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# The Herald

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF TALLMADGE

*United Church of Christ*

*"Making God the Foundation of Everyday Living"*

Grace and Peace to you in the Name of the Holy and Blessed Trinity.

Well, here we are, just ending our fourth year of joint ministry here in Tallmadge. What a joy it has been to get to know you all! We have deepened our relationships and started some new ones. God's blessing of friends is one of my most cherished.



## Ordinary Time

We are now in the church season known as Ordinary Time. There is nothing ordinary about our gracious and extra-ordinary God. Ordinary refers to the ordinal numbers by which the Sundays following Pentecost are numbered. This season will end on the Reign of Christ Sunday (the last Sunday before the Advent season begins).

The Church chose the color green to be associated with Ordinary Time. In the early Church, new converts to the faith were baptized and took their first communion at the Easter

Vigil. Following the Easter season, the new converts continued to grow in their faith.

In the fall, we will again be holding a series of New Members classes. Prospective members will hear about the history of the UCC, First Congregational Church of Tallmadge UCC, and begin to understand how we carry out ministry in our context here in Tallmadge and beyond.

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We, too, like the early converts and new members, need to continually focus our attention on Jesus and grow in our faith. Such lessons unfold afresh to us each time we read the Scriptures. The blessings of God are rich and plentiful if we only find our center and focus on the love of God poured out for us in Christ Jesus.

So as we witness the beginning of a new journey of faith each time we hold these classes for prospective members, I invite you to journey with them as they seek to grow in their faith and knowledge of the living Lord!

“And now I commend you to God and to the message of God’s grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all the saints.”

[Acts 20.32]

Grace for the journey,



**June 29th – 5th Sunday Worship**

On Sunday, June 29th, we will again have a 5th Sunday worship! Weather permitting, we’d like to experience this service outside on our lawn for an informal service of music, prayer, sermon, and fellowship. Be sure to bring your own lawn chair for the service. There will be extra chairs available if you forget yours! See you on the lawn at the end of June! (Rain location – Fellowship Hall.)

**WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE**

**JUNE 22 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Scripture:* 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a,  
Luke 8:26-39

*Message:* “Daring Compassion”

**JUNE 29 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Scripture:* 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14,  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Message:* “Take Up the Story”

**JULY 6 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Scripture:* Luke 10:1-11

*Message:* “Unexpected Prophets”

**JULY 13 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Scripture:*

*Message:*

**JULY 20 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Scripture:* Genesis 1:26-31

*Message:* “There and Back Again: Spiritual Gleanings from J.R.R. Tolkien’s “The Hobbit” and “The Lord of the Rings”” - The Nature of Humanity

**JULY 27 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*Scripture:* 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

*Message:* There and Back Again: Spiritual Gleanings from J.R.R. Tolkien’s “The Hobbit” and “The Lord of the Rings”” - Be the Hero

Join us for a  
**FREE CONCERT!**

**Stan Hywet  
Goodyear  
Concert Band**

**Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> | 7:00PM**  
**FCC Fellowship Hall**

The Stan Hywet Goodyear Concert Band will play a one-hour concert on Monday, July 21st at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us for this fun, free event!

## A WORD OF THANKS!

Richard and I would like to express our appreciation for all the pretty cards. We also want to thank the prayer chain for the much-needed prayers. Lastly, I want to say a special thank you to my fellow Stephen Ministers for their prayers and support.

Richard and Karen Thomason

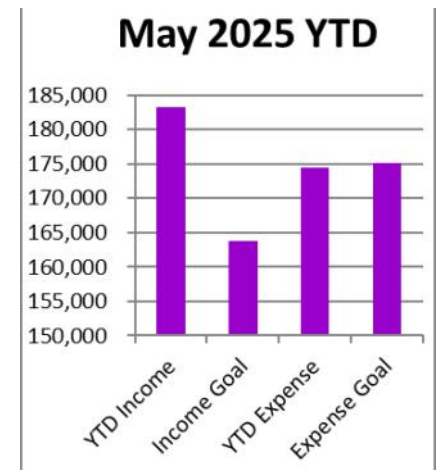
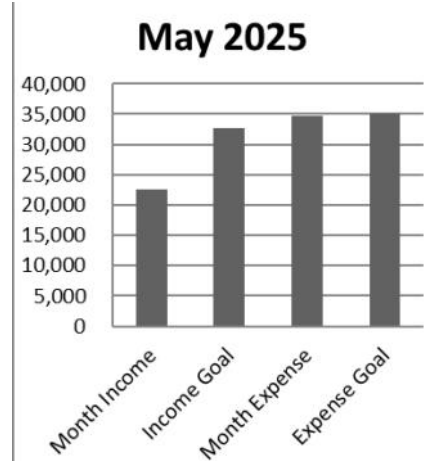
Dear Scholarship Committee, Thank you for selecting me to receive the Wilgohs and Heritage Scholarships. These scholarships will allow me to focus on my senior thesis collection as I finish up my time here at Kent State. Thank you again for all of your help and support over the past years.

Faithfully—Allison Byron

Dear Prayer Shawl Committee, Thank you very much for the beautiful prayer shawls you made and gave to my daughter, Kim Walters, and me. They are very much appreciated and being well used. My eye surgery was a success and my eye pressure was reduced from a dangerously high level that could have led to blindness. However, I cannot see well out of that eye and am already blind in the other one. So I probably will not be in church this coming Sunday.

Sincerely, Noel and Kim Walters

## MONTHLY FINANCIALS



May 2025 operating income of \$22,550 was \$10,200 **below** the monthly income need. Operating expenses for the month were \$34,735 resulting in a **deficit** of (\$12,184) in May, and a YTD **surplus** of \$8,780. We are thankful for the early fulfillment of 2025 pledges, and are hoping this bodes well for our ministries in 2025. And we look forward in prayer to a theology of generosity and the ability to strengthen the growth of our ministries as we move through the year. Contact the Church office to find out how to sign up for automatic monthly giving. Offerings may also be made online through a link on our website, mailed to the Church or sent from your bank's online system.



## WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for the individuals listed below and also for many other church members and their concerns, which remain confidential. You may call or text Diana Caldwell with your prayer concerns @ 330-265-5723.

David Arch  
Brad, Noreen, and Tim Ashley  
Sharon Bible  
Jim Brown (Sandy Pressler's son-in-law)  
Steve Burr  
Patti Calvarese  
Jim Caplinger  
Scott & Connie Carter (relatives of Rev. Ed and Carol Carter)  
Lyn Fendenheim (friend of Joe Labay)  
Debbie Fickes  
Eleanor Hall  
Angela Hammelman (daughter of Wally and Donna Atwood)  
Alleen Hilbish  
Jim Jackson (Bonnie Fordham's son-in-law)  
John James  
George Kunzin (friend of Sandy Haydu)  
Zell Lambert  
Roberta Lewis  
Michael Liggett (brother of Terri Poff)  
Ron Mitchell  
Linda Moreland (Mike Cammel's cousin)  
Lynn Norton  
David and Jackie Parker  
LTJG John Norton (Connie Stone's grandson)  
Bonnie and Matthew Rains  
Heather Read (Ronda's daughter)  
Roger Riddle (friend of Wally Atwood)  
Darlene Ries (Donna Atwood's twin sister)  
Sara Rooks  
Alice Sheeler  
Eddie Showalter (Linda Kester's cousin)  
Lt. Maxwell Spear (Connie Stone's grandson)  
Sunny Speegle (friend of Linda Kester)  
Jeff Sullivan  
John Triola (friend of Joe Labay)  
Richard Thomason  
Anne Varian (friend of Barb Dolensky)  
Kim and Noel Walters  
Kaitlyn Wetter (Kester's granddaughter)  
Don Woerz  
Alzheimer's Care Giver Support Group

***Bless be God who did not refuse  
me the kindness I sought in  
prayer. Psalm 66:20***



### Join the Pick-Up Choir

On July 20th, our service will feature and song by our "Summer Pick-Up Choir." All who would like to sing with the choir should meet at 9:30 AM in the choir room. We will rehearse one song and then sing it in the 10:00 AM service.

Please consider joining us for this one Sunday this summer to praise God through music.

Many Thanks-

Nancy Lynn Robinson



### SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

During the summer, we are planning on having WAMM on the following Sundays:



**June 22      July 13      July 27      Aug 10**

We will also have a Children's Message on these dates. Please join us!

## Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

**June 23–26 from 6-8:15 PM**

The Christian Education Board is hosting their annual VBS. This year's theme is ***Maker Fun Factory; Created by God, Built for a Purpose***. We will be giving the children the opportunity to discover their God-given purpose through daily bible lessons, crafts, games, music, science, and snack. Our nightly lessons:



Day 1: God made you; bible lesson: the creation of people

Day 2: God is always with you; bible lesson: God is with Gideon

Day 3: God will always love you; bible lesson: Jesus dies and comes back to life

Day 4: God made you for a reason; bible lesson: Abigail brings peace

VBS is free, but a donation of \$10/family would help cover the costs. To register your CHILD (age 4– 5th grade as of 5/1/25) or your youth HELPER (6th–12th grade as of 5/1/25), please register them here: <https://forms.gle/TTuYRhKdDhTphr9v9>.



### Vacation Bible School Donations

We could not run a successful program without this congregation and their generosity. If you would like to pick up items, please let Wendy know so we don't purchase too many of the same item.



#### **Craft items**

Misc small nuts and bolts  
2 bottles Tacky glue (brown bottle)  
1 roll double sided foam tape  
1 container Mod Podge  
2 bags mini marshmallows  
2 boxes of toothpicks  
10 bright colored foam board  
2 NEW flat bottom plungers  
30 straws

#### **Fresh fruit delivered Tuesday**

2 lbs green grapes  
2 pints of blueberries

#### **Snack items**

Large bag of animal crackers  
1 small bag of gummy worms  
1 small bag of Swedish Fish  
1 box of goldfish/whales  
1 bag of pretzel sticks  
100 sandwich size Ziploc bags  
100 napkins  
100–12 oz cups  
1 bag of purple melting chocolate  
1 bag of yellow melting chocolate  
1 bag of blue melting chocolate  
30 individually wrapped Rice Krispies Treats



# UNITED YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Youth Summer Fun with United Ministry!

Hey youth—school's out and the fun is in! Come hang out with United Ministry this summer for a series of awesome outdoor youth fellowship events. Whether you're into games, swimming, movies or just good times with great people, we've got something for you.

Don't miss out—mark your summer calendars now and stay tuned for further details from Ms. Anne.

On **June 29th**, join us here at FCC at 6:30 PM for some outside games and popsicles. Come dressed to get wet!

On **July 20th**, we are going to have a swim day and picnic. More details to follow.

On **August 10**, we will host our 2nd annual outdoor movie night at 8 PM. Make plans now to join us for these fun events!



## SUMMER 2025 calendar

### JUNE 2025 calendar

**WED 4** SUMMER MISSION TEAM  
@ 12PM  
Packing Food & Hygiene Drive  
Items & Meal Shopping  
📍 FCC

**JUNE 8-12** YOUTH MISSION TRIP  
📍 Cincinnati

**JUNE 23-26** VBS-YOUTH HELPERS

**SUN 29** YOUTH FELLOWSHIP  
@ 6:30-8PM  
📍 FCC

### JULY 2025 calendar

**SUN 20** SWIM DAY & PICNIC  
TIME-PLACE TBA

### AUG 2025 calendar

**SUN 10** OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT  
@ 8-10:30PM  
📍 FCC

UNITED MINISTRY





# AN INCREDIBLE WEEK OF LOVE AND SERVICE IN CINCINNATI!

Our youth mission team experienced a powerful week of serving in greatness of faith, service, and transformation in Cincinnati. Through every act of kindness, we left a lasting impact—on a few blocks of a neighborhood, across our home and neighboring states, and even reaching communities around the globe.

Rooted in Christ's example of selfless love, we gave without expecting anything in return. We served with child-like joy, saw the unseen, lifted others up, and embraced the sacredness of every small moment. Whether it was through a conversation, a shared laugh, or a helping hand, lives were touched—and our hearts were changed.

## Our Week of Mission Highlights:

•**Washington UCC Summer Program:** We built special relationships with children in Washington UCC's Summer Immersion Program, sharing stories, games, crafts, and joy-filled memories that will last far beyond our time together.

•**Matthew 25: Ministries:** At this global humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization, we helped sort and prepare supplies that will meet critical needs around the world. By rescuing and reusing resources, this ministry brings life-saving aid to the poorest of the poor and to disaster victims worldwide.

•**ESNKY (Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky):** We partnered with this vital organization, which offers lifesaving, low-barrier shelter and support for adults facing homelessness or housing instability in the Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati area.



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## Mission Highlights Continued....

•**PWC (People Working Cooperatively):** Through PWC, we supported home repairs and accessibility improvements that allow residents to stay safe, healthy, and independent in their own homes—strengthening not just individual lives but entire communities.

•**Meal Ministry at Washington UCC:** One of the most humbling parts of our week was preparing and serving a warm meal to the homeless community near Washington UCC. In sharing food, we also shared fellowship and compassion.

**A Day of Fun at King's Island:** We also made space for joy and fun—with a day at King's Island amusement park! It was a well-deserved break that strengthened our friendships, created lots of laughter, and reminded us that fun and faith go hand in hand.

This mission week was more than just service—it was a movement of the Spirit. We are grateful for the people we met, the stories we heard, and the ways God worked through us and in us. We are incredibly grateful for the prayers and support of our church family to make this week of service possible. We returned home with hearts full of gratitude, ready to carry the spirit of service and love into our everyday lives.

## NEWS FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNER FIRST SERVE

**Save the dates for these great opportunities to support First Serve!**

**Day of Service | Sunday, September 7, 2025**

Online registration begins on August 1, 2025

First Serve is looking for volunteers to be project leaders for the Day of Service. If interested, please contact Anne Pertick for more information at [anne.pertick@fcctallmadge.org](mailto:anne.pertick@fcctallmadge.org).

**Race for First Serve 2025 | Sunday, September 27, 2025**

Calling all runners and volunteers! For the second year in a row, First Serve is proud to be a Blue Line Charity Partner for the Akron Marathon races on September 27, 2025. Thanks to the incredible support from the First Serve community, last year's runner participation and fundraising event was a huge success! First Serve is eager to connect with runners of all levels to join forces for the incredible Race for First Serve during the Akron Marathon! Please help First Serve connect with runners in your congregation. There are also opportunities for non-running volunteers to help at fluid stations on race day! Please see Anne Pertick ([anne.pertick@fcctallmadge.org](mailto:anne.pertick@fcctallmadge.org)) to see how you can help a great cause.





# SOUTH<sup>ST</sup> MINISTRIES

## BIKE SHOP

REPAIR



RIDE



RESTORE



## REDIRECTION SERVICES



## RICH KIDS



### KENMORE BIKE SHOP

995 Kenmore Blvd.  
5/1/25-9/6/25

**THURSDAY  
AND  
SATURDAY  
6P - 8P**



### SUMMIT LAKE BIKE SHOP

9 Plato Lane  
5/5/25 - 9/3/25

**MONDAY  
AND  
WEDNESDAY  
6P - 8P**



### SSM BIKE SHOP @ SUMMIT CYCLING CENTER

222 S. Main St., Akron,  
Ohio 44308 | Lock 3 -  
O'Neil Building Basement

**TUESDAYS  
BEGINNING  
5/6/25  
6P - 8P**



For more information call or  
email Chris Usner, Bike Shop  
Director.

📞 330-696-6123

✉️ [chris@southstreetministries.org](mailto:chris@southstreetministries.org)

### Reentry Redirection Restoration

Reentry at South Street Ministries is a transformative journey for individuals returning from incarceration. Led by those who have navigated this path themselves, our Reentry program focuses on redirection and restoration, helping returning citizens reshape their lives and integrate into society.



#### Engage with Reentry: Make a Meaningful Impact

- **Tuesday Meetings 4-5:30P**
  - learn
  - show your love, care, and support for returning citizens
  - volunteer for a station
- **Donations**
  - bus passes, hygiene items, meals, and gift cards for necessities
- **Bring a Meal**
  - Sign Up to serve the 60+ Justice Impacted Individuals on a Tuesday Night!

📞 330-800-4834

✉️ [riley@southstreetministries.org](mailto:riley@southstreetministries.org)

RICH Kids provides various para-educational benefits and enrichment for grades K through 5. We round out our educational curriculum with enrichments to assist student development in areas such as their academics, spiritual needs, emotional regulation, and practical life skills.



#### Support for RICH Kids

- **Volunteers**
  - Students love to learn and play with community members
  - Email Kenzie to volunteer
- **Donations**
  - We regularly add enrichment supplies, games, and other much-needed items to our Amazon wish lists so students have what they need to succeed
- **Special Events**
  - Christmas Store and Winter Blast are great opportunities for volunteers and donations



✉️ [kenzie@southstreetministries.org](mailto:kenzie@southstreetministries.org)



WEBSITE



MEAL SIGN-UP



DONATE

South Street Ministries equips and inspires the restoration of community, economy, and faith



## Worship Attendance

May 25th	122	June 8th	143
June 1st	117	June 15th	95



## UPCOMING SUNDAYS

### Greeters

June 22	Janet McCaulley and Carol Krishna
June 29	Donna Marlow and Bill Westfall
July 6	Margarete Boschert and Jane Crane
July 13	Joe and Tom Labay
July 20	Rev. John and Donna Phillips
July 27	Dan and Dianne Drummond

### Altar Flowers

June 22	Jim Chapman
June 29	Terri Poff
July 6	
July 13	
July 20	Rev. John and Donna Phillips
July 27	Carol Dowey

Sign up in  
the hallway  
\$28 per  
arrangement

### Ushers



June 22	Don Simmons, Joe Labay, Tom Labay, Larry Robinson
June 29	Jim and Dee West, Joe Labay, Tom Labay
July 6	Larry Robinson, Dave Marconi, Al Lytle, Ken Caldwell
July 13	Sandy Haydu, Karen Huth, Kim Fulton, Jane Charles
July 20	Dave Marconi, Bonnie Fordham, Sandy Haydu, Gary Myers
July 27	Don Simmons, Joe Labay, Tom Labay, Larry Robinson

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF TALLMADGE

FCC Tallmadge  
**WORSHIP**  
Schedule

**SUNDAYS**  
**@10:00 AM**

**ALL YEAR LONG!**

**"No matter who you are, or where you are on  
life's journey, you are welcome here."**

We are no longer  
changing our worship  
time during the summer  
months. Our worship  
service will remain at  
10:00 AM all year long!  
We will still have reduced  
office hours. During  
June, July, and August,  
our office is open from  
9AM—12PM,  
Monday—Thursday.



# JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:00 PM—Naranon	2 9:00 AM—Quilters	3 10:00 AM—WW 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting 6:00 PM—WW 6:00 PM—NA	4	5 7:30/9:00 AM—WW
6 10:00 AM—Worship/ Communion	7 1:00 PM—Ladies Study 2:125PM—Chair Yoga 5:00 PM—Social Action Meeting 6:00 PM—Heritage 6:30 PM—Trustees	8 6:00 PM—Naranon	9 9:00 AM—Quilters	10 HERALD DEADLINE 10:00 AM—WW 6:00 PM—WW 6:00 PM—NA	11	12 7:30/9:00 AM—WW
13 9:00 AM—EC Meeting 10:00 AM—Worship/ WAMM	14 1:00 PM—Ladies Study 2:125PM—Chair Yoga 6:00 PM—Heritage	15 6:00 PM—Naranon 6:00 PM—Card Making	16 9:00 AM—Quilters 10:00 AM—Herald Angels	17 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting 10:00 AM—WW 6:00 PM—WW 6:00 PM—NA	18	19 7:30/9:00 AM—WW
20 9:30 AM—Summer Pick Up Choir Practice 10:00 AM—Worship 11:00 AM—Youth Swim Day	21 1:00 PM—Ladies Study 2:125PM—Chair Yoga 6:00 PM—Heritage 7:00 PM—Stan Hywet Goodyear Concert Band	22 6:00 PM—Naranon	23 9:00 AM—Quilters	24 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting 10:00 AM—WW 6:00 PM—WW 6:00 PM—NA	25	26 7:30/9:00 AM—WW
27 10:00 AM—Worship/ WAMM 6:00 PM—WJHM	28 1:00 PM—Ladies Study 2:125PM—Chair Yoga 6:00 PM—Heritage	29 10:30 AM—ACSG 6:00 PM—Naranon	30 9:00 AM—Quilters			

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