

First Congregational Messenger
 First Congregational United Church of Christ
 Norfolk, NE
Serving God with love and faith



Annual Meeting will be held following morning services on April 15. Please plan to attend and participate in the life of the church.

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2018 Camperships Available

Kamp Kaleo located in Burwell, Nebraska, along the North Loop River, is a special place where our children can experience God in a natural environment while engaging in lots of recreational activities. Step 1 – visit their website to register www.kampkaleo.com. Step 2 – Apply for a 'Campership' (30% off the cost); an application is included in this newsletter.

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Church Secretary

Monday-Thursday 10-4
 Other times by appointment
 May be out of the office for meetings or visits



Office Hours				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:15-12	8-12	9:15-12	8-12	8-12:30
1-2		1-2		

Renewal Is...

For everything there is a season, and time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;...a time to seek, and time to lose; a time to keep, and time to throw away; ...a time to keep silence, and time to speak;... (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 6, 7)

What is a sabbatical? Sabbatical is rooted in the Hebrew word ‘*sabbat*’ first practiced in the description of the Sabbath day in the creation story of Genesis, when God rested on the 7th day from all the work he had done. Weekly rest nourished body, mind, and spirit, families, livestock, visitor, and foreigner. Though Jesus healed on the Sabbath, he retreated to the wilderness and in the course of his ministry.

Other sabbat practices come from Leviticus 25, in the command to let the land rest every 7th year, and in the Jubilee year when no crops were to be produced, and debts were to be forgiven. Scripture can teach us to embrace the rhythm of life intended to refresh and renew all creation so that all creation can reflect God’s face and will.

Sabbaticals have been called: ‘extended study leave’, ‘sabbatical study leave’, ‘refresher leave’, or ‘renewal leave’. *Renewal* suggests that while new learning and new skills are important, it is also important to allow for renewal of the whole person through a balance of rest, play, reading, reflection, exercise, family time, and personal skills/growth.

Sabbaticals encourage pastor and congregation to re-commit and refocus ministry (to learn from others and sharpen skills); and contribute to their spiritual growth.

When is the best time to take one? I am requesting sabbatical time for June, July, and August 2019, outlined in the Pastor’s call agreement from 2013. I plan to apply for a *Clergy Renewal Lilly Grant* to cover the cost of my sabbatical including up to \$15,000 so the church can hire a full-time clergy replacement for three months. The grant application is due April 13, 2018.

In the coming year, we will plan together. My study focus will be on *spiritual discernment*, as practiced through Quaker clearness committees. Clearness committees are a way of serving others through prayerful listening; and (as Quaker author Parker Palmer writes) “waiting with expectancy for what God brings forth.”

Peace, Pastor Jackie



2018 Living Waters Association Campership Application
Kamp Kaleo, Burwell, NE

Make copies as needed. PLEASE PRINT. Thank you.

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant:(PLEASE PRINT) _____

Applicant's Address: _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip Code)

Applicant's Parents/Guardian's Name(s): (PLEASE PRINT)

Applicant's Contact Information: _____

(Phone and/or Email Address)

Church of Membership of Applicant or Parents or Church Making Request:

(Church Name)

(City/Town)

Name of Church's Pastor: _____

Which Camp Is This Request For: (PLEASE PRINT)

(Name of camp)

(Age)

(Dates)

Please be sure to register for camp before submitting this application. Camperships are available and will provide up to 30% of camp cost for campers **IF** they have completed camp registration with Kamp Kaleo and have submitted a request to us by **May 1**. Checks to Kamp Kaleo will be mailed as soon as possible after registration is verified.

Additional information about the applicant and his/her activities is appreciated. (PLEASE PRINT)

Pastor's Signature

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Mail to: Janet Davis, Registrar
Living Waters Association
21406 Amber Drive, Gretna, NE 68028

For Office Use Only: Date Received _____ Check No. _____ Amount: _____

Date Approved: _____ Registrar's Signature: _____

Book Group – The second Wednesday of the month at 10 AM is the book club led by Jane Uzzell. This year they continue reading children’s books with the theme of character traits. April’s theme is love.

Since Sue will be on vacation May 14-June 1, we need some volunteers to be in the office for a couple of hours a day during this time. If you are able to help, please sign up for the hours that work for you. Thanks



Office Volunteers

New Medicare cards: will be sent to people between April of 2018 through April of 2019. Medicare is removing Social Security Numbers from their cards to prevent fraud, fight identity theft, and keep taxpayer dollars safe. Once you receive your new card, be sure to shred or completely destroy your old card. You don’t need to do anything to receive your new card, it will automatically be mailed to you. If you get a call about the new card, **HANG UP!!** This is a scam. You could also receive mailings or emails asking for information to get your new card. **THESE are also scams. DO NOT RESPOND!!!**



- 4th Adam Gamerl
- 5th Jane Uzzell
- 7th Norm Bohl
- 18th Henry Gamerl
- 21st Katie Gamerl

- Anniversary
- 16th Jill and Rick Waterbury

MEDICARE			HEALTH INSURANCE	
1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)				
NAME OF BENEFICIARY				
JOHN DOE				
MEDICARE CLAIM NUMBER			SEX	
000-00-0000-A			MALE	
IS ENTITLED TO			EFFECTIVE DATE	
HOSPITAL (PART A)			01-01-2007	
MEDICAL (PART B)			01-01-2007	
SIGN HERE → _____				

Funnies for the Month



Fellowship Work Committee

April

Bonnie Dewell

Charlene Fosdick

Dorothy Hull

Rita Woodard

May



April 1 Easter

Communion: Jeff and Evonne Burkink, Stan and Vicki Staab

Ushers: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Greeters: Ben and Stacie Uzzell

Reader: Tom McConnell

Leader: Ben Uzzell

Flowers: Lilies

April 8

Ushers: Tom McConnell and Cole Lee

Greeters: Scott and Lori Williams

Reader: Ben Uzzell

Flowers:

April 15 Annual Meeting

Ushers: Stan and Vicki Staab

Greeters: Bonnie Dewell and Susan Surber

Reader: Verletta Olson

Flowers:

April 22

Ushers: Verletta Olson and Susan Podliska

Greeters: Cole Lee and Garrett Korthals

Reader: Cole Lee

Flowers: Erik and Katie Gamerl

April 29

Ushers: Ed Lindsay and Mike Synovec

Greeters: Barb Koenig and Rita Woodard

Reader: Jane Uzzell

Flowers:



May 6

Communion: Barb Koenig, Gene and Bonnie Kroeger, Verletta Olson

Ushers: Sue Surber and Jane Uzzell

Greeters: Gene and Darlene Korthals

Reader: Lori Williams

Leader: Susan Allyn

Flowers: Doug and Ginge Dudley

May 13

Ushers: Barb Koenig and Rita Woodard

Greeters: Jane Uzzell and Suz Podliska

Reader: Kay Neuharth

Flowers: Rita Woodard

May 20

Ushers: Scott and Lori Williams

Greeters: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

Reader: Stan Staab

Flowers: Jeff and Evonne Burkink

May 27 Memorial Weekend

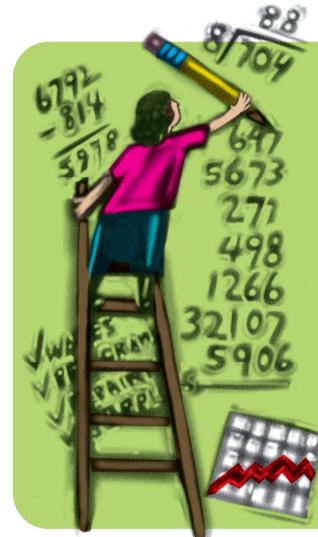
Ushers: Tom McConnell and Cole Lee

Greeters: Mike Synovec and Ed Lindsay

Reader: Rita Woodard

Flowers:

From 3/2/18 through 3/31/18



TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$10,231.90
Memorial deposit	\$ 279.90
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$ 12,041.17</u>
Subtotal	\$ 22,552.97
Salary	--\$10,532.10
Church Maintenance	—\$ 2,383.22
Office Expenses	—\$ 922.26
Transformation Ministry	—\$ 74.00
Insurance	—\$ 2,434.25
<u>Conference, OGHS</u>	<u>—\$ 1,005.00</u>
Final Balance	\$ 5,202.14

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:15 Worship Easter	2 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	3 Girl Scouts 5-6	4 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30 7:00-8:00	5 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:45	6 7 Card Group	7
8 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	9 Girl Scouts 6:30-7:30	10	11	12	13 1 Delphian FH 7 Card Group 4-10 Girl Scouts basement	14
15 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Annual meeting	16 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	17 Girl Scouts 5-6	18 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30 7:00-8:00	19 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:45	20	21
22 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Graduation Sunday	23 Girl Scouts 6:30-7:30	24	25	26	27	28
29 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	30					

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Girl Scouts 5-6	2 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30 7:00-8:00	3 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:45	4 7 Card Group	5 Community Concert meeting
6 8:30 Teacher Appreciation 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	7 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	8	9	10	11 1 Delphian FH 7 Card Group	12
13 9 Sunday School last day 10:15 Worship	14 Girl Scouts 6:30-7:30 Sue vacation	15 Girl Scouts 5-6 Sue vacation	16 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30 7:00-8:00 Sue vacation	17 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:45 Sue vacation	18 Office Closed	19 Woodard graduation party
20 10:15 Worship	21 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30 Sue vacation	22 Sue vacation	23 Sue vacation	24 Sue vacation	25 Office Closed	26
27 10:15 Worship	28 Girl Scouts 6:30-7:30 Office Closed	29 Sue vacation	30 Sue vacation	31 Sue vacation	June News- letter will be printed the week of June 4.	



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9:00 AM Sunday School Sept-May

10:15 AM Worship Service