

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



Vacation Bible School will be held this year at First Presbyterian Church June 11-13 from 5:30-8 PM. Registration forms are available at the church or on the church website. Volunteers are needed to help. Please contact Darlene Korthals for more information.



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Do you go grocery shopping? At Lou's? At HyVee? **We have any easy way to bump up your donation to the church budget--use a Lou's or HyVee gift card when you go shopping or get gas. You can either buy them Monday-Friday at the church office, or Sunday's in Fellowship Hall. We currently get \$25, \$50 and \$100 gift cards. The church buys \$1000 of gift cards for \$970, so we get \$30 for the budget. See you at the table in Fellowship Hall! Please help out. The gift cards fit right in your billfold by your dollar bills, so it's even easy to remember to use them when you go to pay for your groceries.**

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We are supporting the food pantry June 18-29. We need three volunteers each morning from 9:30-11:30. We also need canned food or money to purchase items for the pantry. If you can contribute or work, please let the office know.



Church Secretary

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



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

Sue's vacation in France and Germany

May 18-21 I went to Paris with my cousin, Carol Lakey (left) and her friend, Beatrix Cunningham (right). We were at Notre Dame on Pentecost Sunday and participated in a hymn sing service in the evening. We saw the Eiffel Tower, Arc de triomphe, the Louvre, Moulin Rouge, Sacré-Cœur church and then travelled to the Versailles palace. The ancient buildings are so well built! So much to see in just a little time! We bought tickets to a hop on, hop off tour bus and saw more that way than we could have on our own.



Carol works for the military as a civilian in charge of inventory for commissaries world wide. She is stationed at Pulaski Barracks, which is an Army base about 8 miles from Ramstein Air Force Base. We spent some time on the bases where she can buy nearly anything from the US. I appreciated eating lunch at Ramstein where I could have ice in my drink! No ice is served in drinks in Europe.

Carol lives in the middle of the German wine valley. We visited 3 small villages where wine is grown and saw miles of vineyards. June 1-10 is wine festival time, so all the vineyards were very clean in preparation for the festivals. Tours of the vineyards were available, but we preferred to go to town to sample the wines in the shops and visit other visitor sites at the same time.



The last full day I was in Germany, Carol and I went to Trier. This city was built by the Romans in 17 BC. The Porta Nigra (Black Gate) was part of the 4 miles of wall built to enclose the city. The wall is 11 feet thick and 20.5 feet tall. You can still see the Roman baths, a church built in the time of Constantine, 300's AD, a Jewish synagogue built in the 900's, and the ever present McDonald's can all be found within a mile of each other in this old/new city. Trier's other claim to fame is being the home of Karl Marx.

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. June’s theme is honesty.

Grounds Clean Up

Thank you to all who helped with clean-up of church grounds May 31 – June 2, including south gardens, back parking lot, and north gardens. Thanks to Gene Korthals and Ben Uzzell for gathering equipment and supplies for removal of tree stumps and many layers of rock in the south garden. Planting of trees in the south garden/parking area is planned for the fall. Volunteers also included: Dorothy Hull, Susan Surber, Darlene Korthals, Garrett Korthals, Jane Uzzell, Verletta Olson, Stacie Uzzell, Cole Lee, Reese Uzzell, and Grace Uzzell.



Thank you for my graduation reception and recognition. It was very special. Kellen Rossman



Office Coverage - Thanks

Thanks to volunteers for the office coverage while Sue was on her vacation: Vicki Staab, Dorothy Hull, Stacie Uzzell, and Terry Hamilton.

Pastor’s Vacation

Pastor Jackie will be on vacation Monday, June 25th – July 8th, returning to the office Monday, July 9th. Pastor Jackie will provide the contact for emergency pastoral on-call on her voice mail.



Birthday

- 8th Jeff Burkink
- 9th Scott Williams
- 19th Desiree Martinson
- David Thompson
- 26th Susan Allyn
- 27th Lori Williams

Anniversary

- 4th Jane and Steve Uzzell
- 7th Brandi and Jared Rossman

Fellowship Work Committee

June

July

Mike Synovec

Susan Allyn



June 3

Communion: Tom McConnell, Susan Surber, Ben Uzzell, Suzan Podliska

Ushers: Ben and Stacie Uzzell

Greeters: Jeff and Evonne Burkink

Reader: Randy Neuharth

Leader: Dorothy Hull

Flowers: Bonnie Dewell

June 10 Annual Gathering

Ushers: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Greeters: Tom McConnell and Verletta Olson

Reader: Scott Williams

Flowers:

June 17

Ushers: Jeff and Evonne Burkink

Greeters: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Reader: Vicki Staab

Flowers: Scott and Lori Williams

June 24

Ushers: Gene and Darlene Korthals

Greeters: Stan and Vicki Staab

Reader: Tom McConnell

Flowers: Garry and Suzan Podliska

July 1

Communion: Dorothy Hull, Charlene Fosdick, Scott and Lori Williams

Ushers: Randy and Kay Neuharth

Greeters: Barb Koenig and Terry Hamilton

Reader: Scott Williams

Leader: Susan Allyn

Flowers: Dorothy Hull

July 8

Ushers: Mike Synovec and Ed Lindsay

Greeters: Verletta Olson and Suzan Podliska

Reader: Verletta Olson

Flowers: Jeff and Evonne Burkink

July 15

Ushers: Rita Woodard and Bonnie Dewell

Greeters: Scott and Lori Williams

Reader: Lori Williams

Flowers: Terry Hamilton

July 22

Ushers: Jeff and Evonne Burkink

Greeters: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

Reader: Karen Allyn

Flowers: Ed Lindsay

July 29

Ushers: Ben and Stacie Uzzell

Greeters: Dorothy Hull and Charlene Fosdick

Reader: Dorothy Hull

Flowers:

From 5/1/18 through 5/31/18



TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$ 4,446.25
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$32,242.73</u>
Subtotal	\$36,688.98
Salary	--\$ 5,543.88
Church Maintenance	—\$ 1,191.84
Office Expenses	—\$ 600.04
Scholarship	—\$ 500.00
Pastoral discretionary	—\$ 535.75
Annual Gathering	—\$ 375.00
<u>Conference</u>	<u>—\$ 340.00</u>
Final Balance	\$27,602.47

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7 Card Group OFFICE CLOSED Sue vacation	2
3 10:15 Worship	4	5	6 Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00	7 7 Unity Council	8 7 Card Group	9
10 10:15 Worship Synovec reunion	11 VBS 5:30-8 1st Presbyterian	12 VBS 5:30-8 1st Presbyterian	13 VBS 5:30-8 1st Presbyterian	14 3-5:30 Youth Group	15	16
17 10:15 Worship	18 Food Pantry	19 Food Pantry	20 Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00 Food Pantry	21 Food Pantry	22 Food Pantry	23
24 10:15 Worship	25 Food Pantry Jackie vaca- tion	26 Food Pantry Jackie vaca- tion	27 Food Pantry Jackie vaca- tion	28 Food Pantry Jackie vaca- tion	29 Food Pantry Jackie vaca- tion	30

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:15 Worship	Jackie vaca- tion	Jackie vaca- tion	4 OFFICE CLOSED Girl Scouts 7:00- 8:00 Jackie vacation	5 Jackie vaca- tion	6 7 Card Group Jackie vaca- tion	7
8 10:15 Worship	9	10 Girl Scouts basement	11	12	13 7 Card Group	14
15 10:15 Worship	16	17	18 Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00	19	20	21
22 10:15 Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 10:15 Worship	30	31				



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9:00 AM Sunday School Sept-May

10:15 AM Worship Service