

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

Serving God with love and faith



VBS to be held at Trinity Episcopal from June 26-28 from 5:30-8:30 PM We need **volunteers** for teaching and meal planning. Our church makes supper on Monday, June 26.

Registration for VBS needs to be in the church office by June 12 so supplies can be purchased in advance.

June 2017

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June 4 is Pentecost Sunday. Please wear red as a visible reminder of the birth of the church!!



Wear Red for Pentecost



Church Secretary

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



Pastor's Office Hours

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8-12
Monday—Thursday
1-3

Road Trip!

Time to drive through the tree-covered Allegheny Mountains of Pennsylvania, and walk shale roads through shady woods. Well into June, you can view abundant pink and white blossoms of the state flower, mountain laurel, among giant boulders dabbled with sunlight. Time to catch up with cousins, Aunt Lois, Uncle Jim and friends. Facebook can only get you so far. In person, you can share food, stories and hugs!



I will arrange coverage for pastoral emergencies (details will be in the office and on my church voice mail). Guests will bring the Message for worship. My vacation begins after Annual Gathering in Crete June 9 -10 (worship in Lincoln on June 11). I will return to the office June 26.

Bringing the Message in June:

June 11 Nebraska Conference Minister, Roddy Dunkerson will provide his annual Message to the congregations (presented by a member of the congregation).

June 18 **Guest Speaker, Bev Henkle** serves on the Mission Committee at First Presbyterian Church. Bev is interested in trips that build bridges among people. She will share stories from her recent trip walking the 'Nativity Trail' organized through ATG (Alternative Tourism Group <http://atg.ps/programs/nativity-trail>). Bev states that these trips are worthwhile; anyone can make a journey; people come and go all the time--don't be afraid.

"There are different ways, you don't have to go just one route."

June 25 **Guest Preacher, Gordon Braun** is a Licensed Lay Preacher in the Episcopal Church with nearly 30 years of parish ministry experience. He is currently pursuing a Master's of Science degree in Clinical Mental Health Counselling in order to become a licensed Independent Mental Health Care Practitioner in Nebraska. Gordon is also a neighbor, who looks forward to sharing the Message with you!

Peace, *Pastor Jackie*





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

Monday through Wednesday, June 26, 27, 28

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church

111 S 9th St

Trinity Episcopal, First Congregational UCC and First Presbyterian Churches of Norfolk have come together again to provide Vacation Bible School for children ages 3 (must be potty-trained) through kids who have completed the 4th grade. Your older children would be great helpers.

Each evening begins with a light supper. There is no cost to attend, but we would like to have every child pre-register so that we will have enough supplies. REGISTRATIONS NEED TO BE TURNED INTO THE TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH OFFICE OR TO YOUR CHURCH BY June 12th to ensure your child receives the correct size t-shirt.

It takes many volunteers to manage a successful VBS and we would love to have your help. If you think you may be able to assist in any way please contact the chairman from one of the three churches. Call Kim Rusk- First Presbyterian, Whitney Kumm-Trinity Episcopal, or Darlene Korthals- First Congregational.

Name: _____ (circle) M or F

Address: _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____

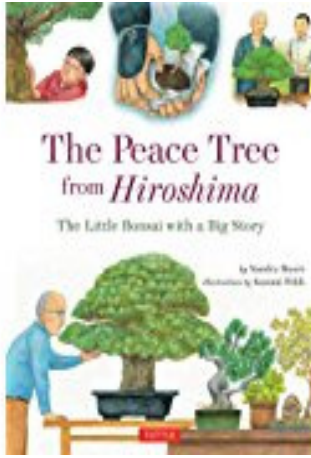
School Grade completed: _____ Home Church _____

Emergency Contact: _____ phone: _____

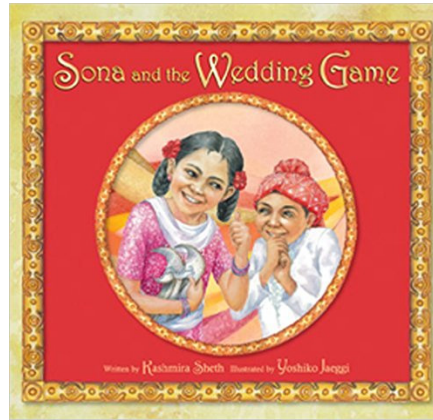
Allergies or conditions that may limit activity: _____

I can help in the following way(s): Name: _____

Tshirt size: __YS __YM __YL __S __M __L



May's book is set in Japan and talks about international friendship.



June's book is set in India and shares the wedding traditions of this country.

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.

June - India	...	<u>Sona & the Wedding Game</u> , Kashmira Sheth
July - Sweden	...	<u>Children of Noisy Village</u> , Astrid Lindgren
August - Haiti	...	<u>Hope for Haiti</u> , Jesse Joshua Watson
September - Australia	...	<u>Pumpkin Runner</u> , Australia
October - Vietnam	...	<u>Grandfather's Dream</u> , Vietnam
November - France	...	<u>Family Under the Bridge</u> , Natalie Savage Carlson
December - Mexico	...	<u>Tou Many Tamales</u> , Gary Soto

LOCAL MISSION

Volunteer opportunities in June:

Christian Cross Festival, Sunday, June 11th, needs volunteers. Contact is Jeff Borer at 402-371-5574.

Laugh and a half marathon is Saturday, June 17th 7AM to 11AM. Volunteer forms are available on the table in the narthex.

Project Homeless Connect Norfolk: **Friday, June 23, 2017** at Norfolk Senior High School from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.. Volunteers needed for a variety of jobs to support the event. More information and volunteer application forms are available at projecthomelessconnectnorfolk.org.

Community Food Pantry is June 16-30. We agree to provide 3 workers every day for those two weeks. Sign up is on the table in the narthex.

Vacation Bible School is June 26-28. We need helpers for the teachers and servers for the meal on Monday, June 26. Please contact Darlene Korthals to volunteer.



We need people to serve in Fellowship Hall during the months of June and August.

Youth Mission Trip Update

We met our fundraising goals for the mission trip to Re-Member at Pine Ridge Reservation 7/8 – 7/14, including mission trip insurance.

We'll sell shares through July to add to the guests at the shareholders' dinner Sunday, July 23, and to help cover a few miscellaneous items, such as postcards/postage from the Badlands, a packed lunch for 8 on departure day June 8, fee to enter the Badlands National Park, and any extra fuel costs.

4, 392 Re-Member Trip Fee (\$549 per person)

300 Shareholders' Dinner (food)

115 Fuel for 2 cars (estimated)

100 Mission Trip Insurance for all

4, 915 Total (\$2250 Participants/\$2695 Raised)

Fundraising included: Star Quilt (by Nancy Brown) Raffle Tickets, A Touch of Brass Summer Concert and Meal, Christmas Cookie sales, 2 Spring potluck fundraisers, sale of \$20 "shares", donation from Faith Development, and generous donations from members and friends of the church.



3rd Sandee Linde

8th Jeff Burkink

9th Scott Williams

19th Desiree Martinson

26th Susan Allyn

27th Lori Williams

Anniversary

4th Jane and Steve Uzzell

7th Brandi and Jared Rossman

20th Lori and Scott Williams

Fellowship Work Committee

June

July

Nancy Brown

Susan Allyn

Mike Synovec



June 4

Communion: Verletta Olson, Ed Lindsay, Sue Surber and Barb Koenig

Ushers: Mike Synovec and Suzan Podliska

Greeters: Gene and Darlene Korthals

Reader: Verletta Olson

Leader: Vicki Staab

Flowers: Dorothy Hull

June 11 Annual Gathering

Ushers: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Greeters: Bonnie Dewell and Barb Koenig

Reader: Kay Neuharth

Flowers: Bonnie Dewell

June 18

Ushers: Scott and Lori Williams

Greeters: Garrett Korthals and Ed Lindsay

Reader: Karen Allyn

Flowers: Rita Woodard

June 25

Ushers: Mike Synovec and Garrett Korthals

Greeters: Verletta Olson and Rita Woodard

Reader: Randy Neuharth

Flowers: Scott and Lori Williams

July 2

Communion: Suzan Podliska, Ben Uzzell, Barb Koenig, Vicki Staab

Ushers: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Greeters: Stan and Vicki Staab

Reader: Karen Allyn

Leader: Stan Staab

Flowers: Dorothy Hull

July 9

Ushers: Jeff and Evonne Burkink

Greeters: Bonnie Dewell and Rita Woodard

Reader: Verletta Olson

Flowers: Garry and Suzan Podliska

July 16

Ushers: Gene and Darlene Korthals

Greeters: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Reader: Kay Neuharth

Flowers: Ruth Brown

July 23

Ushers: Verletta Olson and Suzan Podliska

Greeters: Scott and Lori Williams

Reader: Scott Williams

Flowers:

July 30

Ushers: Ben and Stacie Uzzell

Greeters: Cole Lee and Jane Uzzell

Reader: Randy Neuharth

Flowers:

From 5/1/17 through 5/31/17

This does not include the offering for 5-28

Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$ 11,710.94
Youth Mission	\$ 1,561.00
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$ 10,791.27</u>
Subtotal	\$ 24,063.21
Salary	--\$ 5,494.89
Church Maintenance	—\$ 1,324.15
Office Expenses	—\$ 628.94
Substitute Organist	—\$ 65.00
Faith Development	—\$ 281.35
Worship Ministry	—\$ 26.25
Youth Mission	—\$ 1,464.00
Funeral	—\$ 380.19
Annual Gathering	—\$ 223.50
<u>OCWM</u>	<u>—\$ 340.00</u>
Final Balance	\$ 13,834.94



TREASURER'S REPORT

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7 Card Group	3
4 10:15 Worship	5	6	7 GS 7-8	8	9 7 Card Group Annual Gathering in Crete	10 Annual Gathering in Crete
11 10:15 Worship Annual Gathering in Crete	12 Pastor vacation	13 Pastor vacation	14 Pastor vacation	15 Lifeline Screening Pastor vacation	16 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 Pastor vacation	17
18 10:15 Worship	19 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 Pastor vacation	20 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 Pastor vacation	21 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 GS 7-8 Pastor vacation	22 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 Pastor vacation	23 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 Pastor vacation	24
25 10:15 Worship	26 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 VBS	27 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 VBS	28 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30 VBS	29 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	30 Food Pantry 9:30-11:30	

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:15 Worship	3	4 Office Closed	5 GS 7-8	6	7 7 Card Group	8 Mission Trip
9 10:15 Worship Mission Trip	10 Mission Trip	11 Mission Trip	12 Mission Trip	13 Mission Trip	14 7 Card Group Mission Trip	15
16 10:15 Worship	17	18	19 GS 7-8	20	21	22
23 10:15 Worship Shareholders' Dinner	24	25	26	27 7 Unity Council	28	29
30 10:15 Worship	31					



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9:00 AM Sunday School Sept-May

10:15 AM Worship Service