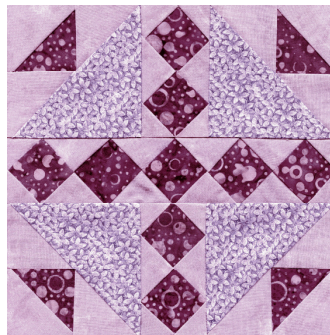


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## What's new on Facebook?

**On Rally Sunday**...children and youth painted rocks to place in our community. On the back of each is a message and invitation to connect with us on FB. Great start to the program year, reaching out to our neighbors.



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### QUILT BLOCK REFLECTIONS

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt is on its way to be machine quilted. We have started posting to Facebook a quilt block each week along with a Scripture verse and why a member or friend of the church chose it for the quilt. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search 'first congregational ucc norfolk ne' Below the cover photo are the words

Like Follow Share

Click Like to receive all the weekly updates and please click share to invite your friends to like our page.



**Church Secretary**

Monday-Thursday 10-4

Other times by appointment

May be out of the office for meetings or visits



Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

8-11:30

Friday

8-12

## Natural Disasters

Last month, as newscasters tracked Hurricane Florence through the Southeast, I wondered how my friend's coastal house built on stilts in Oriental, North Carolina would fair. Jim lives in Ohio part of the year, so I knew he and his family were safe. He reported that he had lost a kitchen door, many shingles and some fencing. Thanks to the stilts, the house survived the storm well. A Facebook photo shows his house, a little worse for wear.

Last weekend, other friends coaxed their dogs into the basement as a tornado passed over their home near Northfield, Minnesota. Nancy wrote that she wished they would have practiced with the dogs *beforehand*, but they were all safe—including the horses. It took several days, and many friends with chainsaws to remove so many damaged trees. The electric company trucks arrived three days later to restore power after Bill and Nancy had purchased a generator. Now they are out seeing which neighbors need help, or a generator.

Natural disasters take many forms: hurricanes, floods, tornados, wild fires, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and tsunamis, blizzards and droughts. Such events become 'disasters' when they affect a vulnerable population. A natural disaster can cause the loss of life, or property damage, as well as economic damage in its wake.

When disaster strikes, we may not have a chainsaw ready or a generator to lend, but we can help others. The United Church of Christ reaches out with money and disaster recovery volunteers to help people rebuild their physical homes, and act to be a presence and walk beside people as they seek to rebuild their lives. *UCC Disaster Ministries* serve with others to be the body of Christ in the world. They arrange opportunities for mission groups to help homeowners in the intermediate and long-term recovery process.



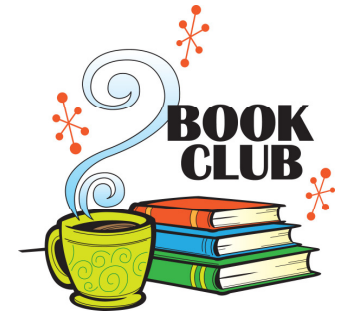
Go to [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) to learn how to respond to disasters. Pray for those impacted, their families and friends. Make a gift with your check to 'First Congregational UCC', please add memo line: "2018 Hurricane Relief".

Peace, *Pastor Jackie*



## Worship dates to remember

- Oct. 7 World Communion
- Oct. 21 Children's Sabbath
- Oct. 28 Heritage Sunday
- Nov. 4 Remembrance Sunday (All Saints)
- Nov. 11 Donor Sunday (National Organ Donor Sunday)
- Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Eve Service at FCUCC –  
Wednesday p.m.  
(a joint service with First Presbyterian and  
Trinity)



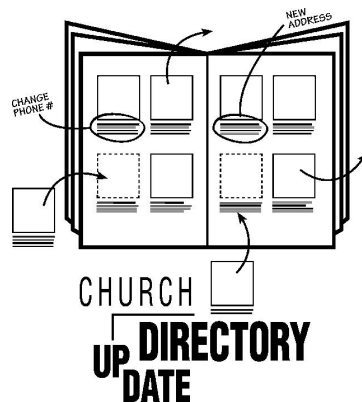
**Book Group** – The second Wednesday of the month at 10 AM is the book club led by Jane Uzzell. This year they continue reading children's books with the theme of character traits. October's theme is inclusion.



## Coming Up! Annual Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Trinity UMC/UCC in West Point.

In the morning will begin with worship, followed by the business meeting and keynote speaker. The afternoon will include the Ecclesiastical Council for Pastor Coral Eberly Parmenter. Reps and clergy vote, but all are invited.



## Stay connected

A new Church Directory will be available in October. Please let the office know if your contact information has changed since last October. The directory includes members and friends of FCUCC and lists of ministry team leaders.

### Birthday

- 7th Phyllis Ames
- 9th Denis Thomson

### Anniversary

- 2nd Gene and Darlene Korthals

# *Poinsettias*

This year Shamrock Nursery will be offering poinsettias, in a 7 1/2” pot for \$12.50. We are able to get them in red, white, burgundy, or ice punch. Please indicate your color and if you would like a message in the bulletin for the season. Orders need to be in by **Oct. 31**

- red
- white
- burgundy
- ice punch

Message:

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Funnies for the Month



# Fellowship Work Committee

## OCTOBER

Randy and Kay Neuharth

Stan and Vicki Staab

Susan Surber

## November

Gene and Darlene Korthals

Candice Korthals

Barb Koenig



## OCTOBER

### October 7

**Communion:** Ben Uzzell, Tom McConnell,  
Charlene Fosdick, Dorothy Hull

**Ushers:** Rita Woodard and Terry Hamilton

**Greeters:** Tom McConnell and Mike Synovec

**Reader:** Verletta Olson

**Leader:** Scott Williams

**Flowers:**

### October 14

**Ushers:** Stan Staab and Verletta Olson

**Greeters:** Charlene Fosdick and Dorothy Hull

**Reader:** Karen Allyn

**Flowers:**

### October 21

**Ushers:** Sue Surber and Jane Uzzell

**Greeters:** Barb Koenig and Bonnie Dewell

**Reader:** Dorothy Hull

**Flowers:**

### October 28

**Ushers:** Scott and Lori Williams

**Greeters:** Verletta Olson and Suzan Podliska

**Reader:** Randy Neuharth

**Flowers:** Scott and Lori Williams



## November

### November 4

**Communion:** Gene and Bonnie Kroeger,  
Verletta Olson, Suzan Podliska

**Ushers:** Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

**Greeters:** Stan and Vicki Staab

**Reader:** Vicki Staab

**Leader:** Stan Staab

**Flowers:** Gene and Darlene Korthals

### November 11

**Ushers:** Ed Lindsay and Mike Synovec

**Greeters:** Jane Uzzell and Terry Hamilton

**Reader:** Cole Lee

**Flowers:**

### November 18

**Ushers:** Bonnie Dewell and Dorothy Hull

**Greeters:** Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

**Reader:** Jane Uzzell

**Flowers:**

### November 25

**Ushers:** Barb Koenig and Tom McConnell

**Greeters:** Rita Woodard and Sue Surber

**Reader:** Ben Uzzell

**Flowers:**

From 9/1/18 through 9/30/18

This does not include the deposit for 9/30/18



TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$ 2,804.14
Miscellaneous	\$ 289.51
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$ 8,182.12</u>
Subtotal	\$11,275.77
● Salary	--\$ 9,870.63
● Church Maintenance	—\$ 950.77
● Office Expenses	—\$ 815.97
Worship Ministry	— \$ 689.90
Insurance	—\$ 2,434.25
Substitute Organist	—\$ 70.00
Quilt	—\$ 133.85
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>—\$ 289.51</u>
Final Balance	<b>—\$ 3,979.11</b>

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<b>7</b> 9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>8</b> 7 Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	<b>9</b> Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7 Unity Coun- cil	<b>12</b> 7 Card Group	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>15</b> Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00	<b>18</b> Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship 1 PM CPR Class	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Girl Scouts 5:30-6:30	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Living Waters Annual Gathering in West Point
<b>28</b> Heritage Sunday 9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			



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9:00 AM Sunday School Sept-May

10:15 AM Worship Service