

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

Serving God with love and faith



Sunday School begins again with Rally Day on September 9. All youth will gather for activities together at 9 AM. Regular classes will begin September 16.

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QUILT BLOCK REFLECTIONS

The 150th Anniversary Quilt will soon be on its way to be machine quilted. This month, we will start posting to Facebook a quilt block each week along with a Scripture verse and a question to ponder. We'd love your feedback. Friend us on Facebook and share with others. Once in FB, type in: **first congregational UCC**



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

State Fair

At the Iowa State Fair, three large Clydesdales greeted my sister and me as they clippity-clopped down the street. In the Swine barn, we viewed largest boar, “Yo-Yo”, that weighed about 1100 pounds. “Dream On”, the largest bull at the fair, weighed around 3200 pounds.

Pumpkins grown in Southeast Iowa received top prizes. From my hometown of Bloomfield (Iowa), our sheriff won first prize for his 795 pound pumpkin, while his wife received second prize for her 717 pound gourd.



As we stood in line to view the butter cow and butter tractor (created to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first John Deere tractor), the Agricultural Building teemed with sights and sounds of crowds, vegetables, flowers, bee hives, honey, baked goods, blue FFA jackets, and umpteen salespeople demonstrating cookware and such.

The Iowa Pork Producers rely on 40 volunteers a day to serve thousands of hungry visitors to their tents. My sister and I split a ‘pork-belly on a stick’, which is a cross between a big piece of thick bacon and tender ribs.



My favorite moment was when the State Fair Queen, also from our hometown, recognized her former teacher (my sister), and ran to give her a big hug. My favorite picture is of my sister and the State Fair Queen smiling for my camera.

Thank you, God, for big pumpkins, and small moments that last. –Pastor Jackie



Vet's Home Ice Cream Social

Kennedy, Skylar, Dorothy, Terry and Pastor Jackie scooped ice cream and sprinkled toppings at the Vet's Home ice cream social Saturday, August 25. They enjoyed visiting with the residents and seeing the memorials.

Skyview Apartments Update

New manager, Kylie Stolp, expects the apartment building renovations to be completed at the end of December. They are now on the 6th floor and will next tackle the 7th floor. We plan to begin a plan for monthly social events starting in October. Pastor Jackie will talk with the youth for a date/time and event they would like to do with our neighbors. We will also seek feedback and ideas from them. We plan to work with other neighboring churches on these events.



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.



Guest Speaker Postponed - Author and UCC Commissioned Minister for Disability Awareness, Ben Anderson, had planned to speak in worship September 2nd. Unfortunately, he had to cancel due to health reasons. We hope to reschedule with Ben at a future date, and we will continue to pray for his recovery.



Potluck lunch to benefit the Scholarship Fund

Sunday, September 30 after worship.

September's Church book club will be discussing Malala's Magic Pencil, which is about Malala Yousafzai's drive to help all children get an education. So, . . .we decided to honor our church's past and present scholarship recipients on **September 30th** with a potluck dinner after church. A freewill donation will be received and designated for the Scholarship Fund. We are asking all recipients to either attend on **this Sunday** or send us information about where they are now.

We are asking current church families to bring a something to share with all at our meal.

Known recipients are: Kellen Rossman, McKenna Waterbury, Garrett Tennant (Gene & Mary Whealey's grandson), Laura & Molly Guenther, Garrett & Candice Korthals, Alex Kurtenbach (Nadine Truex's grandson), Janell & Emily Uzzell, Kristall Jessen, McCabe Ames, Tim & Kelly McConnell, Jennifer Thietje, Aaron Truex, Sandy Strate (Ernst), Melissa Kroeger, Michelle Thrasher, Danielle Clausen, Aaron Ernst, and Mandy Moran. Invitations will be sent to these people the first week of September. We may need help with addresses.

If you know of others that aren't on this list, please let Sue Allyn (402-371-0701) or Jane Uzzell (402-640-6623) know.



Sunday afternoon of work

Verletta Olson, Stan Staab, Scott Williams, Tom & Sue Surber, Gene & Bonnie Kroeger, Steve & Jane Uzzell, Ben & Cole Lee Uzzell. Sue provided after-work brownies. It took about 45 minutes + however long it takes Ben & Cole to unload the rocks from Ben's pickup.

Where and what trees to plant were discussed, as was where other plants might go, how to best prepare the area for planting--mulch, black dirt, etc.

I would like to thank the congregation for the scholarship I received. It will help me at UNO. I appreciate all the support I have received throughout the years. God Bless! Kellen Rossman

Dear friends,
 Thank you for the many nice cards and notes sent to me on my 90th birthday. I have enjoyed reading your messages and memories. I do have many memories of our happy years among you all at First Congregational church. Sincerely, Jean Masters



Overflowing With Thanks



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. September’s theme is courage.



The Living Waters Association of the Nebraska Conference United Church of Christ & The New England Congregational United Church of Christ of Stanton invites you to the **Ordination of Alex Scott Wolf (nephew of Barb Koenig)** Sunday, September 16, 2018 4:00 PM at the Church located at 805 Oak Street, Stanton, Nebraska 68779. A meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall. All clergy are invited to wear red stoles. We will gather before worship and process together.

Birthday

- 2nd Jill Waterbury
- 4th Gene Korthals
Candice Korthals
- 9th Sara Wingett
- 16th Cole Lee
Benjamin Wingett
- 18th Sara Williams
- 21st Jackie Perry
- 24th Vicki Staab
Brandi Rossman
- 28th Sandy McConnell

Anniversary

- 16th Pat and Lowell Jenny

Fellowship Work Committee

SEPTEMBER

Ben and Stacie Uzzell

OCTOBER

Randy and Kay Neuharth

Stan and Vicki Staab

Susan Surber



September 2

Communion: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger, Terry Hamilton, Vicki Staab

Ushers: Sue Surber and Jane Uzzell

Greeters: Mike Synovec and Ed Lindsay

Reader: Jane Uzzell

Leader: Ben Uzzell

Flowers: Deanna Alexander

September 9 Rally Day

Ushers: Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

Greeters: Bonnie Dewell and Rita Woodard

Reader: Rita Woodard

Flowers: Erik and Katie Gamerl

September 16

Ushers: Mike Synovec and Tom McConnell

Greeters: Stan and Vicki Staab

Reader: Stan Staab

Flowers: Terry Hamilton

September 23

Ushers: Barb Koenig and Dorothy Hull

Greeters: Jane Uzzell and Terry Hamilton

Reader: Kay Neuharth

Flowers: Stan and Vicki Staab

September 30

Ushers: Ed Lindsay and Suzan Podliska

Greeters: Gene and Darlene Korthals

Reader: Tom McConnell

Flowers:



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

From 8/1/18 through 8/31/18



TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$18,261.63
Quilt	\$ 170.00
Scholarship	\$ 2,000.00
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$ 9,629.00</u>
Subtotal	\$30,060.63
Salary	--\$ 5,667.73
Church Maintenance	—\$ 1,469.93
Office Expenses (new computer)	—\$ 2,561.84
Worship Ministry	— \$ 197.99
Scholarships	—\$ 1,500.00
Substitute Organist	—\$ 70.00
Substitute Minister	—\$ 125.00
Transfer to Madison Co. Bank	—\$15,000.00
<u>Conference</u>	<u>—\$ 664.00</u>
Final Balance	\$ 2,804.14

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:15 Worship move back to sanctuary	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4	5 Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00	6 Girl Scouts 7:00-10:00 Fellowship Hall	7 7 Card Group	8
9 Rally day 9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship	10	11 Lifeline screening 9:30-5	12	13	14 7 Card Group	15 To Norfolk with Love
16 9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship	17	18	19 Girl Scouts 7:00-8:00	20	21	22
23 9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9 PM Sunday School 10:15 Worship Potluck dinner						

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**Living Waters
Annual
Gathering in
West Point**

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9 PM Sunday
School
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9:00 AM Sunday School Sept-May

10:15 AM Worship Service