

# THE CHURCH WINDOW



**OCTOBER  
2018**



## FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

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Hi Church Family,

It has been almost a month since we began our ministry together. Thank you for your patience and kindness as I learn names and traditions of First Congregational Church.

Jeanette has been invaluable, of course, just as you told me she would be!

Brandon and I are getting to know one another as the two new kids on the block. He is an incredibly gifted musician.

As I have told many of you, I believe my time here as your Bridge Pastor is a time when we all can take a deep breath. You have done the hard work of preparing to find your Settled Pastor. God has that person already chosen, and soon he or she will be here!

So, for the weeks we will spend together, we will worship, sing praises to God, pray for one another and our world, and trust wholeheartedly in God's good promises.

This month will begin with World Communion Sunday on the seventh of October and will end with Trunk or Treat on the twenty-eighth! I have heard many good stories of what a community event this will be. Of course, there will be activities in between those two events, but we know that we begin the month remembering that, "God so loved the world!" and we will end the month by celebrating our neighborhood in Grand Ledge.

As a new person, this is what I have learned about the congregation in these first weeks:

You are musically talented in so many ways! Bell Choir, Choir, and I hear, many other musicians and singers.

You are generous. Blessing is a Backpack, Food Bank, children within our church family in need, and the many ways you give to "the least of these."

You are friendly and welcoming toward guests who visit us on Sundays.

You affirm EVERYONE and see all of God's people as holy brothers and sisters in Christ.

You know how to throw parties, i.e. Rally Sunday.

You are alive with the Holy Spirit and a lot of fun to be around.

It is a joy to be with you in this transition time!

I rejoice in the goodness of First Congregational Church.

Pastor Barb

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## MODERATOR

Greetings to my church family at First Congregational UCC!

Ever since Rally Sunday on September 9<sup>th</sup> there has been a lot of activity at First Congregational.

Rally Sunday introduced us to our new “Bridge” pastor Barb Edema. Pastor Barb has jumped right into her new position and has provided inspirational messages to the congregation each week. We also saw the return of the Grand Ringers Bell Choir and our Chancel Choir with new director Brandon Frost. Additionally, our Sunday school program resumed with Lynn Hart proudly presenting new bibles to our three third graders.



We’ve also learned that the Search Committee is making great progress and our church profile is now live on-line. This opens the door for potential applicants interested in being our settled pastor to submit their profile for review and consideration by the committee.

I want to thank all of the wonderful singers who provided music during our summer services with the chancel choir and bell choir on hiatus. We truly have some incredible talent in our church.

I also wish to thank Linda Gooley who took on the task of arranging to get members of our congregation to lead worship from the beginning of August through Labor Day.

Thank you to Linda, Virginia Schiefelbein, Joe Gilson, Anita Calcagno and Karen Ramthun who provided a wonderful message on each Sunday.

The past year has been a challenging one but I believe our congregation met those challenges and that we have a bright and exciting future ahead.

Rich Brown, Moderator

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE



An update from the  
**PASTORAL  
SEARCH  
COMMITTEE**

We are excited to announce that our local church profile is complete and our posting is now live on the UCC website. Thank you for your patience as we wanted to get this right and thank you to members and friends who helped in many ways to shape our profile. What this means is that pastoral candidates can now ask to have their profiles sent to our Search Committee for their review. The committee continues to receive support from Conference Minister Campbell Lovett as we review profiles and discern who is being called to walk with us in ministry here at Grand Ledge First Congregational. Continued prayers for the Search Committee and this process are much appreciated. As always, if you have questions, please let me know.

Karen Holcomb-Merrill, Search Committee Chair

## 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

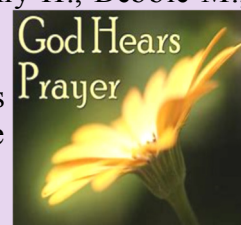
**Those who are struggling be it:** financially, mentally, spiritually, individually, or collectively.

**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, Kathy H., Debbie M., Cindy G., Carole S., Barbara N. and all who are recovering from hurricane Florence.

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.



## NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL OFFERING

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

*Love* YOUR  
neighbor  
*as yourself.*  
MATTHEW 22:39

**Our Neighbors In Need collection will be on Sunday, October 7, 2018 as part of our World Communion Sunday observance.**

If questions, ask your Outreach team ... Charlene, Tony, Karen W, Sandy, & Sarah

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED



This year's Sunday school theme is God's Creation, God's Caretakers.

Please prayerfully consider signing up to teach our children about taking care of others.

If you have been cleared through ICHAT to teach Sunday school, please follow the link to sign-up to teach. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4eacaf28aa8-sunday> or there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Nursery.

If you have not been cleared to teach Sunday school and are interested please talk to Lynn Hart.



## WE ROCKED THE BLOCK!

What a day for our Rock the Block project for Habitat for Humanity on September 11! The weather was perfect. We built a fence in south Lansing's Baker Neighborhood, one of Lansing's lowest income areas. The fence we built was on one side of a now city-owned, large lot that has been turned into a neighborhood park with flowers, hopscotch tiles, a volleyball net, lots of open space for children to play...and it even had a Little Free Library like we have at FCUCC. The fence post setting and fence building were fun (clearing rocks out of the post holes as they were dug was not fun!), the Habitat team leaders were knowledgeable and funny (well, I guess we were all humorous at times), and we were kept company by the neighbor's two Rottweilers who finally decided we were friendly and they didn't need to bark any more. Once back at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, our headquarters for the day, our day ended with delicious pizza delivered by Cosmos of Old Town. My huge thanks to Ron Erskine, Lon Wilkinson, Tony Bray, Kelly Stuble-Clark, Chris Clark, Anita Calcagno and Jim Robinson for volunteering for this project. Also, my gratitude to our church's Local Missions Endowment Fund for supporting the project as well as donations from team members. Thanks again to all of you! ... Charlene Avery



## BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

First Congregational United Church of Christ is scheduled to help the children of Grand Ledge by packing food for the weekend on **Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Sawdon School in Room 308**. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex, please remember this sheet is only to get an estimate of those attending. If you find that you can pack the bags for the children and did not sign up, please join us. If you have any question, please contact Fay Schroeder.



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2018



**Saturday, December 1, 2018** is the date for our annual **Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale**. The Craft Bazaar is successful because of your generous donations of craft items, the time making them, and the time volunteering to work at the bazaar. Your delicious baked goods also make the Bake Sale a very successful fund raising project for our church. The Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale is one of our largest fund raiser projects and needs everyone's help to be as successful as we have been in the past. Please mark the date of **December 1, 2018** on your calendar to volunteer to help and while waiting for the big date, please make crafts and baked goods to be sold.

## 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 September, First Congregational UCC delivered **157 food items, 34 non-food items** to the Grand Ledge food bank. Please see the 'Stock the Shelves' article for current needs at the food bank.

## SISTER OF RUTH

Sisters of Ruth met for lunch on September 10, 2018 at Cugino's at 1:00 p.m. We decided that our two community service projects for this program year would be the Baby Jesus Tree and the collection of personal items in the spring for the S.I.R.E.N Shelter.

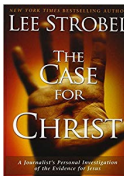
We will meet on **October 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.** at a restaurant to be determined later for our next meeting.

Sisters of Ruth is a social group that performs community service projects for our church and community. We would love to have you join us for lunch and see what we are all about.

## WGOD

Women Gathering Over Devotions will meet **Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Each month two or three women of the group volunteer to prepare dinner. Dinner usually cost between \$3.00 and \$5.00.

Our discussion will be centered on parts 2 & 3, up to the conclusion of the book, "The Case for Christ" by Lee Strobel. This book can be purchased through Barnes and Nobel, on-line or in the store, or through Amazon.



WGOD is a women's group that discusses inspirational books that help us to understand the teachings of Jesus and to live a grateful life in service of God. For more information contact Fay Schroeder, or Gla' Spayde. Join us for the evening!

## STOCK THE SHELVES

### FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Hamburger Helper  
 Tuna  
 Boxed Stuffing  
 Gravy, cans or jars  
 Boxed Potatoes  
 Egg Noodles  
 Cold Cereal  
 Italian, Ranch and French Salad Dressing



### CLOTHING ROOM NEEDS

Children's Jeans (all sizes)  
 Babies and Children's Pajamas (all sizes)  
 Men's Jeans, especially sizes 32 to 36 waist

We are still in need of property maintenance help at the food bank regarding staining the front ramp and decking. We need someone to secure loose boards, wash decking and stain the project. Thanks for considering.

We have begun the holiday planning process. Please consider a monetary donation toward fresh produce and turkeys for Thanksgiving. Also, the food bank will be providing a free shopping event for our clients. We would appreciate collections of new items for this event. Please contact me if you are interested in doing a collection.

### CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Toys, games, puzzles, dolls, trucks  
 Lotion sets  
 Slippers/slipper socks  
 Throws  
 Picture frames  
 Kitchen utensils, potholders, kitchen towels  
 Tools  
 Flashlights  
 Tarps (Ollie's has a collection of sizes at very low prices)  
 Hats and Gloves/Mittens (all sizes)  
 Used Christmas music CDs  
 Used Christmas decorations

## CONGREGATORS

Autumn is here! And cooler weather...we hope! It's time for apples, pumpkins, flowering mums, beautiful leaves and acorns falling to the ground! We look forward to getting together with our Congregator friends for lunch on **Friday, October 12, 1 pm** at the Log Jam. **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.**

## BOTTLES AND CANS

Thank you to everyone who donated their bottles and cans for deposit. FCUCC raised **\$243.60** for the general fund. Last year's total was \$219.10. **We beat last year's total by \$24.50. Great job!**

## 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.

## BIRTHDAYS

Judy Nielsen  
Jane Gilson  
Ben Banks  
Jim Robinson  
Charlynn Walker  
Gwen Knight

If your birthday has inadvertently been 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.



## 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. So far, this year we have received **\$95.60**. **Tell your family and friends - it's hungry!**

## REGISTER TO VOTE!

Most people who attend FCUCC are registered voters...but you can help spread the word with the following links for voter registration as well as to look up other interesting voter information. Families with high school seniors who are 18 and college students may not yet be registered for our November 6 election. **Registration deadline is October 9**. On-line registration sites are:

Clinton County: <http://www.smartvoter.org/mi/cln/>

Eaton County: <http://www.smartvoter.org/mi/et/>

Ingham County: <http://www.smartvoter.org/mi/ing/>



## PAINT A PUMPKIN FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!

Your Outreach team is sponsoring a ‘**paint a pumpkin**’ party during coffee hour on **Sunday, October 21**. The decorated pumpkins will be left at the church to use as decorations for our **9<sup>th</sup> annual Trunk-or-Treat** on **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**. Families from our community, as well as friends and members of FCUCC are invited to decorate their trunk and dress in costumes on **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**!



Pumpkins, paint and brushes will be provided. If you or a neighbor with a big garden have pumpkins to donate, please bring them to the church any of the first three Sundays in October. Or if you would like to buy a pumpkin to contribute, please feel free to do that! No pumpkin is too big...or too small... and even some cute little pumpkin gourds are welcome! Come and join the pumpkin painting party! This is a great event for all generations and want-to-be pumpkin artists! Contact Tony, Charlene, Karen W, Sandy or Sarah R. with questions.

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT

It is time to start planning for **Trunk or Treat** again! This has been such a successful event we want to keep the momentum going as well as get more people involved! We will need many hands to help with food, decorations, set-up, take down, and even shopping for the big day. And of course - the more trunks decorated the better the event! This year's event will be held **Sunday, October 28**. If you can help with this fun event in anyway, please contact Lynn Hart at [hartacre3@aol.com](mailto:hartacre3@aol.com) or 281-8178. You can also sign-up to help at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4EACAF28AA8-trunk>



## INCOME & EXPENSE BALANCE SHEET

	Actual August 2018	Budget Year-to-Date	Actual Year to Date	Budget 2018
Income:	\$ 19,916.89	\$ 92,657.33	\$ 88,275.83	\$ 138,986.00
Expenses:	\$ <u>3,991.28</u>	\$ <u>110,373.33</u>	\$ <u>93,160.75</u>	\$ <u>165,560.00</u>
Balance:	\$ 5,925.61	(\$ 17,716.00)	(\$ 4,884.92)	(\$ 26,574.00)

This report shows that we made a substantial gain on our deficit this month when we were without a pastor. However, we now have a bridge pastor and we are beginning the start of our most expensive building maintenance season with heat and snow removal. Also, our bell choir director is back on the job again and we have a new choir director to continue the wonderful music program at our church. Therefore, it is very important that the members and friends of our church keep up with their pledges and donations so that our church may continue to serve as we are known to do and much more.



# EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

**August 28, 2018**

## **Call to Order**

Moderator Rich Brown called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Board Members present: Tony Bray, Julie Wilkinson, Lynn Hart, Fay Schroeder, Rich Brown, Bil Turner, Chris Cypher, Karen Holcomb-Merrill and Bruce Ramthun. Also present: Charlene Avery, Joe Gilson and Pastor Barb Edema.

Pastor Barb was introduced and all those present also introduced themselves.

## **Spiritual Reflection**

Pastor Barb offered a prayer to open the meeting.

## **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.

## **Discussion Items**

### *Personnel Update*

Joe discussed the recent Committee meeting with Jeanette Len. She is pleased with her recent increase in salary and OK with vacation days as they stand now. She reported that she works between 16 and 25 hours per week, depending on the need.

Jeannette also reported that the lock on the Pastor's office door needs to be replaced, as it does not reliably lock. Also discussed was the need for a safe in the office for storage of incoming funds.

On a separate topic, the Committee discussed the search for a nursery caregiver. An ad will be posted on the Church's Facebook page. Anita and Linda are working on this search.

### *New Computer for the Office*

The new CPU arrived and did not work, so was sent back. Waiting on a replacement.

### *Maintenance Issues*

Kim is pursuing a new price from the firm that had previously (January) submitted the lowest price for work on the boiler chimney.

A water leak developed in the kitchen and the water has been shut off to the island area. Rich has contacted Miles Plumbing to quote a price for a repair.



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES (continued)

### Yoga Classes

Information regarding Tamara Lipsey's proposal to hold Yoga classes in the church had previously been distributed to the Board by email. At this meeting a general discussion took place that touched on details that will need to be worked on as the class begins; not moving the altar, coordinating with the choir and bell choir for time and space. Moved by Karen, seconded by Lynn to approve the use of the church for Yoga classes, provided that the time and space issues can be successfully addressed. Motion passed.

### Basketball Hoop

It was determined that our insurance does cover the liability of a basketball hoop in the parking lot. Permission was granted to put the hoop at the back side of the parking lot. Chris will donate the hoop she has at home.

### Items Requiring Action

#### Possible Scenarios of a Part-Time Pastor

The Board had voted in July to advertise for a 60% position for the Called Minister. This decision was revisited in light of recent expense increases. A spirited discussion took place around the issue of which duties should be emphasized and which reduced in the new position description. It was clear that growth of the congregation was important to some on the Board. Moved by Bil, seconded by Bruce to reduce the position to 50% of full time. Motion passed.

### Search Committee Update

Karen reported that the Profile is essentially complete and will be sent to Rev. Lovett very soon. He will offer any comments that he believes are appropriate and will come to speak with the Search Committee about receiving applications.

### New Business

#### Stewardship Committee

The Committee should have their initial meetings in September.

#### Financial Secretary.

We should run an advertisement seeking a new Financial Secretary in our internal publications.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

The next Executive Board Meeting will be September 25th at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Bil Turner, Church Clerk



## Sunday Schedule for OCTOBER 2018

<b>Date</b>	<b>October 7th</b> Ordinary Time Green	<b>October 14th</b> Ordinary Time Green	<b>October 21st</b> Ordinary Time Green	<b>October 28th</b> Ordinary time Green
<b>Text</b>	Job 1:1;2:1-10 <b>Mark 10:2-16</b>	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 <b>Mark 10:17-31</b>	Job 38:1-7,(34-41) <b>Mark 10:35-45</b>	Job 42:1-6,10-17 <b>Mark 10:46-52</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>Lisa Reed</b>	<b>Kathy Burt</b>	<b>Leah Horn</b>	<b>Tina Lamer</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Gary and Chris Cypher	Joy Leonard and Cheryl Mattson	Patty Curtis and Jane Cosper	Sue Sackett and Bil Turner
<b>Ushers</b>	Rich Brown and Tony Bray	Mae Clark and Fay Schroeder	Gary and Kathy Burt	Tina Lamer and Julie Wilkinson
<b>Liturgist</b>	Rich Brown	Anita Calcagno	Patty Curtis	Ben Banks
<b>Crucifer</b>	Gary Burt			
<b>Soundboard</b>	Julie Wilkinson	Charlynn Walker	Mae Clark	Charlynn Walker
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Gary and Kathy Burt	Charlene Avery and Gla' Spayde	Gary and Chris Cypher	<b>Trunk or Treat</b>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<b>CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY</b>			
<b>Nursery Care</b>	NO NURSERY CARE	NO NURSERY CARE	NO NURSERY CARE	NO NURSERY CARE
<b>Sunday School</b>	Family Service	Marcia Kent	Joy Leonard and Beth Posey	Lynn Hart

## Sunday Schedule for NOVEMBER 2018

<b>Date</b>	<b>November 4th</b> Ordinary Time Green or White	<b>November 11th</b> Ordinary Time Green	<b>November 18th</b> Ordinary Time Green	<b>November 25th</b> Ordinary Time Green or White
<b>Text</b>	Ruth 1:1-8 <b>Mark 12:28-34</b>	Ruth 3:1-5;4:13-17 <b>Mark 12:38-44</b>	1 Samuel 1:4-20 <b>Mark 13:1-8</b>	2 Samuel 23:1-7 <b>John 18:33-37</b>
<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>Lisa Reed</b>	<b>Kim Dible (Glasser)</b>	<b>Tina Lamer</b>	<b>Kathy &amp; Gary Burt</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Jane Cosper and Anna Miller	Jim Robinson and Sarah Robinson	Kim Dible (Glasser) and Connie Dible	Gary and Chris Cypher
<b>Ushers</b>	Tina Lamer and Julie Wilkinson	Fay Schroeder and Mae Clark	Sue Sackett and Cheryl Mattson	Nate Oliver and Erica Stoll
<b>Crucifer</b>	Bruce Ramthun			
<b>Liturgist</b>	Ron Erskine	Marcia Kent	Sue Sackett	Joe Gilson
<b>Soundboard</b>	Karen Walker	Charlynn Walker	Julie Wilkinson	Charlynn Walker
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Sarah Robinson and Kim Dible (Glasser)	Tony Bray and Rich Brown	Charlene Avery and Gla' Spayde	Gary and Chris Cypher
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<b>CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A DATE OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE HALLWAY</b>			
<b>Nursery Care</b>	NO NURSERY CARE	NO NURSERY CARE	NO NURSERY CARE	NO NURSERY CARE
<b>Sunday School</b>	Family Service	Leah Horn	Joy Leonard and Beth Posey	Leah Horn

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
<b>September 30</b> <b>10:30 am Worship</b> Sunday School Newsletter Available	1 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	2 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall	3 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	4 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall <b>3:00 pm Job Bible Study</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	5 <b>Office Closed</b>	6
7 <b>10:30 am Worship</b> World Communion Sunday & Food Drive Neighbors in Need Collection Family Service 2-5 pm Holiday Wishes	8 1:00 pm Sister of Ruth 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	9 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall <b>6 pm Congregational Life</b>	10 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	11 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall <b>3:00 pm Job Bible Study</b> 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	12 <b>Office Closed</b> 1:00 pm Congregators lunch 7:30 p.m. Square Dance	13 9-1pm Recital
14 <b>10:30 am Worship</b> Sunday School 2-5 pm Holiday Wishes	15 6:00 pm WGOD 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	16 <b>9:30 am Christian Outreach Meeting</b> Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall	17 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	18 <b>Office Closed</b> Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall <b>3:00 pm Job Bible Study</b> 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	19 <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	20
21 <b>10:30 am Worship</b> Sunday School 2-5 pm Holiday Wishes	22 <b>Office Closed</b> 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	23 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall <b>6:30 pm Executive Board Meeting</b>	24 3:00 pm Packing Blessings in a Backpack 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	25 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 7:00 pm choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	26 <b>Office Closed</b> 7:30 pm Square Dance	27
28 <b>10:30 am Worship</b> Sunday School Trunk-or-Treat 2-5 pm Holiday Wishes <b>Newsletter Available</b>	29 6:30 p.m. Bell Practice	30 Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall	31 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm AA 7:30 pm AL ANON	<b>November 1</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Noon / Meals on Wheels Senior Lunch @ City Hall 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	2 <b>Office Closed</b>	3





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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**

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema, Bridge Pastor  
 Jeannette Len, Office Administrator  
 Darlene Banks, Bell Choir Director  
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