

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



September 13 begins a new church Sunday School year. We will wear masks and learn a little about the history of the church before joining the rest of the congregation in celebration of our 150th anniversary.

September 2020

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A quilt was donated by Nancy Brown to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. We will raffle it with the winner to be announced on Oct. 25, UCC Higher Education Sunday. Tickets can be purchased on Sundays or in the office.

1 ticket for \$1, 6 tickets for \$5, 12 tickets for \$10, 25 tickets for \$20.

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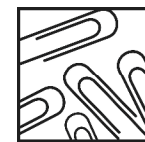


Pastor's  
Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 10-4

Other times by appointment

May be out of the office for meetings or visits



Office  
Hours

**Office Hours**

Mon-Fri

8-12

## Joy

On Sunday August 9, Merle Rix provided two 'truck loads' of flowers for the altar. It was fun to learn about the *Norfolk Antique Auto Club* and see a few of their cars and faces (with masks of course!)

The 'truck bouquets' gave moments of joy in the midst of this trying season.

**Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be our Savior. In this season of waiting and anticipation of new vaccines and therapies, help us to hold on to the moments of hope that you give us. Help us to notice the small miracles around us every day as we wait. Amen



-Peace, *Pastor Jackie*

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## Worship in September



**September 6 Communion Sunday**

**September 13 Rally Sunday & 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

*A Touch of Brass* and Jill Waterbury will provide worship music throughout the service. The Brass will provide prelude music 15 minutes prior to the service – Come early!

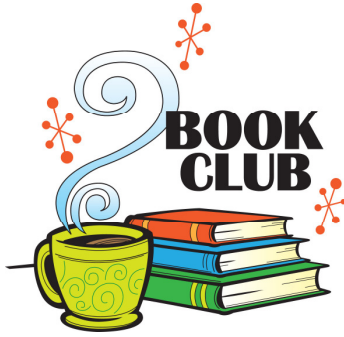
**September 20 Teacher Commissioning / Confirmation for Henry Gamerl**

**September 27 Prayers for Peace** (International World Day of Peace U.N. 9/21)

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## Pastor's Time Away

Pastor Jackie will be on vacation Thursday, August 27 – Friday, September 4, returning to the office Saturday September 5. Chaplain Gordon Braun (Ascera Care) will be Guest Preacher August 30, and Chaplain Jim Wonnacott (FRHS) will be on call for emergency pastoral care. For more details, check Pastor Jackie's voice mail.



Book club meets September 9, Skyview Shelter at 10 AM.

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Unit 61336  
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Hello everyone! Thank you to everyone who sent words of encouragement before I left! I loved them and really REALLY appreciated them! I am officially in country now, despite all of the COVID restrictions, and I am loving it. I enjoy my job and the people I work and live with, and I have loved just taking every moment in, and learning from it. We don't have a church open down here right now because of COVID, but there have been tons of people I can talk to about my faith and Jesus, which has been amazing! There is just such an amazing support system within my group of people! I hope church opens up soon for you all and that ya'll are able to see and worship together again! I love and miss you all and pray that you all are doing amazing! Sending love, Paige 



Thank you! For the calls, cards and prayers while I was not well. I appreciate all the love and support from my wonderful church family.  
Bonnie Dewell

## SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthday

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

### Anniversary

16th Pat and Lowell Jenny



# September

## September 6

**Communion:** Evonne Burkink, Verletta Olson,  
Susan Surber, Tom McConnell

**Ushers:** Verletta Olson and Rita Woodard

**Greeters:** Chuck Balsiger and Ed Lindsay

**Reader:** Lori Williams

**Leader:** Scott Williams

**Flowers:** Erik and Katie Gamerl

## September 13 Rally Sunday and 150 Celebration

**Ushers:** Lori and Scott Williams

**Greeters:** Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

**Reader:** Ben Uzzell

**Flowers:** Jeff and Evonne Burkink

## September 20

**Ushers:** Mike Synovec and Tom McConnell

**Greeters:** Gene and Darlene Korthals

**Reader:** Karen Allyn

**Flowers:** Scott and Lori Williams

## September 27

**Ushers:** Terry Hamilton and Bonnie Dewell

**Greeters:** Ben and Stacie Uzzell

**Reader:** Kay Neuharth

**Flowers:** Ginge Dudley



## October 4

**Communion:** Scott and Lori Williams,  
Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

**Ushers:** Ed Lindsay and Cole Uzzell

**Greeters:** Gene and Darlene Korthals

**Reader:** Scott Williams

**Leader:** Tom McConnell

**Flowers:**

## October 11

**Ushers:** Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

**Greeters:** Evonne Burkink and Barb Koenig

**Reader:** Chuck Balsiger

**Flowers:** Scott and Lori Williams

## October 18

**Ushers:** Jane Uzzell and Verletta Olson

**Greeters:** Terry Hamilton and Suzan Podliska

**Reader:** Tom McConnell

**Flowers:** Jane Uzzell

## October 25

**Ushers:** Evonne Burkink and Susan Surber

**Greeters:** Gene and Bonnie Kroeger

**Reader:** Jane Uzzell

**Flowers:**

Please notify the office if you are not able to attend on Sunday.

# August

From 8/1/20 through 8/31/20

This does not include the deposit for 8-30.



TREASURER'S REPORT

## Checking account information

Beginning balance	\$ 1,315.49
Food Pantry	\$ 50.00
Scholarship	\$ 500.00
<u>Weekly deposits</u>	<u>\$10,248.51</u>
Subtotal	\$12,114.00
Salary	--\$ 7,396.09
Church Maintenance	—\$ 1,574.81
Office Expenses	—\$ 1,212.52
Renner's	—\$ 755.00
Scholarship	—\$ 500.00
Substitute Organist	----\$ 70.00
Substitute Pastor	—\$ 125.00
Cash	—\$ 100.00
<u>Gift Card</u>	<u>----\$ 50.00</u>
Final Balance	\$ 330.58

Linaje Escogido \$800.00 was deposited in Madison County Bank.

# ▶ September 2020

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

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1      2      3      4      5

7 Card Group

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6      7      8      9      10      11      12

10:15 Worship

OFFICE  
CLOSED  
Refuge  
Ministries  
6:30 Unity

Book Club  
Skyview Lake  
10 AM

5 Card Group

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13      14      15      16      17      18      19

9 Sunday  
School  
10:15 Worship  
150 Celebration

Refuge  
Ministries  
6:30 Unity

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20      21      22      23      24      25      26

9 Sunday  
School  
10:15 Worship

7 PM Unity  
Council FH  
Refuge  
Ministries  
6:30 Unity

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27      28      29      30

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