6:30 pm - Church Council (Zoom)	5	6
7 8:00 am - Faith & Friends (Zoom) 9:00 am - Worship (Live Stream and Radio) 10:30 am - SPICE Class (Zoom) 11:30 am - Koinonia (Zoom) 6:30 pm - Older Elementary Sunday School (Zoom)	8 4:00 pm - Younger Elementary Sunday School (Zoom)	9 6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	10 4:00 pm - Kids' Club (Zoom) 6:00 pm - Refresh (Zoom) 6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Zoom)	11 9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (Zoom) 4:00 pm - NOW Bagging 6:00 pm - Lay Leadership Meeting (Zoom)	12	13
14 8:00 am - Faith & Friends (Zoom) 9:00 am - Worship (Live Stream and Radio) 10:30 am - SPICE Class (Zoom) 11:30 am - Koinonia (Zoom) 6:30 pm - Older Elementary Sunday School (Zoom)	15 4:00 pm - Younger Elementary Sunday School (Zoom) 5:00 pm - Finance Meeting (Zoom)	16 6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	17 4:00 pm - Kids' Club (Zoom) 6:00 pm - Refresh (Zoom) 6:30 pm - SPRC (Zoom)	18 9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (Zoom) 4:00 pm - NOW Bagging	19	20
21 8:00 am - Faith & Friends (Zoom) 9:00 am - Worship (Live Stream and Radio) 10:30 am - SPICE Class (Zoom) 11:30 am - Koinonia (Zoom) 6:30 pm - Older Elementary Sunday School (Zoom)	22 4:00 pm - Younger Elementary Sunday School (Zoom)	23 6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	24 4:00 pm - Kids' Club (Zoom) 5:00 pm - Foundation Meeting (Zoom) 6:00 pm - Refresh (Zoom) 6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Zoom)	25 9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (Zoom) 4:00 pm - NOW Bagging	26	27
28 8:00 am - Faith & Friends (Zoom) 9:00 am - Worship (Live Stream and Radio) 10:30 am - SPICE Class (Zoom) 11:30 am - Koinonia (Zoom) 6:30 pm - Older Elementary Sunday School (Zoom)	29 4:00 pm - Younger Elementary Sunday School (Zoom)	30 6:00 pm - Adult Bible Study (Zoom)		29	30	



First United Methodist Church
201 West Walnut Street
PO Box 45
Robinson, IL 62454
firstumcrob@gmail.com
www.robinsonfumc.org
618-544-8016

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
Robinson, IL
62454
Permit No. 3

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Jay Regennitter

robinsonfumcpastor@gmail.com

Office Manager: Kirbie Ackman

firstumcrob@gmail.com

Director of Christian Education: Nina Davis

nineah3@gmail.com

Communications Coordinator: Brennan Seth Tracy

brennansethtracy@gmail.com

Music Director: Antje Pippin

antje2959@hotmail.com

Organist/Pianist: Brenda Graham

doubleg@mediacombb.net

Custodians: Amy DeDoming, Mark DeDoming

Nursery Staff: Jennifer Boatman, Danielle Stuller,
Tiffany Beard, Anita Cohoon