

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



ON VACATION

Sue is on vacation from May 14-June 1. The office will be closed on Fridays and Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day. Someone will be in the office from 10-12 and 1-3 Monday through Thursday.

Vacation Bible School will be held this year at First Presbyterian Church June 11-13 from 5:30-8 PM. Registration forms will be available soon. 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.



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
9:15-12	8-12	9:15-12	8-12	8-12:30
1-2		1-2		

Easter Power

After Easter, in worship we often read from the Acts of the Apostles, a book that tells us that Jesus fulfilled his promise to send his Spirit to his disciples. The Spirit (*Paraclete* in ancient Greek) is a guide, counselor, or advocate who empowers Jesus' followers to continue his work of loving, sharing, healing and doing justice. Easter is not only about joy, Easter is also about *power*.

In the United Church of Christ, we believe that all followers of Christ have a call from God to go out and do ministry in Christ's name. We believe that we receive the Spirit (Christ's power and presence) to do this work.

Some calls require authorization. For those who are called to the work of *word and sacrament* (preaching and rituals in the service of worship), the United Church of Christ requires authorization, generally in the form of licensing or ordination. Licensing is for a location, and ordination is on behalf of the whole UCC. In Nebraska, Associations of the UCC do the work of authorization of ministers in partnership with the Conference. Our church is part of the Living Waters Association, connecting churches in the Northeast to parts of Omaha.

This year, I serve as chair of the Church & Ministry Committee of the Living Waters Association of the Nebraska Conference of the UCC – it's a mouthful. Our work is guided by the Manual on Ministry (MOM), with policies and procedures created to be consistent with the UCC at the national setting.

Our manual is going through changes that require members of the Church & Ministry Committee to stay current and offer feedback. It's a long process because it includes all associations and conferences. On April 20-21, I and two colleagues car pooled to Sioux Falls First Congregational UCC. Church & Ministry committees from Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa were there to work together. Our teachers came from our national setting MESA (Ministerial Excellence, Support and Authorization team). I appreciate their expertise and dedication on behalf of the wider UCC.

Pastors are given a lot of power. As humans, we know that not all power comes from the Holy Spirit; and not all power is our friend. We need to discern. In the United Church of Christ we draw on and rely on the Holy Spirit to guide this work of authorizing ministers, and to help local churches to discern someone's call to authorized ministry. As in the local church, we work to discern God's will. I'm learning much from this experience. It is one way that I see the Spirit working in the church. Easter power is alive and present not only in our local church, but in the wider UCC. Alleluia!

Peace, *Pastor Jackie*



Youth Outreach - On April 8, six youth visited with residents at the Vet's Home in Norfolk. After their visit, Dorothy Hull and Mike Synovec provided pizza and ice cream at the church as the youth shared some of what they had learned and who they had met:

- That veterans and their spouses can live there.
- The residents are very welcoming and enjoy visits from the youth.
- The oldest resident is 100 and the youngest is 61.
- They take part in many activities and outings – many enjoy Bingo.
- Most served in the U.S. Army.
- You can get hurt.
- We heard the tragic story of the USS Indianapolis - In 1945, the USS Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine in the Philippine Sea and sank. Of 1,196 men on board, about 300 men survived, treading water in shark-infested waters. One Vets Home resident is a USS Indianapolis survivor.
- Many of the residents are from other parts of Nebraska.
- There are only four Veterans' Homes in Nebraska.
- There is a bank, beauty parlor, canteen, and library there.
- They learned about the storm shelter and safety process.
- They enjoyed all the art and the framed puzzles residents made.



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. May’s theme is responsibility.

2018 Camperships Available

Kamp Kaleo located in Burwell, Nebraska, along the North Loop River, is a special place where our children can experience God in a natural environment while engaging in lots of recreational activities. Step 1 – visit their website to register www.kampkaleo.com . Step 2 – Apply for a ‘Campership’ (30% off the cost); an application is included in this newsletter.



Save the date: Friday June 22, 2018 for the 2nd Annual Project Homeless Connect



PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT NORFOLK, NE

Norfolk. Volunteer Applications and releases are due back by May 1st – There are volunteer forms in the church office. To learn more, go to: <http://www.projecthomelessconnectnorfolk.org/>



Project Homeless Connect Norfolk is a one-day, one-stop event where individuals in need can access a multitude of service providers all under one roof. What normally would take months to accomplish can be completed in one day. From medical and dental providers to mental health practitioners, to housing assistance programs, our goal is to help individuals get the resources and services necessary to build their life again and move in a positive direction.

- 15th Cole Williams
- 17th Deanna Alexander
- 23rd Reece Uzzell
- 25th Grace Uzzell
- 29th Lowell Jenny
- 30th Megan Williams
- 31st Darlene Korthals

Rev. John C. Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, will be in Yankton, SD for the 150th celebration of the Yankton UCC. Worship service is Sunday, May 6 at 10 AM.

Anniversary

- 26th Garry and Suzan Podliska

2018 Living Waters Association Campership Application

Kamp Kaleo, Burwell, NE

Make copies as needed. PLEASE PRINT. Thank you.

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant:(PLEASE PRINT) _____

Applicant's Address: _____

(Street)

(City)

(Zip Code)

Applicant's Parents/Guardian's Name(s): (PLEASE PRINT)

Applicant's Contact Information: _____

(Phone and/or Email Address)

Church of Membership of Applicant or Parents or Church Making Request:

(Church Name)

(City/Town)

Name of Church's Pastor: _____

Which Camp Is This Request For: (PLEASE PRINT)

(Name of camp)

(Age)

(Dates)

Please be sure to register for camp before submitting this application. Camperships are available and will provide up to 30% of camp cost for campers **IF** they have completed camp registration with Kamp Kaleo and have submitted a request to us by **May 1**. Checks to Kamp Kaleo will be mailed as soon as possible after registration is verified.

Additional information about the applicant and his/her activities is appreciated. (PLEASE PRINT)

Pastor's Signature

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Mail to: Janet Davis, Registrar

Living Waters Association

21406 Amber Drive, Gretna, NE 68028

For Office Use Only: Date Received _____ Check No. _____ Amount: _____

Fellowship Work Committee

May

June



May 6

Communion: Barb Koenig, Gene and Bonnie Kroeger, Verletta Olson
Ushers: Sue Surber and Jane Uzzell
Greeters: Gene and Darlene Korthals
Reader: Lori Williams
Leader: Susan Allyn
Flowers: Doug and Ginge Dudley

May 13

Ushers: Barb Koenig and Rita Woodard
Greeters: Jane Uzzell and Suz Podliska
Reader: Kay Neuharth
Flowers: Rita Woodard

May 20

Ushers: Scott and Lori Williams
Greeters: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger
Reader: Stan Staab
Flowers: Jeff and Evonne Burkink

May 27 Memorial Weekend

Ushers: Tom McConnell and Cole Lee
Greeters: Mike Synovec and Ed Lindsay
Reader: Rita Woodard
Flowers:

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

From 4/1/18 through 4/30/18
 This does not include the deposit for 4/29



TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking account information

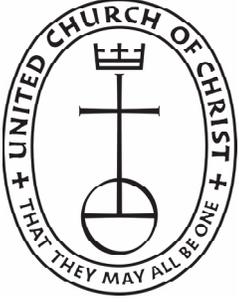
●	Beginning balance	\$ 5,202.14
●	<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$ 8,772.05</u>
●	Subtotal	\$ 13,974.19
	Salary	--\$ 5,951.52
	Church Maintenance	—\$ 1,756.66
	Office Expenses	—\$ 1,102.64
	Worship Ministry	—\$ 105.23
	Faith Development	—\$ 243.00
	Kitchen	—\$ 28.89
	Substitute Organist	—\$ 210.00
	<u>Lilies</u>	<u>—\$ 130.00</u>
	Final Balance	\$ 4,446.25

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Girl Scouts 5-6	2 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30 7:00-8:00	3 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:45	4 7 Card Group	5 Community Concert meeting
6 8:30 Teacher Appreciation 9 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	7 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	8	9	10 Clergy Boundary Training 9:30-3:30	11 1 Delphian FH 7 Card Group	12
13 9 Sunday School last day 10:15 Worship	14 Girl Scouts 6:30-7:30 Sue vacation	15 Girl Scouts 5-6 Sue vacation	16 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30 7:00-8:00 Sue vacation	17 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:45 Sue vacation	18 Office Closed	19 Woodard graduation party
20 10:15 Worship	21 Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30 Sue vacation	22 Sue vacation	23 Sue vacation	24 Sue vacation	25 Office Closed	26
27 10:15 Worship	28 Girl Scouts 6:30-7:30 Office Closed	29 Sue vacation	30 Sue vacation	31 Sue vacation	June News- letter will be printed the week of June 4.	

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	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	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	26 Food Pantry	27 Food Pantry	28 Food Pantry	29 Food Pantry	30



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9:00 AM Sunday School Sept-May

10:15 AM Worship Service