

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 3-5, 2019
5:30-8:00 PM

This year First Congregational UCC is the host site for VBS. Volunteers needed and appreciated. Contact Darlene Korthals 402-750-4176 for details. Join us for a “Roaring” good time!

April 2019

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Monday-Thursday 10-4

Other times by appointment

May be out of the office for meetings or visits



Pastor's
Office Hours



Office Hours

Mon-Thurs

8-11:30

Friday

8-12

What is God Doing in the Neighborhood?



On March 6th, Pastor Jackie, Merle Rix, and Chris Storm attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at **Skyline Apartments**. Thanks to a grant and many funding streams, the apartments were completely renovated and there are plans for some landscaping and a community garden. The Lt. Governor and Mayor spoke as well as other partners of Wishrock (owners). The 7 million dollar project was Wishrock's first in Nebraska and now our neighbors have nice renewed affordable housing. Planning and execution of the project took a total of four years.

We thank Wishrock for inviting First Congregational UCC to be part of the project with some light landscaping/gardening this spring and planning monthly community events. Our community events partners include Westridge UMC and Immaculata Monastery. Merle was on the original Board of Directors from the late 1960s until they sold the property in 1972. Our youth have served at two ice cream socials in their community room. In the picture, Kylie (Apt Manager) cuts the ribbon.

O'NEILL UPDATE – March 8, 2019

Good Morning!

Thank you for reaching out and sharing your journey. How God brings things together always amazes me!

We are still in the middle of assisting those left in need from the raid. We are gaining slowly in getting them back to work. We are currently feeding about 400 people from our pantry each week. About 60% of those are those still waiting for, praying for hearings to allow them to get back to work. We have succeeded in assisting about 50% of the immigrant family to get permission and paperwork allowing them to go back to work.

The community assistance fund has run dry for helping in terms of utilities and rent for those affected by the raid. I continue to look for ways to assist, but the ongoing work to provide food can be completely tiring. We are forever grateful for the partnership of Associated Grocers. I am concerned how long I can keep the ship moving forward. We get the food for free, but as you well know free isn't always free. There are costs associated with bringing the food to O'Neill. I continue to pray for God's providing of funds to cover this. And He is faithful, just not always in my timing! LOL

My prayer and hope is that by the end of May we have a great majority of our immigrant family back into the workforce thus restoring their self dignity, self respect and feeling they are contributing once again to the world that they are responsible for and living in.

Everything you have done and continue to do has been such a blessing to this on going ministry. Thank you so much for your support, your prayers and partnership as we continue to serve God by serving others.

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Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, April 13 at 11:00 AM

First Congregational United Church of Christ

1102 W. Norfolk Ave



AGES THRU 5TH GRADE

Please join us in the Easter Egg Hunt.

Eggs are filled and waiting to be found

Please bring a bag or basket to carry your eggs home

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Thank you! We want to thank my church family for all the kindness and prayers during Greg's illness. We appreciate the cards and memorials given in Greg's memory at the time of our loss. Your kindness will not be forgotten. Rita Woodard and family



Men's luncheon: Tuesday, April 9 noon at Barnstormers . This meeting will look at major religions of the world led by Steven Uzzell. Each month another person will pick the topic to be discussed.

Book club is reading *One Plastic Bag* by Isatou Ceesay. The topic is changing trash to art. All are welcome to read and attend with us on April 10. For the book, please contact Jane Uzzell.



Birthday

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

Anniversary

- 16th Rick and Jill Waterbury

Fellowship Work Committee

April

Dorothy Hull

Charlene Fosdick



April 7

Communion: Jeff and Evonne Burkink, Scott and Lori Williams

Ushers: Gene and Darlene Korthals

Greeters: Mike Synovec and Ed Lindsay

Reader: Tom McConnell

Leader: Ben Uzzell

Flowers:

April 14 **Palm Sunday**

Ushers: Verletta Olson and Bonnie Dewell

Greeters: Terry Hamilton and Charlene Fosdick

Reader: Randy Neuharth, Verletta Olson, Jane Uzzell

Flowers: Palms

April 21 **Easter**

Ushers: Ben and Stacie Uzzell

Greeters: Susan Surber and Suzan Podliska

Reader: Cole Uzzell

Flowers: Lilies

April 28

Ushers: Jane Uzzell and Terry Hamilton

Greeters: Bonnie Dewell and Rita Woodard

Reader: Ben Uzzell

Flowers: Erik and Katie Gamerl

May 5

Communion: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger, Verletta Olson and Suzan Podliska

Ushers: Scott and Lori Williams

Greeters: Tom McConnell and Jane Uzzell

Reader: Stan Staab

Leader: Jane Uzzell

Flowers: Tim Ernst

May 12

Ushers: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Greeters: Dorothy Hull and Barb Koenig

Reader: Lori Williams

Flowers:

May 19

Ushers: Barb Koenig and Dorothy Hull

Greeters: Gene and Darlene Kroeger

Reader: Scott Williams

Flowers: Jeff and Evonne Burkink

May 26 **Memorial Weekend**

Ushers: Mike Synovec and Stan Staab

Greeters: Scott and Lori Williams

Reader: Vicki Staab

Flowers: Scott and Lori Williams

From 3/1/19 through 4/1/19

Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$ 5,930.40
Lilies	\$ 15.00
O'Neill	\$ 225.00
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$10,277.00</u>
Subtotal	\$16,452.85
Salary	--\$ 6,867.57
Church Maintenance	—\$ 2,786.56
Office Expenses	—\$ 989.86
Worship Ministry	—\$ 250.20
Insurance for the church	—\$ 1,868.50
Pastor's Discretionary	—\$ 235.31
O'Neill	—\$ 225.00
<u>Conference</u>	<u>—\$ 294.00</u>
Final Balance	\$ 2,935.85



TREASURER'S REPORT

▶ April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	7 Card Group	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship Ben Anderson					12 Delphians 7 Card Group	11 Egg Hunt
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00	Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30 Maundy Thursday		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:15 Worship						
28	29	30				
9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship						

▶ May 2019

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			1 Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00	2 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	3 7 Card Group	4 Kroeger FH 12-5
5 9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship Annual Meeting	6 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	7 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	8	9	10 10 Delphians 7 Card Group	11 Rita Woodard
12 9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship	13	14	15 Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00	16 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	17	18
19 10:15 Worship	20 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	21 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	22	23	24	25
26 10:15 Worship	27	28	29 Sue on Vacation	30 Sue on Vacation	31 Sue on Vacation	



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9:00 AM Sunday School Sept-May

10:15 AM Worship Service