

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



We  
 Need Teachers

Sunday School teachers needed! If you have an interest in working with the Sunday School program, please contact Darlene Korthals.

August 2020

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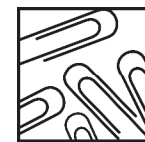


Norfolk Antique Auto Club will be joining us for worship on August 9. After worship the cars will be parked in the center row of the parking lot for viewing and discussion. Thank you Merle Rix for inviting this group to join us!



Pastor's  
 Office Hours

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



Office  
 Hours

**Office Hours**

Mon-Fri

8-12

## Weary

*“He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”*

--Isaiah 40:29-31

How do you tire a toddler? Jumping jacks, leapfrog, hula hoop games, sidewalk chalk art, balloon games?

Recently, I read the headline, “Children have energy levels greater than endurance athletes, scientists find”. This means that it can be impossible for any adult to keep up. Mothers and fathers who hope tiring out their young’uns will ensure a good night’s sleep do not need a scientist to tell them this news.

The word ‘tire’ means ‘to reduce energy, especially through exhaustion; weary’. *Tire* also means bored, or impatient. We have been navigating Covid-19 now for over four months. Adults grow weary of wearing masks. Older adults get bored with TV as the only entertainment each day. Children and youth miss their friends and school. We grow impatient waiting for a new therapy or vaccine to save the day.

Yet, through this challenging pandemic we also seek and find God’s blessings--signs of God’s provision and care. The virus may be sticky, but God is even more persistent, unshakable and steadfast. We can trust God’s promises:

*“The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.*

--Isaiah 40:28

At such a stressful time, with so much change and uncertainty, we can acknowledge the turbulence, grieve our losses, fuel our body with healthy food, move our body, prioritize sleep, find ways to socially connect, and reduce stress by remembering the good in our lives and thanking God for the blessings we find.

Peace, Pastor Jackie

### **Worship in August:**

**August 2** – Communion Sunday; Thanksgiving for Faithful Service to the Staabs.

Stan and Vicki will be moving to Kearney soon.

**August 9** – Norfolk Antique Auto Club will be our guests and bring their cars!

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With Jesus in our boat, together we can continue to navigate the sometimes choppy seas of this Covid-19 season. Thank you for your continued stewardship and financial support of the church. In summer, giving is traditionally down, so if you are unable to attend worship, please remember to mail in or drop off your offering. If you need to make changes to your pledge for whatever reason, you may contact Verletta Olson. She is a good steward of your information. Thank you!

**Thank You!**



Paige is serving with the  
U.S. Army Military Police  
in Saudi Arabia. Her address:

SPC Uzzell, Paige  
302<sup>nd</sup> MP Co.  
Unit 61336  
APO, AE 09803

Our oak trees are like some of us, lacking in nutrition! Currently they are being treated with liquid iron to improve their condition. This treatment will cause the leaves to turn black and fall. New leaves will grow back in a better green color. Because these trees are rather malnourished, they will probably need to be treated again next year. Thank you Erik Vanberg from West Point for the treatment and Jane Uzzell for your diligence in caring for them!





On July 1, the office received an email from Mrs. Carol Kraus of Brule, NE. Her late husband had the music store in Ogallala and had music brought to him from time to time. She is uncertain when he acquired this music book, but since it had our name in it, she asked if we would like to have it. She mailed the book to us and it is a songbook from 1890 with all the pages still there. Most of the songs were “new” and written by “American” songwriters.

**Congratulations Cole Dohman  
on your graduation from  
Norfolk Senior High!**



Thank you! For the calls, cards and prayers while I was sick. I’m recovering nicely, but slowly. Barb Koenig.

## **AUGUST** Birthdays & Anniversaries

### **Birthday**

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

### **Anniversary**

- 2nd Randy and Kay Neuharth
- 10th Ben and Stacie Uzzell
- 15th Stan and Vicki Staab
- 16th Tom and Susan Surber
- 29th Chuck and Kathy Balsiger



Many thanks to Gene and Darlene Korthals for power washing the church. The black soot and the growing moss are no longer on most of our surfaces. Gene also cleaned the parking lot. Thanks to Mark Walker for the use of the power washer!





### August 2

**Communion:** Scott and Lori Williams, Tom McConnell and Ben Uzzell

**Ushers:** Randy and Kay Neuharth

**Greeters:** Mike Synovec and Tom McConnell

**Reader:** Chuck Balsiger

**Leader:** Susan Allyn

**Flowers:**

### August 9

**Ushers:** Evonne Burkink and Barb Koenig

**Greeters:** Bonnie Dewell and Rita Woodard

**Reader:** Jane Uzzell

**Flowers:** Norfolk Antique Auto Club

### August 16

**Ushers:** Susan Surber and Suzan Podliska

**Greeters:** Verletta Olson and Karen Allyn

**Reader:** Tom McConnell

**Flowers:** Susan Surber

### August 23

**Ushers:** Ben and Stacie Uzzell

**Greeters:** Jane Uzzell and Cole Uzzell

**Reader:** Randy Neuharth

**Flowers:** Karen Allyn

### August 30

**Ushers:** Scott and Lori Williams

**Greeters:** Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

**Reader:** Verletta Olson

**Flowers:**



# September

### September 6

**Communion:** Evonne Burkink, Verletta Olson, Susan Surber, Tom McConnell

**Ushers:** Verletta Olson and Rita Woodard

**Greeters:** Chuck Balsiger and Ed Lindsay

**Reader:** Lori Williams

**Leader:** Scott Williams

**Flowers:** Erik and Katie Gamerl

### September 13 Rally Sunday and 150 Celebration

**Ushers:** Gene and Darlene Korthals

**Greeters:** Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

**Reader:** Ben Uzzell

**Flowers:**

### September 20

**Ushers:** Mike Synovec and Tom McConnell

**Greeters:** Scott and Lori Williams

**Reader:** Karen Allyn

**Flowers:** Scott and Lori Williams

### September 27

**Ushers:** Terry Hamilton and Bonnie Dewell

**Greeters:** Ben and Stacie Uzzell

**Reader:** Kay Neuharth

**Flowers:** Ginge Dudley

Please notify the office if you are not able to attend on Sunday.

# June

From 6/1/20 through 6/30/20



TREASURER'S REPORT

## Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$ ,5,648.94
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$ 9,861.82</u>
Subtotal	\$15,510.76
Salary	--\$ 7,902.85
Church Maintenance	—\$ 2,214.38
Office Expenses	—\$ 2,173.04
Worship Ministry	—-\$ 137.00
Renner's	—\$ 755.00
Living Waters Assoc Dues	—\$ 290.00
Food Pantry	—\$ 50.00
Substitute Pastors	—\$ 375.00
<u>OCWM</u>	<u>—\$ 298.00</u>
Final Balance	\$ 1,315.49

Linaje Escogido \$800.00 was deposited in Madison County Bank.

The office expense includes a new computer for Pastor Jackie.

The maintenance includes \$640 for repair of the sprinkler system.

# ▶ August 2020

**Sun**      **Mon**      **Tue**      **Wed**      **Thu**      **Fri**      **Sat**

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2            3            4            5            6            7            8

10:15 Worship

7 Card Group

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9            10            11            12            13            14            15

10:15 Worship  
Antique Car  
Club joins us

NPS begins

5 Card Group

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16            17            18            19            20            21            22

10:15 Worship

7 Unity Council

NECC begins

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23            24            25            26            27            28            29

10:15 Worship

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30            31

10:15 Worship



# ▶ September 2020

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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1      2      3      4      5

7 Card Group

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6      7      8      9      10      11      12

10:15 Worship

OFFICE  
CLOSED

5 Card Group

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13      14      15      16      17      18      19

9 Sunday  
School

10:15 Worship  
150 Celebration

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20      21      22      23      24      25      26

9 Sunday  
School

10:15 Worship

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27      28      29      30

9 Sunday  
School

10:15 Worship