

First Congregational Messenger
 First Congregational United Church of Christ
 Norfolk, NE

Serving God with love and faith



Stuff the bus until Aug 7.

- * Book bags
- * Colored pencils (12)
- * Dry Erase Markers
- * Highlighters
- * Glue sticks
- * Hand sanitizer
- * Disinfecting wipes
- * Two-pocket folders
- * Zippered binders (Trapper Keepers)
- * Loose leaf paper (wide and college rule)
- * Spiral notebooks, single subject (wide and college rule)

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Wopila Tanka (*Many Thanks*)
 for supporting Youth Mission Trip
 2017



“Guided by the aspirations of the Oglala Lakota Indian communities we serve, Re-Member seeks to improve the quality of reservation life through [relationships](#), [shared resources](#) and [volunteer services](#).”
www.re-member.org

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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
9:15-11:30	8-11:30	9:15-11:30	8-11:30	9:15-1:15
3-5:15		3-5:15		

Take Away / Give Away

In Lakota, “Mitaku Oyasin”, means ‘*We are all related*’. A phrase often heard on Pine Ridge Reservation during our Youth Mission Trip, July 8-14. Our work, play, lessons learned and service given all witness to this truth.

By the numbers: 53 volunteers from NE, MO, MI, MN, MA, OH and VA

Completed 2 trailer skirting jobs

Built 5 outhouses; and installed 1 outhouse

Built 26 bunk beds; and placed 8 beds in 1 home

Built 1 wheelchair ramp

Built 3-4 decks

As our week ended, volunteers named a lesson learned (take away) and a gift given (give away).

Take Away: “building and placing bunk beds”.

Give Away: “Hope – they don’t need them in the future”.

Take Away: “Meeting with the parents in the new program [Lakota Youth Stay] and seeing the kids so excited”.

Give Away: “Hope”.

Take Away: “Coming with friends and family to serve (also nature)”.

Give Away: “Regret that we have to leave for home”.

Take Away: “Goodness. I want to spend time, share skills, find out about people... and find out how good people really are”.

Give Away: “A sense that I am here for you – whether here or at home”.

Take Away: “With all the problems that they [the Lakota people] go through, it gave me high respect for them”.

Give Away: “Respect for all they have taught me”.

Take Away: (Paige) “Being able to physically see how we helped. We made beautiful things. Things come so easily for us like beds and even going to the bathroom.”

Give Away: “Hope for things they need, & for Feather II [future home of Re-Member]”.

Take Away: (Taylor) “That we can help them”.

Give away: “My Strength”

More ‘take aways’ and ‘give aways’ in the next newsletter... –Pastor Jackie

MISSION TRIP



Mission Week Report – July 4-8, 2017

Wisdom of the Elders

Each morning began with words and observations of indigenous people from around the world to help volunteers better understand the views and history of Native People. It is offered so that we might continue to reflect on our shared past.

Kiksuya (remember)

The Journey -- Depart Norfolk at 7:20 a.m. Brown bag lunch at rest stop Presho, S.D. Arrive at Badlands 1p.m. (MT) It is WARM! Arrive at Re-Member at 3:30 p.m. Unpack, orientation, supper. Director, Ted Skantze, speaks. Free time, Quiet Time, Lights Out 10:30 p.m.

Wounded Knee -- History lesson, mass grave and cemetery. Hike Badlands (South Unit), White River Visitor Center/lunch. 'Common Cents' (grocery store), Feather II (future site of Re-Member). Evenings include guest speakers from the Rez. Wednesdays are Artisan Night/Community Meal.

Wiwokiye (Helping others to stand) -- Load lumber into trailers, construct beds and out- houses, install trailer skirting, siding, decking, an outhouse and wheelchair ramp.

Building /Placing Beds -- Load lumber. Sand, stain, pre-drill, route wood. Home assembly. Read to the children.

Touring -- Bow-K's bakery, Red Cloud School/History Center including chapel, Red Cloud's grave site, juried Red Cloud Indian Art Show. Lunch at Bette's Kitchen, Trading Post, White River. Final sharing and talent show!

Thorns and Roses

Each evening ended with our group meeting at picnic tables to share a Rose (something beautiful that happened that day), and a Thorn (something difficult or disappointing that happened that day). We often invited others to join our group.



More pictures on
Facebook

Trailer home decking.



Adam, Pastor Jackie, Taylor, Cole, Paige, Erik, Terri, Dorothy.



SHOWING THE LOVE OF CHRIST THROUGH
THE UNIFIED BODY OF CHRIST

Mark your calendars for September 16th!

Many of you may remember an event called "Brush Up Norfolk" that was done for several years here in our community. It was a joint effort on the part of several area churches to serve together in order to show the love of Christ to our community.

Please check out our website www.tonorfolkwithlove.com, for more information and please prayerfully consider how you and the church/ministry you are a part of can participate.

For questions, to suggest a project or to join us as a participating church, please contact Pastor Caleb Lind of First Baptist Church caleb.lind@outlook.com or 402-371-5609.

The Gideons' Mission Moment - August 20



The Gideons International began in 1908 as an Association of Christian businessmen placing Bibles in hotel rooms. They have grown into an expanding mission to provide Scriptures to all people in nearly every facet of life.

Please welcome representatives from The Gideons as they tell us more about their mission on August 20. After worship, they will have baskets available if you would like to donate to their mission.



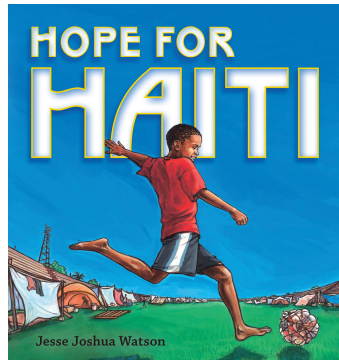
- 2nd Garry Podliska
- 6th Ginge Dudley
- 7th Taylor Rossman
- 9th Jeff Pekas
- 14th Jared Rossman

Rev. Roddy Dunkerson to preach September 17

Nebraska Conference Minister, Roddy Dunkerson, retires the end of 2017. He will bring the Message to First Congregational in worship on September 17. Let's take the opportunity say good-bye to a faith-filled servant and leader, and bless him on the next leg of his journey.



- Anniversary
- 2nd Kay and Randy Neuharth
- 10th Stacie and Ben Uzzell
- 15th Vicki and Stan Staab
- 16th Susan and Tom Surber
- 26th Karen and Calvin Allyn



August's book is set in Haiti and describes life after the earthquake and where hope can be found.

Around the World Bookclub

2ND Wednesday of each month

10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Unity Room

Learn about 12 Countries of our world thru children's books.

August-Haiti..... Hope for Haiti, Jesse Joshua Watson

September-Australia.. Pumpkin Runner, Australia

October-Vietnam.. Grandfather's Dream, Vietnam

November-France.. Family Under the Bridge, Natalie Savage Carlson

December-Mexico... Too Many Tamales, Gary Soto

Fellowship Work Committee

August

September

Ben and Stacie Uzzell



August 6

Communion: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger,
Verletta Olson and Sue Surber
Ushers: Jeff and Evonne Burkink
Greeters: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger
Reader: Tom McConnell
Leader: Susan Allyn
Flowers: Ed Lindsay

August 13

Ushers: Bonnie Dewell and Barb Koenig
Greeters: Verletta Olson and Suzan Podliska
Reader: Verletta Olson
Flowers: Stan and Vicki Staab

August 20

Ushers: Ed Lindsay and Tom McConnell
Greeters: Stan and Vicki Staab
Reader: Stan Staab
Flowers: Tom and Susan Surber

August 27

Ushers: Scott and Lori Williams
Greeters: Jeff and Evonne Burkink
Reader: Lori Williams
Flowers: Dorothy Hull

September 3

Communion: Scott and Lori Williams, Jeff and
Evonne Burkink
Ushers: Susan Surber and Rita Woodard
Greeters: Ed Lindsay and Mike Synovec
Reader: Jane Uzzell
Leader: Dorothy Hull
Flowers: Gene and Darlene Korthals

September 10 Rally Sunday

Ushers: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger
Greeters: Randy and Kay Neuharth
Reader: Kay Neuharth
Flowers: Dorothy Hull

September 17

Ushers: Verletta Olson and Suzan Podliska
Greeters: Gene and Darlene Korthals
Reader: Rita Woodard
Flowers: Mike Synovec

September 24

Ushers: Ben and Stacie Uzzell
Greeters: Bonnie Dewell and Barb Koenig
Reader: Ben Uzzell
Flowers: Stan and Vicki Staab

From 7/1/17 through 7/31/17
 Does not include deposit for 7-30

Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$ 6,279.22
Youth Mission	\$ 724.00
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$ 8,100.14</u>
Subtotal	\$ 15,103.36
Salary	--\$ 6,578.28
Church Maintenance	—\$ 2,013.66
Office Expenses	—\$ 427.48
Youth Mission	—\$ 204.93
Substitute Pastor	—\$ 125.00
Worship Ministry	—\$ 124.00
<u>Vacation Bible School</u>	<u>—\$ 264.94</u>
Final Balance	\$ 5,365.07



TREASURER'S REPORT

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 GS 7-8	3	4 7 Card Group	5
6 10:15 Worship 1 PM Feddern Reunion	7 7 PM GS Fellowship Hall	8	9	10	11 7 Card Group	12
13 10:15 Worship 1 PM Synovec Reunion	14	15	16 GS 7-8	17 NPS Begins	18	19 11 Linde Memorial
20 10:15 Worship Putters baptism	21 NECC Begins Pastor Jackie vacation	22 Pastor Jackie vacation	23 Pastor Jackie vacation	24 7 PM GS Fellowship Hall Pastor Jackie vacation	25	26
27 10:15 Worship	28	29	30	31		

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7 Card Group	2
3 10:15 Worship	4	5	6 GS 7-8	7	8 7 Card Group	9
10 Rally Sunday 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	11	12	13 Lifeline Screening	14	15	16 9-12 Norfolk with Love
17 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship Rev. Roddy Dunkerson here	18	19	20 GS 7-8 Pastor Jackie gone to Denver	21 Pastor Jackie gone to Denver	22 Pastor Jackie gone to Denver	23 Pastor Jackie gone to Denver
24 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30



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9:00 AM Sunday School Sept-May

10:15 AM Worship Service