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May 27, 2022

Fellowship Hour at 9 a.m.

In-person Sunday School begins in the sanctuary at 10:00 am

Worship Service at 10:00 am

In-Person, [Facebook Live](#), or [Virtual](#)

15370 Olive Blvd Chesterfield, MO 63017 (636) 532-0540 ([Website](#))

We pray for **Shirley Carmack, Betty Gschwind, A.J. Switzer & Evelyn Weber.**

Please let us know your prayer concerns

The Calendar ... Looking Ahead

Liturgist Usher Team Technology Fellowship/Lockup	5/29/22 Service	06/05/22 Service	
<p>May May 5/27/22 5/30/22 6/5/22 6/5/22 6/7/22 5:00 PM 6/11&12 6/12/22 11:00 AM 6/14/22 5:00 PM 6/19/22 6/19/22 6/20/22 6/21/22 5:00 PM 6/26/22 6/28/22 5:00 PM 6/28/22 6:30 PM</p>	<p>Registration is open for VBS & volunteers Unleashing Potential Drive Graduation Information Due to office Memorial Day Office Closed Strengthen the Church offering VBS Painting Party Summer Concert Series Volunteering Spirit of St. Louis Airshow Who is God calling St. John's to be Summer Concert Series Volunteering Father's Day Last Day of Sunday School Juneteenth Holiday Summer Concert Series Volunteering Speaker from Every Child's Hope Summer Concert Series Volunteering Bunko Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>The link on the date will allow you to add it to your calendar.</p>	<p>INSIDE THIS ISSUE: Pastor Lisa Camp Moval Global Ministry Circle of Concern Betty Joe Summer Hours Council meeting</p>



The Spirit of St. Louis airshow is in Chesterfield on June 11 and 12. Possibly the best place to see it is from the grounds of **St. Thomas UCC**. On **June 12**, the church will be selling **hot dogs**, etc., with proceeds going to the church camp fund.

The kingdom of God is not going to be advanced by our churches becoming filled with people, but by people in our churches becoming filled with the Holy Spirit. *Duncan Campbell.*

In a recent gathering, I said that maybe growing the church was not about staying inside and trying to get people to come in, but to get all the congregation to go out, sharing God's love. My comment was met with silence. Because of course, we have always measured whether a church was healthy and growing by looking at its numbers. How many members? How many people in worship on Sunday morning? How much money in the bank account? Besides, when we love our church and we find God in our church, we do want to invite others to come in and find what we have found. We also want to be inclusive and extend hospitality, so maybe the silence was simply people being polite to me instead of asking me to leave! I think the quote by the evangelist Campbell points out the difference. Growing a church is not the same thing as advancing the kingdom of God. But imagine a church full of people who are filled with the Holy Spirit! Imagine how others would come to experience that! Imagine the possibilities!

Pastor Lisa

Special thanks to the volunteers who showed up on a rainy Saturday on 5/21. Ken Ruff, Jeanne Clauson, Jim Pisoni, Lynn Potts and Rosemarie Spray were able to do a few chores before the rains came. There are still projects to do, so if you would like to volunteer for a project, contact Ken Ruff at 314-288-7417.

Betty Jo wrote a letter to the church letting us know that she misses our services and our people. If you would like to send a card or note letting her know we miss her also here is her address.

**Mrs. Betty Jo Kieffer
Brookdale
1 New Ballas Place, #511
St. Louis MO 63146**

Love Live Music, Food and Fellowship?

St. John's will be a *sponsor* for the Chesterfield Regional Chamber *concerts this summer!* We agreed to provide at least **5 volunteers** for their **four June concerts on Tuesday evenings**. We will be "checking in" cars as they enter the parking lot at Faust Park. In exchange, volunteers will receive a free ticket to the concert! We can promote the church by wearing St. John's T-shirts and the Chamber will promote St. John's with signage. Get a group together to volunteer and then go to the concert! Or, come to just volunteer! **Sign up** for 1, 2, 3, or all 4 Tuesdays!

Car check-in **time frame is 5:00-7:00**, concerts start at 7:00. Food trucks, concessions, and vendors make it a festive event. You may bring your own food & beverages if preferred. For more information on the concerts go to chesterfieldmochamber.com ([link](#))

Please **contact Lynn Potts** for more details and to sign up. Thank you! lpotts14@gmail.com ([top](#))



Who is God calling St. John's to be

Balcony to Floortime, Part II.: On **June 12**, we'll continue that look and listen time after worship. As on May 1, we'll use that view to try to understand **who God is calling St. John's UCC to be**. Fellowship Hall at **11 am. Light lunch provided**. See you there!

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Global Ministries requests that we pray with **Indonesia** this week. 🙏

. For the full prayer [click here](#).

You're Invited to Help Clean Up Camp MoVal

You can stay the full weekend, arriving at 5 p.m. Friday and leaving by 11:30 a.m. Sunday, or help Saturday only. The full weekend includes three Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast for a \$30 donation. Lodging is in Red Cedar, which has a 20-person maximum capacity.

Memorial Day Weekend is an exception, including two nights of lodging and all meals Saturday and Sunday with breakfast Monday.

If you choose to help for the day only, it is a \$7 donation unless you prefer to bring your own lunch.

Camp MoVal "Work Day" Weekends **Schedule**

May 27-30 (Memorial Day Weekend)

June 3-5 (Young Adult Only Weekend Ages 18-25)

June 17-19

June 24-26

Email Cindy Birkner to **register** to attend **cindy@mmsucc.org**

Camp MoVal Welcomes New Site Manager

Kevin Zimmer, a member of the Camp MoVal community for many years, both as a camper and a staffer, joins the MMSC staff as the new Site Manager for Camp MoVal today. He is coming to MMSC with a wealth of experience from a variety of settings, Zimmer most recently served as Rockwood School District Trip Manager. His 20 years of experience as an outdoor education professional also includes serving Conejo Valley Unified School District, Malibu, Calif.; St. Louis County Parks; The Lodge Des Peres, Des Peres, Mo.; Camp Wyman, Eureka, Mo.; and Camp Stevens, Julian, Calif.

"I'm excited to bring Kevin on board," says Transitional Conference Minister Rev. Mary W. Nelson. "Because he has served in other camping and outdoor education contexts besides Camp MoVal, he'll be able to hit the ground running in getting the site ready for campers in just two short months." Rev. Nelson says she looks forward to his gifts enhancing outdoor ministry at Camp MoVal, as well as helping to advance the Camp MoVal Redevelopment Plan, which MMSC delegates adopted last November. ([top](#))

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, UP is looking forward to taking up to 200 children to see *The Lion King* at the Fabulous Fox Theater. Your gift makes it possible for UP to provide transportation, tickets, lunch and memorabilia.



Donations are also appreciated for the Unleashing Potential Summer Enrichment Programs that ensure parents have affordable and safe options for their children during the summer months. The programs include fun and enriching activities, while providing an experiential approach to joyful summer learning. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks provided. Activities include swimming lessons, nutrition, fitness, studio and performing art, STEM activities, field trips, sports and more! For older participants, a week of sleep away camp at Camp Mo-Val in Union, MO is the highlight of the summer.. ([back to top](#))

Circle of Concern continues to appreciate your donations. Bring your donations to church and place them in the grocery cart labeled "Circle of Concern". For monetary donations put "Circle of Concern" in the memo

Spring 22 Needs

Jelly Condiments
Dinner "Helpers"
Pasta Sauce Kids body wash
Multi-sized tampons
Feminine hygiene pads
Incontinence briefs for women

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Or Text to **833 502 0657** and follow the easy directions.
(Hint: Save the number in your contacts!)
or Mail St. John's UCC, 15370 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield, MO 63017.
Thank you!

Council Meeting Bullet Points

- Pastor Lisa Hart will be on vacation from June 29 - July 10.
- The Church office will be observing summer hours from 9:30 - 1:30 Monday through Thursday starting Memorial Day.
- The last day of Sunday School will be Father's Day.
- The after-church conversation on June 12 will have a light lunch provided. ([top](#))

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Pastor Lisa's office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:15 am - 2 pm and by appointment [314-472-3970](tel:314-472-3970)
Office Hours Mon.-Fri. 8:30-1:30

Upcoming Summer Hours starting May 31

Office Mon to Thu 9:30 am to 1:30 pm Closed on Friday

Pastor Lisa: Mon, Tue, Thu 9:30 to 2, Wed, work from a home office, Friday off.

Meetings, emergencies, etc., often cause changes to this schedule. Please call to check availability. ([top](#))

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