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FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

Equipping God's People by Interim Pastor Greg Briggs

While I have been blessed to be an ordained and authorized minister in the United Church of Christ and have served in various settings including local churches, a UCC seminary, and a UCC camp and retreat center, I was not born and raised in the United Church of Christ. Instead, I joined the denomination as an adult. Before ultimately settling on the UCC, I spent some time exploring different churches and different denominations. You could say I became a shrewd church shopper. Because I was also feeling the call to ministry, I paid a lot of attention to how different denominations viewed the place and responsibility of the pastor in relationship to the rest of the church.

In the UCC, I found a wonderful expression of ordained ministry as equipping the whole church, not just the clergy, to live out God's call. Martin Luther called this the "priesthood of all believers." But I prefer how Paul talked about it in his letter to the Ephesians.

God gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. God's purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Different people are called in diverse ways, but God's ultimate purpose was to equip all of God's people for the work.

One of the signs of a good teacher or leader is a person that essentially is preparing their own replacement. They aren't afraid of people asking questions, or of empowering other people. That is also the sign of a good minister. The UCC's Ordained Ministers Code begins by saying,

I believe that God calls the whole Church and every member to participate in and extend the ministry of Jesus Christ; that the privilege of witnessing to the gospel in Church and society belongs to every baptized Christian; that God empowers the ministry of the Church and its members by the Holy Spirit; that the Church nurtures faith, evokes gifts, and equips its members for service; and that God calls certain of the Church's members to various forms of ministry in and on behalf of the church.

For the first promise in the code to not focus on the minister themselves, but to the whole church and every member speaks volumes about the importance of empowering every member to be God's representative on Earth. If a ministry only survives based on the efforts of one person, is that a ministry of the church?

I've been thinking about this more as the church prepares to enter a time without a settled or intentional pastor covering the full breadth of the ministries of the church. Though not everything can be anticipated or guaranteed to go smoothly, this will be a time when the church is able to see how well the members of the church, and the church overall, is equipped to serve and build up the body of Christ. It is a wonderful gift of self-awareness and spiritual growth. It is like a pop quiz, to see how well the congregation is absorbing the material. Then, when your new pastor arrives, you will have a new awareness to share with them.

With my remaining time here, I am intentionally asking the various boards and groups how I can support them as they carry on the work of the church. If you can think of some place or some task that you could use extra support, please let me know.

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MODERATOR

Greetings!!

On Wednesday night, June 13th, the Executive Board met to discuss the need to provide direction to the Search Committee as to if they should be searching for a full time pastor or a bi-vocational/ part-time pastor.

The board looked closely at our financial situation and considered the comments from the congregation given during our two Crossroad Conversations.

It was pointed out that in seven of our last 10 years, we have had to utilize our savings account in order to maintain a full time pastor. In the three years that we didn't dip into our savings, it was pointed out that Pastor Nicolette had agreed to a significant salary reduction in order to balance our annual budget.

WHY BI-VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

The Executive Board agreed that we should direct the search committee to seek a bi-vocational/ part-time pastor.

We recognize this will be a change in what we have become accustomed to at First Congregational UCC however it was felt this would create new opportunities for the congregation to be more involved in the life of our church while allowing us to stabilize the financial situation.

So what happens next?

A committee of the Executive Board will use the UCC Call Agreement Workbook to determine the scope of work of our next minister and whether we will call a half-time or three quarter-time pastor. This committee will make a recommendation to the Executive Board.

A couple of congregational meetings will be set up at which congregants will have facilitated discussions in small groups to talk about what we think our ministry looks like going into the future and how our next minister can walk that journey with us. These discussions will allow the Search Committee to respond to the final questions in our local church profile.

Pastor Greg will train facilitators to lead these discussions which we hope will take place in July.

Rich Brown, Moderator

SUMMER 2018 WORSHIP SERIES

Beatitudes (4 weeks)

6/24/2018: Do Not Worry - Matthew 6:24-34

7/1/2018: Matthew 5:5-8

7/8/2018: Matthew 5:9-12

7/15/2018: Matthew 5:13-16

1 John (4 weeks)

7/22/2018: 1 John 1:1-4 (John 1:14-16)

7/29/2018: 1 John 1:5-2:2 (John 1:29)

8/5/2018: 1 John 4:1-6 (John 14:15-17)

8/12/2018: 1 John 4:7-21 (John 15:9-11)



PASTOR'S COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Want to chat with Pastor Greg? He has set up regular drop in hours, no appointment needed.



1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesdays from 10 am – 1 pm at church office

2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 5-7 pm at Sanctuary Spirits

3rd Thursday from 10 am - 1 pm at the church office

He's also open to meeting just about anywhere by appointment. Just email him at pastor.greg.briggs@gmail.com or call his cell at (616) 283-2971 to set up a time.

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.

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

NEW WEBSITE AND E-MAIL



Pastor Greg's last Sunday with First Congregational United Church of Christ is **Sunday, July 22nd**. There will be a coffee hour in his honor on the 22nd. Be sure to stop by and thank him for all his hard work during his time here and to wish him well on his faith journey. There will be a basket for cards.

As many of you know we have launched our new website grandledgeucc.org yet, we are still developing parts of it. 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

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



CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT FOR SIREN/EATON CHILDREN

Although school just got out a couple of weeks ago, we are already looking ahead to the start of the 2018-2019 school year! 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 will collect clothes and gift cards during the month of July. We don’t have detailed information regarding sizes/boy or girl yet so please watch for more information in Thursday Pause emails and the church bulletin. Gift cards from Meijer and Wal-Mart in any denomination can be placed in the offering plate starting Sunday, July 1 through Sunday, July 29. 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

REGISTER TO VOTE!



Most people who attend FCUCC are registered voters...but you can help spread the word with the following link to register to vote. Families with newly graduated high school seniors and college students may not yet be registered for this year’s election. Registration deadline for Michigan’s August 7, 2018 primary is July 9. Several ways to register to vote can be found here:

https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_8716_8726_47669---,00.html

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 me.

Judy Nielsen

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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 **121 food** and **29 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

- Boxed Milk
- Canned Kidney Beans
- Canned Chili Beans
- Canned Refried Beans
- Boxed Stuffing Mix
- Gravy (packets, cans or jars)
- Muffin Mixes
- French, Ranch and Italian Salad Dressing
- Flour in 2 lb. or 5 lb. packages
- Sugar in 1 lb. or 4 lb. packages



We have received generous donations from several school food drives. Items not needed at this time are canned corn, canned green beans, macaroni and cheese and canned tuna.

PERSONAL CARE

- Deodorant
- Shampoo and conditioner

CLOTHING ROOM

We are in the process of transitioning from cold weather to warm weather clothing and will soon have room for adult clothing again. At this time, baby and children's clothes in all sizes are welcome.

GIFT SHOP NEEDS

- Pots and Pans
- Small Rugs
- Light Bulbs
- Small Lamps

We continue to need kitchen and household items for our clients. Dishes, cookware, utensils, throw size blankets, bed blankets etc. would be appreciated.

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

What a lovely time we have at our monthly lunch gathering no matter if we have a big group or not so big! In June we had eight people, and when we have about that number, we can all join in on the same conversations throughout our time together. Connie led with a beautiful prayer that was used one Sunday as a collect prayer. We signed a birthday card for Verna who was visiting her daughter in Ohio. The Log Jam was exceptionally busy out front. We have a little laugh how Sandy helps our usual waitress Joy. Joy loves our group, and knows many of them by name, and she likes to predict who will order what. In



Sandy's absence, Glá took right over by telling us the lunch specials, and then helped waitress Joy in other ways. Another inside story is waiting to see how many people order the famous Reuben sandwich, and five out of eight did! That made taking orders easy! Our next time to be together will be **Friday, July 13, 1 pm** at the Log Jam. **Please be sure to get in touch with Jim (517.627.7968) or Sandy (517.420.2121) or Charlene (517.281.5019) to reserve your spot.**

BIRTHDAYS

Chris Cypher
Tom Bernardi
Tina Lamer
Karen Ramthun
Anita Calcagno
Elva Maguire
Patty Curtis
Janet Harmon
Becky Ramos
Reshay Tanasse
Molly Coombes
Joe Gilson
Bob Sackett
Jane Cosper



If your birthday has been inadvertently missed, please contact the church office at 627-2336 or office@grandledgeucc.org

PHOTO PERMISSION

If you have FCUCC images that you would like to share please send them to 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. Start saving 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.

OPEN & AFFIRMING (ONA) / PRIDE FESTIVAL

After Pride ... What about the other 11 months?

It's Monday morning after the weekend of Michigan Pride. It was a weekend that involved heavy lifting, miles of walking, intense heat, pouring rain, and a lot of hard work for our ONA Team. Was it worth it? You bet. Do we want to do it again next weekend? Not on your life. But today seems like a bit of a letdown, in the same way December 26th can be a letdown after a long season of preparation and celebration. So, what's next? What about the other 11 months?

Actually, we would like your help with that. Open and Affirming (ONA) is the United Church of Christ's designation for congregations, campus ministries, and other bodies in the UCC which make a public covenant of welcome into their full life and ministry to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. But welcoming isn't enough. Education, advocacy and support are important to any organization that serves the LGBT community and their allies. Therefore, I have two questions I'd like you to consider.

The first is more open ended: ***What would you like to know more about when it comes to the LGBT community?*** Please help us to plan educational opportunities for you.

The second is a more direct question and it comes from feedback we received at pride. A number of people said they would love to visit a church like ours, but they work on Sunday mornings. This is actually part of an important issue for LGBT people. Many in the LGBT community are underemployed—college educated but working in the retail and service industries at near-minimum wage jobs. These jobs often require working on weekends. But others also have trouble making it to church on Sunday mornings because of their busy schedules: healthcare professionals, parents of children in athletic leagues, grandparents who must travel to visit their grandchildren, small business owners, people who travel for work, police/first responders, and many others. So, my second question is: ***If you would be interested in having an evening midweek worship opportunity, what days of the week would be helpful to you?*** Your thoughts and opinions are important to us. This is valuable information that is shared with our church leaders.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who pitched in with their time and resources to make our presence at Pride a huge success. We touched a lot of lives in small but significant ways. I would love to share some stories about our interactions with people that day, so just pull me aside some time and we'll talk.

Blessings and peace!

Emily Mai, ONA Chairperson

INCOME & EXPENSE BALANCE SHEET

	Actual May 2018	Budget Year-to-Date	Actual Year to Date	Budget 2018	Comparison Year to Date	
Income:	\$ 10,411.61	\$ 54,244.17	\$ 57,764.85	\$ 138,986.00	= \$ 3,520.68	increase in income
Expenses:	\$ <u>8,791.37</u>	\$ <u>68,983.33</u>	\$ 64,691.10	\$ <u>165,560.00</u>	= \$ <u>4,292.23</u>	increase in expenses
Balance:	\$ 1,620.24	(\$ 14,739.16)	(\$ 6,926.25)	(\$ 26,574.00)	(\$ 7,812.91)	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. In the month of June, we will pay almost \$6,000 in pension and insurances for our minister and in property insurance in addition to our regular monthly bills. Hopefully, in the summer months when our family expenses are less, each family can generously donate an additional sum to help our church fulfill this year's budget and sustain our church in the future.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

May 22, 2018

Call to Order

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

Board Members present: Kim Dible, Julie Wilkinson, Karen Merrill, Fay Schroeder, Tony Bray, Rich Brown, Bil Turner, Chris Cypher, and Bruce Ramthun. Also present: Pastor Greg Briggs, Sarah Robinson and Charlene Avery.

Spiritual Reflection

Pastor Greg opened the meeting with 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 by \$600 for the past month, we are about \$8700 behind for the year. She reminded us that there are some big expenses coming in the next few months.

This prompted a discussion about last month's unresolved issue of the proposed Sun Theater advertisement and the existing newspaper advertisement. After discussion it was moved by Bruce, seconded by Fay to begin the advertisement at the Sun Theater. Motion carried. Congregational Life is asked to look at the effectiveness of the existing newspaper advertisement.

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

Discussion Items

Personnel Committee

- Regarding the Choir Director vacancy, another Skype interview with an MSU candidate has been scheduled. The Music Committee feels a commitment to finding someone for this position through MSU. They are not considering a wider search at this time.
- Performance reviews with the church staff are ongoing.

Noting that his agreement expires soon, Pastor Greg inquired about plans for an exit interview. The general feeling was that the CAM group and a few from the Executive Board would conduct that interview.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES (continued)

Search Committee

Karen informed the Board that three individuals are working on the Church Profile, and that it expected to be complete by the end of May. There will likely be some questions that will require discussion with, and input from, the congregation. She has been having conversations with Reverend Lovett regarding the interim period and the search process.

OCWM Special Offering

The offering will be held on June 3rd and Karen will speak on OCWM.

New Website

Pastor Greg reported that the website is 95% complete, with only a few details requiring some adjustments. It will be available soon for testing by the congregation.

Computer programs for Church Treasurers.

Fay explained that the Church Windows program has some significant drawbacks and she would like to look for other possible Treasurers programs.

Items Requiring Action

Expiration of Interim Call Agreement

Pastor Greg's Call agreement ends on August 1st. He confirmed that he does not want to work less than full time, and that he does not want to be a Supply Pastor. His agreement could be extended for any length. Pastor Greg pointed out that some of the options are;

- Extend the existing agreement. All other things continuing as per the budget, by the end of 2018 we would be about \$26,500 in the red.
- Bring in a Supply Pastor. By the end of 2018 we would be about \$4100 in the red.
- Hire no one and become completely self sufficient. By the end of 2018 we would be about \$2500 in the black.

We seem to be able to afford about 80% of a new pastor, or perhaps 75% of an experienced pastor.

After thoughtful discussion it was decided to not renew the existing Call Agreement. Moved by Bil, seconded by Bruce to not renew Pastor Greg's Call Agreement. Motion carried. Moved by Karen, seconded by Fay to have Rich contact Reverend Lovett to convey this decision and seek his counsel on finding a Bridge Pastor. Motion carried. Pastor Greg is asked to complete the website work and continue, where necessary, aiding with the Search process.

Rich will write an item for the Newsletter regarding the above decision and the status of the Search Process.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

The next Executive Board Meeting will be June 26th at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Bil Turner, Church Clerk



Sunday Schedule for JULY 2018

Date	July 1st Ordinary Time Green	July 8th Ordinary Time Green	July 15th Ordinary Time Green	July 22nd Ordinary Time Green	July 29th Ordinary Time Green
Text	Matthew 5:5-8	Matthew 5:9-12	Matthew 5:13-16	1 John 1:1-4 John 1:14-16	1 John 1:5-2:2 John 1:29
Head Usher	Freida Schneeberger	Leah Horn	Tina Lamer	Kim Dible (Glasser)	Lisa Reed
Greeters	Kim Dible (Glasser) and Connie Dible	Bruce and Karen Ramthun	Bil Turner and Russ Marshall	Joy Leonard and Beth Posey	Sue Sackett and Patty Curtis
Ushers	John and Freida Schneeberger	Rich Brown and Tony Bray	Joe and Jane Gilson	Ron Erskine and Fay Schroeder	Elva Maguire and Terry Bouck
Crucifer	Bruce Ramthun				
Liturgist	Anita Calcagno	Karen Ramthun	Bil Turner	Rich Brown	Lisa Reed
Soundboard	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker	Mae Clark	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker
Coffee Hour	Ben and Darlene Banks	Leah Horn and Gla' Spayde	Bruce and Karen Ramthun	Joy Leonard and Beth Posey	Pat and Lisa Reed
Altar Flowers	CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY				
Nursery Care	No 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 School Returns in September

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	CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY			
Nursery Care	No Nursery Care	No Nursery Care	No Nursery Care	No Nursery Care
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1 10:30 am Worship Food Drive & Communion Baptism	2	3 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall	4 Office Closed 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	5 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 8:00 pm AA	6 Office Closed	7
8 10:30 am Worship	9	10 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 6 pm Congregational Life	11 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pastor Greg's Drop-In Office Hours at FCUCC 5 – 7:00 p.m. Pastor Greg's Drop-In Office Hours at Sanctuary Spirits 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	12 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 8:00 pm AA	13 Office Closed 1:00 pm Congregators lunch 7:30 pm Square Dance	14
15 10:30 am Worship	16	17 9:30 a.m. Christian Outreach Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall	18 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	19 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pastor Greg's Drop-In Office Hours at FCUCC Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 8:00 pm AA	20 Office Closed Newsletter Items Due	21
22 10:30 am Worship New Member Sunday PASTOR GREG'S LAST SUNDAY WITH FCUCC	23	24 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 6:30 pm Executive Board Grand Ringers Bell Camp in Choir Room	25 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	26 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 8:00 pm AA Grand Ringers Bell Camp in Choir Room	27 Office Closed 7:30 pm Square Dance	28
29 10:30 am Worship Newsletter Available	30	31 10:15 am Southside Community Kitchen (SCK) Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall	August 1 6:00 pm AA 7:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	2 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 8:00 pm AA	3 Office Closed 7:30 pm Square Dance	4



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New website: grandledgeucc.org

*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	EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS & BOARD CHAIRS
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