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Welcome June

2026

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Hours

Monday — Thursday

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Regular Worship Service	Sundays 9:30 am	Sanctuary
Social Time	Sundays Following the morning service	Social Hall
Adult Forum	Will resume in the fall.	Chapel
Youth Group	Will resume in the fall.	Youth Room
Youth Choir Rehearsal	Will resume in the fall.	Youth Choir Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Will resume in the fall.	Choir Room
Council Meeting	Sunday June 28th 11:50 am	Front Parlor

Quotes for Christian Life

"Dear Lord, please let me find a church parking spot close to the entrance. If not, I accept this as a lesson in patience."



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Little Free Library

As you are spring cleaning or decluttering, please consider placing your gently used books in a Little Free Library. The LFL in front of the courtyard of our church has been there since June 7, 2018 and has helped hundreds if not thousands of books find a new home. With the foot traffic on Main Street and hosting Hot Meals in our building, it is visible, easily accessible, and well visited.

If the church's LFL is full, there are others in Ariel-Foundation Park by the lakes, at the train depot on

Main Street, at most schools in MVCS, and other places through town that could also use your books.

We have found that an over stuffed, over filled, unorganized LFL sees very few visitors and books do not get taken. Some people keep a box for books in their car to fill LFLs when they notice one is low on books.

Thank you for supporting this service to the community the past eight years and on into the future.



We are looking to expand our list of those who can help with our children and youth activities. To join that list, FCUCC needs a background check on file. Forms are available outside of the office in the Document Center.

You may either bring a receipt back to the church and put it in the CE mailbox for reimbursement or see Jennifer or Becky to get a check written to take with you. The process is quick and easy and at your convenience.

If you have a professional license that requires a background check, you may submit a copy of either that background check or a copy of that professional license.



SOCIAL GATHERING

Let's have some social time, celebrate Juneteenth, and get ready for great music together! If you are familiar with the Summer Front Porch Concert Series, you know that several houses on East High Street are used as musical stages a few times throughout the summer.

The first Summer Front Porch Concert is June 19th, and we thought it would be fun to have a social gathering before the concert. Jack and Debbie F. have offered their yard (to us before the concert. Anyone who wants to gather at their house can arrive anytime between 4:45 pm and 5:45 pm. Bring a chair and your own beverage. You are also welcome to bring snacks and friends.

We'll eat and socialize before going to the Summer Front Porch Concert together. The concert is 6-9 pm, so we'll leave their house around 5:45. To learn more about the music lineup, go to:

[2026 Summer Concerts Season — Kokosing Valley Arts Alliance .](#)



2026 Summer
Concerts Season

SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are disappointed that our pastoral candidate was not able to begin his pastorate with us, but we do wish him well.

We are getting back to work. Our first task will be to review our church profile and make changes as needed. We anticipate changes will be minor and we will be able to have our church profile posted quickly. Then we wait for potential pastoral candidates to request that we receive their ministerial profile. Waiting is always the hardest.

Many thanks to the rest of the committee, all of whom have agreed to stay on. They are Marilyn C., Tom D., Brad K., Karen K., Darlene K., Kathy S. and Elaine S.

Ann L., Chair

on the lighter side...

