

# THE CHURCH WINDOW



**AUGUST 2018**



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My mother and grandmother both greatly enjoyed the Lawrence Welk Show and the final song became one of the ways my mother would sing us to sleep and how we'd say goodbye when we left grandma's house. As we children got older the song stuck, as some of us took Spanish in school, others took French, and we have German ancestors.

As our time together comes to an end, I wanted to share this with all of you. "Though it's always sweet sorrow to part, You know you'll always remain in my heart," and that is the truth. I am so thankful for my time with all of you at First Congregational UCC. Thank you for your welcome, your hospitality, your passion, your work, your sense of fun, and for our chance to walk together in Christ's ministry and love.

Since I first joined all of you, one of my goals has been to help you transition to your next settled pastor. One of the ways I will do that is by making space for the incoming pastors to build their own relationships. So, once my time with the church is done at the end of July 2018, I will no longer be available for weddings, funerals, church activities, or pastoral care. This also includes social media usage. I will unfriend/unfollow every church member that I do not already have a prior or ongoing relationship. After your new settled pastor has been in place for a year, you may choose to re-friend or follow me, though I will not initiate this process. If I do have a prior or ongoing outside relationship with a church member, I will not discuss church matters with those individuals. If you wish, you can follow my professional page on Facebook, "Pastor Greg Briggs," but again, I will not be able to provide pastoral care.

I know this seems harsh but it is necessary. Firstly, it helps the incoming pastors build relationships with all of you and vice versa. Secondly, it also helps me as I continue on in my ministry. Yes, it is hard to say goodbye. However, I have to be present for the next church I am called to serve as I have been present for you. And that has included saying goodbye to prior congregations and congregants. This isn't just a switch I flip, or a button I click. I intend to say a blessing and prayer for each of you as I remove you from my social media feeds and as you come up in my memories in the future.

I take comfort that you will continue as a loving, living body of Christ. I know that you have many bright days ahead of you, and I look forward to seeing how you will continue to flourish. You will all remain in my heart, and I wish and pray that every dream comes true.

Adios, au revoir, auf wiedersehen. Good Night!

"Good night, good night until we meet again  
Adios, au revoir, auf wiedersehen 'til then  
And though it's always sweet sorrow to part  
You know you'll always remain in my heart.

Good night, sleep tight and pleasant dreams to you

Here's a wish and a prayer that every dream comes true  
And now 'til we meet again  
Adios, au revoir, auf wiedersehen  
Good Night!"

-Adios, Au Revoir, Auf Wiedersehen: The Ending of the Lawrence Welk Show

## MODERATOR

Greetings!

As you are probably aware, Pastor Greg Briggs time with us as our Interim Minister ends on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

On behalf of the congregation I wish to thank him for his leadership during this time of transition for our church. On a personal note, I wish to add an additional word of thanks for the support and guidance Pastor Greg gave me as I took on the position of Moderator.

Good luck to you Pastor Greg as you move to your next church to provide the guidance they will need in their time of transition.

So what happens next?

The Search Committee is getting closer each day to posting our church profile which will allow us to begin to receive applications from candidates to serve as our next settled Pastor.

In the meantime, the Executive Board will be selecting a person to serve as our Bridge Pastor, who will lead the congregation until the selection is made. There will likely be a several week gap before the Bridge Pastor can be with us, so in the meantime Linda Gooley has taken on the task to get members of our congregation to lead worship much like we did when Pastor Nicolette went on her sabbatical.

We will continue to inform you of who the new Bridge Pastor will be and of the progress of the Search Committee.

Rich Brown, Moderator

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee is in the homestretch of completing our local church profile. Following our **Congregational Conversations**, we hope to complete the profile, have it reviewed by our Conference



Minister and then have it become available to pastoral candidates. The Search Committee will be trained by our Conference Minister on how to read profiles from candidates to help determine which candidates we might want to speak with and learn more about. Unlike a job search in which you look to hire someone, the search process focuses on calling someone who feels called to walk our ministry journey with us. The committee will be intentional about seeking guidance from the Spirit as we go through this process. We appreciate your continued prayers.

Karen Holcomb-Merrill on behalf of the Search Committee

## WHAT'S NEW AT FCUCC?

As many of you know we have launched our new website [grandledgeucc.org](http://grandledgeucc.org). Along with this upgrade we are also changing some things in the office. Please note that we now have a new e-mail address for the office. [office@grandledgeucc.org](mailto:office@grandledgeucc.org)



These changes bring the office technology up to date and will make things run more efficiently.

## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Just as individual prayer time is very important to each of us, so is **prayer as a faith community**. We invite you to use the **prayer cards in the pews** or call the **church office at 627-2336** to notify the pastor of any prayer concerns you would like to share. If no one is available to speak with you, you may leave a voicemail.

**Health concerns:** Pray for family and friends with health concerns

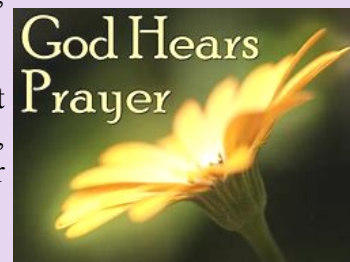
**Those who are struggling be it:** financially, mentally, spiritually, individually, or collectively.

**Those in a time of transition or turmoil.**

**Those who serve:** soldiers, teachers, police officers, firefighters, counselors, activists, public servants, our congregational leaders, politicians, and many more.

**Prayer request:** Please pray for those rallying for peace and justice, as well as, Cindy G., Carole S. and Barbara N.

In being consistent with the HIPAA Law and people's privacy, we will only list individuals with their explicit permission and not use last names. During worship, please do not use personal identifiable information for others when asking for prayers.



## HAVE YOU EVER HAD HURT FEELINGS?

The Thursday afternoon Bible Study is back!!! Beginning **Thursday, Sept. 13 at 3 p.m.** we will meet in the choir room. **All are welcome.**

Have you ever had hurt feelings, been disappointed in something or someone, experienced grief, felt betrayed, experienced loss, of friends, family, or material items? If so, or if you just want to learn about these, this study on Job is for you. I am really excited about it and know it will produce great discussions.

The books are here. See me for your copy. If the 10 copies I have go fast, we will have time to order more. Cost is **\$5.00** but Scholarships are available.

If you have any questions, or want to reserve your copy, call or email Judy Nielsen; 882-0608 or [judithnielsen37@gmail.com](mailto:judithnielsen37@gmail.com)

## RALLY SUNDAY

**Coming soon!** Rally Sunday is scheduled for **Sunday, September 9th**. Look for specific information in the Sunday announcements.



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I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT, BUT THE WHOLE 'SITTING ON MY RIGHT HAND' THING IS NOT AS LITERAL AS YOU SEEM TO THINK

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

### BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT FOR SIREN/EATON CHILDREN

We are asking for your caring and generous support once again to continue our tradition of “adopting” elementary age children from the SIREN/Eaton Shelter so they can have a new backpack, bright and comfortable clothes for the start of school the third week of August. This Outreach project is one of our favorites of the year! We are collecting clothes and gift cards. Gift cards from Wal-Mart in any denomination can be placed in the offering plate through **Sunday, August 5th**. The gift certificates will be used by SIREN staff to purchase shoes and ‘fill in the gaps.’ And some of our gift cards will be used by SIREN staff to take middle and high schoolers shopping as it is a little harder to choose clothes for those age groups. Gift cards can be placed in the offering plate clearly marked for “Back to School” or left in the church office. Let any one of us know if you have questions!



Thank you! Charlene, Tony, Sandy, Karen and Sarah

**PLEASE SEE THE INSERT WITH UPDATED INFORMATION!**

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ROCK THE BLOCK IN LANSING!

The 2018 Rock the Block Neighborhood Revitalization initiative is a collaboration among community partners to work in the Baker neighborhood in Lansing. Neighborhood Revitalization allows Habitat to serve more families and empower residents to revive their neighborhoods and enhance their quality of life. Rock the Block responds to community aspirations with an expanded array of products, services and partnerships.

**We have chosen Tuesday, September 11, 2018 for FCUCC to help!**

Projects may include:

- Exterior home repair such as siding, painting
- Porch repair or replacement
- Landscaping
- Window and door replacements



### **What You Need to Know:**

- **Please join Ron Erskine and me! We are looking for 6 additional adult volunteers!**
- Habitat is asking for a donation of \$30 per person to support the program and materials used – but we plan to pay that expense for our volunteers if they would prefer
- Full day 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., lunch is included

Volunteer forms and other details to come once sign up is complete. **Please let me know if you have any questions. Looking forward to Rocking the Block with you!**

Charlene Avery, Board of Christian Outreach, [averyc@provide.net](mailto:averyc@provide.net) or 517.281.5019 and the rest of your Outreach Team: Tony, Sarah, Karen and Sandy

## SENIOR LUNCH

Seniors are now having lunch at City Hall on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 Noon**. The program is offered through Eaton County Meals on Wheels. The following persons may eat on a donation basis:

- All persons 60 years of age and older and/ or the spouses of a person 60 years of age or older;
- Individuals under 60 years of age with disabilities who live with a senior over 60;
- Grandchildren under 17 years of age; or
- A non-paid caregiver for a program participant.

Notice of participation is encouraged. Meals on Wheels prefers to have a 24-hour notice if you are planning to attend. Please call the Tri-County Office on Aging at [517-887-1393](tel:517-887-1393). Those who do not meet the qualifications for a free meal may purchase a meal at the current full price of \$5.75.

## URGENT ATTENTION!

**PLEASE** consider donating more kid friendly foods as a part of our food bank collection this summer. Families will be missing the free and reduced meals at school as well as the Blessings in a Backpack help, so will be relying more on the Food Bank.



## FOOD BANK

**Grand Ledge Food Bank**  
**4934 Burt Ave. Grand Ledge, MI 48837**  
**517-627-4348**

**Open for donations:**

**Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

In May, First Congregational UCC delivered **148 food** and **20 non-food** items to the Grand Ledge food bank. Please see the below 'Stock the Shelves' article for current needs at the food bank.

## STOCK THE SHELVES

### GRAND LEDGE FOOD BANKS NEEDS

#### School Supplies

- 24 ct. crayons
- pencil boxes and pouches
- pencils
- blue and red pens
- markers
- highlighters
- glue sticks
- colored pencils
- pocket folders
- 1" binders
- erasers
- spiral notebooks
- scissors
- lined paper
- rulers



In addition to the supplies, we are asking you to consider providing back packs, socks and underwear.

#### Food Suggestions

- Saltine crackers
- Rice Mixes
- Hamburger Helper
- Pancake Mix
- Gravy, cans and jars
- Stuffing

#### Personal Care

- Adult Toothbrushes
- Deodorant

#### Home Needs

- Sheets in all sizes, especially queen size
- Towels

The food bank hours of operation are Tuesdays 10-5 p.m. and Thursdays 10-3 p.m. Starting Saturday March 3, we will open the first Saturday of each month 2:00-5:00 p.m. for donation drop-offs and client needs.

## CONGREGATORS

It sometimes get too cold and snowy to get together, yet apparently it never gets too hot! The cool room at the LogJam felt good after just a brief walk from the hot, hot parking lot! Some told of their recent summer trips to visit grown children and grandchildren, and we expressed our condolences to Jim in the recent loss of his sister. We talked about Pastor Greg soon



leaving...we will miss him! Time went fast as we ended our lunch with fresh tart Michigan cherry pie and ice cream...it has become our July tradition! Even though it was Friday the 13th, no one found a pit! Our next lunch gathering will be Friday, August

10th at 1:00 p.m. at the LogJam. **Please be sure to get in touch with Jim (517-627-7968), Sandy (517-420-2121), or Charlene (517-281-5019) to reserve your spot.**

## BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Bernardi  
Kay Turner  
Tim Lipsey  
Reg Calcagno  
Stacy Sipes  
Hildegarde Oatman  
Joy Leonard  
Freida Schneeberger  
Lily Wilson  
Sarah Robinson  
Patty Moore  
Marty Shoemaker



If your birthday has been inadvertently missed, please contact the church office at 627-2336 or [office@grandledgeucc.org](mailto:office@grandledgeucc.org)

## PHOTO PERMISSION

If you have FCUCC images that you would like to share please send them to [photos@grandledgeucc.org](mailto:photos@grandledgeucc.org)

Also, if you have not filled out a photo permission form please do so. They are located on the table in the Narthex. If you would prefer that we not use your image please let us know that as well. Thank you for your help.



## BOTTLES AND CANS

Our bottle and can drive is underway and runs through mid-September. Save your bottles and cans because every dime counts. In 2017, AFTF raised **\$209.10** for the general fund for FCUCC. **Let's beat last year's total !**



## PAPERGATOR

The PaperGator® is a unique fundraiser where our church is paid to collect paper products and place them in a bin for recycling. For more information please visit <http://papergatorrecycling.com/>

Our bin is located in our back parking lot. **Tell your family and friends - it's hungry!**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are used throughout the year to enhance the worship experience in the church Sanctuary. Individuals or families may sign up for any given week to provide altar flowers. These flowers are provided by congregation members and friends. They are a wonderful way to honor a special occasion (birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, baptisms, holidays, etc.) or remember loved ones and friends who have passed away. Altar flowers can be cut flowers from your garden or a houseplant. Please sign-up on the sheet located in the main hallway or contact the church office at 517-627-2336.

## FREE LITTLE LIBRARY

In our continuing effort to fight illiteracy First Congregational UCC has a Little Free Library. It is located in the front of the church near our road sign.

Little Free Library is a national program where interested individuals or groups register their libraries and then place them on their property and make books available to all ages in their neighborhood. It works just like a regular Library; you can borrow a book and return it. You can donate a book. You can take a book and return it to another LFL.

## WHAT IS COOKING?

### RAW APPLE CAKE

3/4 C butter  
 1 1/2 C white sugar  
 2 eggs  
 2 1/4 C flour  
 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda  
 1/2 tsp. salt  
 3/4 C cold strong coffee  
 1 tsp. vanilla  
 3 C peeled and chopped apples

#### Topping:

1/2 C. brown sugar  
 1 tsp. cinnamon  
 1/2 C chopped nuts



Cream butter, add sugar gradually. Add eggs one at a time (high speed), beat about 1/2 minute. Add vanilla. Shift dry ingredients “alternate with strong coffee when adding to batter (end with flour mixture). Stir in apples. Pour into a 9x13 greased/floured pan. Sprinkle sugar and nut topping mixture on top and pat down a little. Bake at 350° for about 40 minutes.

*First Congregational UCC Cookbooks make a great gift for friends and family with many tried and true recipes. \$5.00 each / available in the church office.*



Submitted by Gla' Spayde

## INCOME & EXPENSE BALANCE SHEET

	Actual June 2018	Budget Year-to-Date	Actual Year to Date	Budget 2018	Comparison Year to Date	
Income:	\$ 9,994.93	\$ 65,093.00	\$ 67,759.78	\$ 138,986.00	= \$ 2,666.78	increase in income
Expenses:	\$ <u>15,688.42</u>	\$ <u>82,780.00</u>	\$ 80,379.52	\$ <u>165,560.00</u>	= \$ <u>2,400.48</u>	increase in expenses
Balance:	\$ 1,620.24	(\$ 17,680.00)	(\$ 12,619.74)	(\$ 26,574.00)	(\$ 5,067.26)	net improvement year-to-date

This report compares the actual income and expenses to the budgeted income and expenses. Even though, it looks as though we are improving, we are not. Even though, we will not be paying for a full-time minister during the rest of our search, the Executive Board has predicted that we will still not receive enough donations to cover our expenses this year. Just a few extra dollars in the offering plate will help our deficit tremendously.



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Executive Board Meeting Minutes      June 26, 2018

### **Call to Order**

Moderator Rich Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Board Members present: Kim Dible, Julie Wilkinson, Karen Holcomb-Merrill, Fay Schroeder, Rich Brown, Bil Turner, Anita Calcagno, and Bruce Ramthun. Also present: Pastor Greg Briggs.

### **Spiritual Reflection**

Pastor Greg opened the meeting with a spiritual exercise and a prayer.

### **Open Forum**

No one was present for this item.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Treasurer's Report was pulled from the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda minus the Treasurers Report was accepted.

### **Treasurers Report**

Fay brought to our attention that although our income exceeded our expenses in May, June will be an expensive month with several large payments coming due. There was a discussion about the size of the advertising expense, year-to-date.

Moved by Bruce, seconded by Julie to accept the Treasurers Report as submitted. Motion carried.

### **Discussion Items**

#### Personnel Committee

- Anita informed the Board that interviews with four MSU candidates for Choir Director have been conducted and that none worked out. The Position Description (PD) has been revised to reflect the adjustments necessitated by a switch to a part-time minister position. The search will be broadened beyond MSU. The Executive Board will review the new PD and vote electronically, so the search can proceed.
- A nursery caregiver is still needed. After discussion, moved by Bil, seconded by Kim to ask the Personnel Committee to seek candidates to fill that position. Motion carried.

Pastor Greg remarked that the Pastor has acted as the head of the church staff in this congregation, and wondered who would perform that task in the future. Karen offered that in churches with a Bridge Pastor or Part-Time Pastor, a Personnel Committee has often acted in that capacity. Pastor Greg will speak with the Personnel Committee.

#### Website and Tech update

- Work is continuing on the website and it is Pastor Greg's goal to complete this work before he departs.
- Pastor Greg informed the Board of an organization/website called Tech Soup, that offers significant discounts on hardware and software.

The PC in the church office is out of date and should be replaced. The Board agreed to that replacement.



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES (continued)

### Clarifying Roles and Responsibilities

- Pastor Greg has spoken with each Committee and Board regarding their role and responsibilities, with special emphasis on the Bridge Pastor time and when we have a part-time Pastor. The Outreach Board has expressed a desire for periodic contact with all future Pastors. Congregational Life and Growth is identified as the key contact group for items related to worship.

All Boards and Committees should prepare to shoulder more responsibility in the coming period, and also to become more pastoral with one another. These items should be discussed openly and often.

### Maintenance Issues

- Julie has discussed the Executive Board's goals for the Maintenance Group with the four individuals in that group. There appears to be some lack of clarity on the process for initiating work and the completeness of detail for the work that is to be done. It may be appropriate for the group to come to an Executive Board meeting to clarify those issues.

- The work to repair the boiler chimney is beyond the comfort zone of the group.

New locks and keys for the Church Office and Pastor's Office was discussed and tabled.

### Bridge Pastor Applications

Reverend Lovett has sent two applications for the position to Rich. Interviews need to be scheduled. The Executive Board should decide on the scope of work, the rate of pay and potential length of the agreement. The Board felt that tentatively the duties should include, preaching, funerals and pastoral care.

### Items Requiring Action

#### Exit Interview

Pastor Greg provided the information that usually such interviews include the Executive Board and a Conference Representative. The Board felt that someone from the Personnel Committee should be invited to moderate the discussion. Bruce will help Pastor Greg plan the interview, which is scheduled for July 30, 6:30 PM.

### Search Committee Update

- Karen informed the Board that she is setting up a time for training of the small group facilitators, and also for the small group sessions.

- Karen, Bil and Rich will meet next week to work on the details of the Position Description/Call Agreement.

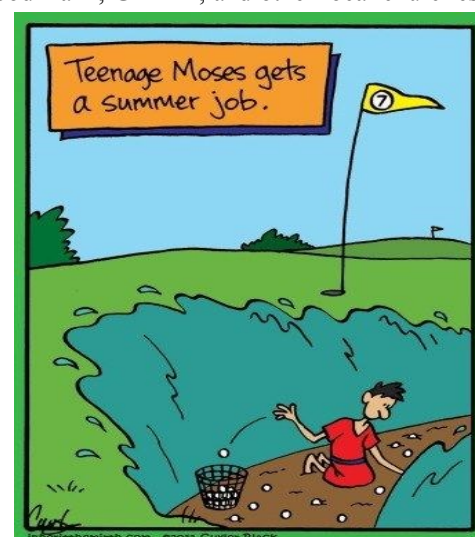
We will need reference letters from individuals who are not members or friends of our congregation. These letters will be available to those candidates who express an interest in our vacant position. Individuals from the Food Bank, GLEAP, and other local churches were discussed as possibilities.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

The next Executive Board Meeting will be July 24th at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Bil Turner, Church Clerk



## Sunday Schedule for AUGUST 2018

Date	August 5th Ordinary Time Green	August 12th Ordinary Time Green	August 19th Ordinary Time Green	August 26th Ordinary Time Green
Text	1 John 4:1-6	1 John 4:7-21	Matthew 6:19-34 Psalm 51:6-9	Mark 10:17-31 Psalm 51:10-12
Head Usher	Leah Horn	Chris Cypher	Emily Mai	Gary and Kathy Burt
Greeters	Patty Curtis and Kim Dible (Glasser)	Gary and Chris Cypher	Mae Clark and Fay Schroeder	Charlynn and Karen Walker
Ushers	Sue Sackett and Gla' Spayde	Bruce and Karen Ramthun	Bil Turner and Russ Marshall	Lon and Sheila Wilkinson
Liturgist	Patty Curtis	Karen Ramthun	Bil Turner	Ben Banks
Crucifer	Karen Walker			
Acolytes				
Soundboard	Mae Clark	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker	Mae Clark
Coffee Hour	Emily and Nicole Mai	Joe and Jane Gilson	Bruce and Karen Ramthun	Ben and Darlene Banks
Altar Flowers	<b>CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY</b>			
Nursery Care	No Nursery Care	No Nursery Care	No Nursery Care	No Nursery Care
Sunday School	Sunday School Returns in September	Sunday School Returns in September	Sunday School Returns in September	Sunday School Returns in September

## Sunday Schedule for SEPTEMBER 2018

Date	September 2nd Ordinary Time Green	September 9th Ordinary Time Green	September 16th Ordinary Time Green	September 23rd Ordinary Time Green	September 30th Ordinary Time Green
Text	James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8,14-15	Mark 7:24-37 James 2:1-10,14-17	Mark 8:27-38 James 3:1-12	Mark 9:30-37 James 3:13-4:3,7-8a	Mark 9:38-50 James 5:13-20
Head Usher	Lisa Reed	Kathy Burt	Leah Horn	Kim Dible (Glasser)	Tina Lamer
Greeters	TBD	Mae Clark and Fay Schroeder	Rich Brown and Tony Bray	Patty Curtis and Jane Cosper	Kim Dible (Glasser) and Connie Dible
Ushers	TBD	Elva Maguire and Terry Bouck	Joy Leonard and Ron Erskine	Bil Turner and Russ Marshall	Sue Sackett and Cheryl Mattson
Crucifer	TBD				
Liturgist	Lisa Reed	Freida Schneeberger	Lily Wilson	Patty Curtis	Sue Sackett
Soundboard	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker	Mae Clark	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker
Coffee Hour	Pat and Lisa Reed	John and Freida Schneeberger	Emily and Nicole Mai	Bruce and Karen Ramthun	Tina Lamer and Julie Wilkinson
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
<b>July 29</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> Newsletter Available	<b>30</b> <b>Pastor Greg's</b> <b>Exit Interview</b>	<b>31</b> 10:15 a.m. Southside Community Kitchen Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall <b>6:30 p.m. Congregational Conversations in Fellowship Hall</b>	<b>1</b> 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	<b>2</b> Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 8:00 pm AA	<b>3</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> Congregational Conversations after worship service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall	<b>8</b> 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	<b>9</b> Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 8:00 pm AA	<b>10</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>1:00 pm Congregators lunch</b> 7:30 pm Square Dance	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall <b>6 pm Congregational Life</b> 2-9 p.m. Grand Ringers Bell Camp in Choir Room	<b>15</b> 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	<b>16</b> Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 8:00 pm AA 2-9 p.m. Grand Ringers Bell Camp in Choir Room	<b>17</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>9:30 a.m. Christian Outreach</b> Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall	<b>22</b> 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	<b>23</b> Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 8:00 pm AA	<b>24</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 7:30 pm Square Dance	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> Newsletter Available	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:15 am Southside Community Kitchen (SCK) Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall <b>6:30 pm Executive Board</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	<b>30</b> Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 8:00 pm AA	<b>31</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 7:30 pm Square Dance	<b>Sept. 1</b>



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*Following Jesus, our mission is to serve God  
by building an inclusive community  
where uplifting worship and relevant messages deepen spirituality  
and inspire acts of justice, service, and compassion.*

**Mission Statement for First Congregational UCC**

**STAFF**

Bridge Pastor  
 Jeannette Len, Office Administrator  
 Darlene Banks, Bell Choir Director  
 Judy Nielsen, Organist  
 Sue, Bob & Ben Sackett, Custodians  
 Nursery Care  
 Rev. John Baumgartner, Pastor Emeritus

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS &  
BOARD CHAIRS**

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