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Worship Hours
Worship-9:30
Communion the first Sunday of
every month.

JULY 2018

1 Communion 9:30 Worship 6:30 Evening Srvc	2	3	4 	5	6	7
8 9:30 Worship 6:30 Evening Srvc	9	10 10:00 Lakeview Communion	11 5:00 Mission Board	12 7:00 (both) Facilities Board Hospitality Board	13	14
15 9:30 Worship 6:30 Evening Srvc	16	17 10:00 Goldfinch Communion	18 5:00 Finance Board 5:30 Church Council	19	20 Newsletter Submission Deadline 9:00 am	21
22 9:30 Worship Blessing Box Collection - Kinship 6:30 Evening Srvc	23 Parent To Parent 4:30-7:00	24	25 5:30 Free Comm Meal	26 9:30 Women's Bible Study	27	28
29 Noisy Sunday - Heifer 9:30 Worship Combined Service w/St John's UCC @ Sylvania Park 6:30 Evening Service	30	31				



The Reverend's Ruminations

For some of you, summer's arrival means a little extra unstructured time in the daily schedule. Perhaps you like to work in the yard during the coolness of the early morning and stay indoors when it gets hot. Maybe your duties take you poolside for a few hours in the afternoon while the kids or grandkids splash around, or you're stuck waiting for a baseball practice or a softball game to get over. So what's on your summer reading list? How about picking up an international best-seller?

The Bible can be a daunting read if you attempt it from cover to cover, but perhaps a few small sections could be your summer reading goal. Our Epistle readings will come from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians during the second half of July and all of August, while our Gospel (and sermon) texts will continue from the first six chapters of Mark during July, switch to the sixth chapter of John during August, then return to Mark's chapters 7-13 until Advent begins in December. The entire book of Ephesians is only six chapters, and the gospel selections only cover a couple chapters before the end of the summer, so don't be intimidated. There are no shortage of accessible Bible versions and sizes available, so think about tucking one into your beach bag or keeping it with your folding chair—you can even get it on your smart phone or tablet if carrying one more thing is a challenge!

Like many of you, my family and I will be enjoying a bit of vacation time on both ends of July: first visiting Ellen's family in Oshkosh, then taking a multi-generational trip to the North Shore later in the month with my parents and my sister's family. It's been many years since the four of us vacationed together, and by this time it will include spouses, two teenagers, a toddler, and an infant! We all love to be near Lake Superior, and will surely be ready for its refreshing natural air conditioning by mid-summer.

On a serious note, please hold all of our Minnesota National Guard in your prayers during this season of increased training. Safety is of course a primary concern with so many machines and weapons being employed, but much like our larger society we in military (and the MN NG in particular) also continue to battle the scourge of suicide. I gave a couple suicide awareness and resource briefs during my June drill, since the national news was focused (albeit temporarily) on recent celebrity deaths, and I continue to pray that our Soldiers can find timely and healthy alternatives to such a permanent decision.

On a brighter note, I will be leading a one-day retreat for single Soldiers during our August drill entitled "How Not to Fall for a Jerk," so pray that it is effective in helping our Soldiers find and nurture healthy relationships. In my current Army Chaplain assignment, I have the luxury of splitting up part of my Annual Training days instead of being away for an entire two-week period. This means I'll be observing and rating my two subordinate chaplains during quick two-day stints with their units at Camp Ripley during July and August, but don't have drill with my own unit this July.

Whether it's summer business as usual in Fairmont or you're taking advantage of some time at the cabin or campground, I pray that Christ remains a clear focus in your life. If you're on a vacation and too far away to join us for worship this summer, please seek out a church in that area and see what their services are like. Let me or one of our Worship Board members know what you find—you never know where new and exciting ideas for our congregation may come from!

Whatever this season finds you doing, please be safe. The "dog days" of summer will all too soon be upon us, so just remember those cool and overly-rainy days of late June!

Blessings and Peace be upon you,

Rev. Cory Germain

1ST CONGREGATIONAL UCC
FAIRMONT, MN
Council Minutes for June 20, 2018

Present: MaryDon K., Corey H., Dean G., James M., Dave M., Julie E., Pastor Corey, Dave A., Marilyn F.

Absent: Robbin Celander, Deb Thate, Ellen Germain

Pastor Cory opened the meeting with prayer

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed

Treasurer's Report – Dave M. reported that pledged giving is on track, donations have been received to cover the cost of the lawn mower and we have received \$22K as ½ of the insurance claim dollars for the organ. Pie and Ice Cream Social fundraiser made a profit of approximately \$1600. Motion was m/s/c to receive the Treasurer's report

Pastor's Report – Pastor Corey reported on the usual activities this month of visitations, counseling, worship planning, etc. Also assisted with the June birthday party at Lakeview, PRC meeting, gave invocation and benediction at the community Memorial Day service as well as military duties. He will be taking some vacation days in July.

BOARD REPORTS

CE, Diaconate, Hospitality and Finance – No report

Facilities – Dean reported that they mounted the Sesquicentennial banner on the east wall of the church and another will be put on the north side. Parts have been ordered to repair damage caused by attempted break-in to the kitchen door and window. Estimate cost at \$2500-3000. The organ repair company has ordered parts and anticipates beginning work late July/early August. They expect to spend 2 ½ to 3 weeks on the counsel and about the same to work in the chambers. Finance will look into the cost of an insurance rider on the organ for its \$440K valuation in addition to the personal property coverage we currently have for \$680K.

Missions – Blessing box for July will be Kinship – school needs. July noisy Sunday will be the 29th for Heifer Project. Hospitality Board will do July Free Community Meal. We have committed to the Summer Hunger program and will be responsible for distribution in the month of July. Will be making sandwiches on July 8 at 7 p.m. Deb and Ace will set up a meeting for those interested in a Mission trip.

Worship – Their meeting time is changing to the first Wed. of each month. Dave A. will be doing a Sunday night service in the park for the summer months. Ace reported we will have a combined worship with St. John's on July 29. Time to be determined. Golf cart will be available to aid in transportation.

OLD BUSINESS

Plans continuing for Sesquicentennial Celebration on Sept. 22 and 23.

NEW BUSINESS

Julie reported that she has added a page to the church website to include bulletins and announcements. Motion was m/s/c to give Ann permission to post information on the church website.

There was discussion regarding the need for "Director's and Officer's" coverage in our insurance policy. Finance will investigate.

Pastor Cory closed with prayer

Meeting was adjourned

Next meeting will be July 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Forstrom, Clerk

July Blessing Box – Kinship of Martin County



Kinship

For the month of July, we will be focusing our attention on **Kinship of Martin County**.

The mission of Kinship of Martin County is: **To improve lives by establishing quality relationships between individuals and caring volunteers for the purpose of promoting stability, support, friendship, and healthy community through mentoring.**

There are so many young people in our county that need our help; that need caring, loving people in their lives. In July you have the chance to help these young people by donating to the blessing box offering. All money collected will go to an emergency fund at Kinship. This fund is used when life throws these families curves they just can't handle. This fund gives them the little bit of help they sometimes need to keep their family together. This is our chance to help make a difference in their young lives.

As you go through the month, pray for these families and consider sharing your many blessings with them.

Visit Kinship's website: <http://www.kinshipofmartincounty.com/home> or their Facebook page: @fairmontareakinship

INTERESTED IN BEING A MENTOR? **READ ON!**

POSITION:

Fairmont Area Kinship Mentor

PURPOSE:

To be a healthy role model & companion to a child

DUTIES:

- *Responsible for initiating weekly contacts with a child
- *Be consistent in meeting date; contacting the child with changes in planned meetings
- *Maintain ongoing monthly contact/consultation with the Kinship staff; sharing concerns, highlights, and ideas

SKILLS REQUIRED:

- *Dependability and enthusiasm
- *Wide variety of interests
- *Transportation and time to spend once a week with a child
- *Nonjudgmental attitude
- *Love for children

TIME REQUIRED:

3-6 hours/month. Weekly contact of 1 hour is desired but if you cannot meet, keep in touch by phone, mail or email. Time spent with your mentee will vary according to the contacts and activities you choose.

TIME MENTORING IS DONE:

After school hours or on weekends, negotiable with the Kinship child and his or her parent/s.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

July 1

Diaconate: Carolyn Thompson
Head Usher: Robbin Celandier
Reader: Ellen Germain
Greeters: Lorin & Joy Pollock

July 8

Diaconate: Carolyn Thompson
Head Usher: Eric B. Johnson
Reader: Joann Eisenbarger
Greeters: Tranna Urban & Dolores Gronewald

July 15

Diaconate: Carolyn Thompson
Head Usher: Randy & Pat Rowan
Reader: Margo Weaver
Greeters: Don & Shelby Marks

July 22

Diaconate: Carolyn Thompson
Head Usher: Byron Phillips
Reader: Cathy Celandier
Greeters: Christina and Paige Hainy

July 29

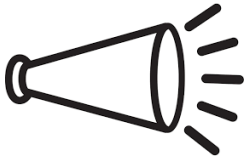
Diaconate: Carolyn Thompson
Head Usher: Larry Thompson
Reader: Carolyn Thompson
Greeters: Sherry Larson and Mary Don



First Congregational UCC—Fairmont has again joined forces with other area churches and organizations to help fight hunger this summer. The group formed last year and handed out over 3600 sandwiches in Fairmont last summer. We are expanding the program this year with additional sandwich stops at several locations throughout the city. Several churches will serve as sandwich stops during their office hours, expanding the times sandwiches are available. Look for the Summer Hunger logo to identify sandwich stops.

Sandwich handouts will continue at Veteran’s Park and the apartments on Johnson Street on Tuesday and Thursday noon. Our Mission Board has committed to making sandwiches and handing them out for the month of July. A **sandwich build will be held Sunday, July 8, 7 pm**, following the evening church service. We will need **volunteers to hand out sandwiches** every Tuesday and Thursday during July from 12:15—12:45 pm. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of the church, let a mission board member know, sign up on-line at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CADAB29A1FD0-summer>, or contact Kay Campe 507-236-9097 kcampe@riw2000.com.

Please consider helping with this important mission!!



SAVE the DATES
for our

50th Anniversary Party

(1868 - 2018)

Rejoice, Reconnect, and Remember

Saturday, September 22, 2018

A variety talent show in Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm

Popcorn & Root Beer will be served

Don't be SHY! Sign up with Joyce Jorgenson at 507-236-1164 or jorgensonjoyce@gmail.com

Guided Tours of our Church Building will follow the program

Sunday, September 23, 2018

10:30 Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

Noon meal in the Fellowship Hall

(More specific details are in the planning stages)

* As of this writing, these are our tentative plans in outline form

The planning committee still needs your help:

- 1) Ideas for a time capsule to be opened in 2043 (our 175th Anniversary) - send to julieandartelliot@gmail.com
- 2) Names of members who have been at First Congregational UCC for 50 years *or longer*
- 3) We are missing photos of more recent confirmation students (your photo will be scanned & returned to you)
- 4) We would like to invite former clergy, members, and friends of the church to celebrate with us. Please invite those you may still keep in touch with, and let the Sesquicentennial Committee know.

(a sign-up sheet for you to complete with contact information is on the table in the Narthex.)

God is STILL Speaking!!

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MEMORIAL GIVING

Date	Memory/Honor of	Donor Designation	Family Designation	From
20-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Organ		Everett & Lela Hanning
20-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Starfish		A.F. Hartmann
20-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Starfish		Wanda Johnson
20-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Starfish		MaryDon Kislingbury
20-May	Memory of Terri Joerg			Eloise Lidke
20-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation			Kevin & Kelly Moller
20-May	Memory of Peggy Heinrich			Lyle & Charlene Norris
20-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Music		Virginia Riedesel
20-May	Larry & Carolyn Thompson Anniversary			Margaret Weaver
20-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Starfish		Margaret Weaver
20-May	Tom & Kathy Jorgensen Anniversary			Margaret Weaver
3-Jun	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Summer Hunger		Clifford & Joanne Eisenbarger
3-Jun	Memory of Roger Charlton			Doug & Marilyn Forstrom
3-Jun	Memory of Roger Charlton			Eloise Lidke
3-Jun	Memory of Peggy Heinrich	Starfish		Craig Nelson
3-Jun	Memory of Roger Charlton			Lyle & Charlene Norris
3-Jun	John & Sherry Larson Anniversary			Margaret Weaver
3-Jun	Memory of Roger Charlton			Melva Lou Tonne
17-Jun	Memory of Roger Charlton	Starfish		Margaret Weaver



Alfred Tennyson



Interview



RUTH ANN KAKELDY JONES INTERVIEW

Ruth Ann Jones, daughter of Otto "Mike" and Ruth Kakeldy is a third generation member of First Congregational. Her maternal grandparents, the Bornholdts, were early members and like her mother, Ruth, Ruth Ann was "born and bred" in this church. She and her husband, George, are proud that their son Tim is a fourth generation member. Her aunt, Mabel Benson, was also a long time member.

She was confirmed in 1951 by the Reverend Everett Manes, and was married and Tim baptized by Pastor Manes. She recalls teaching Sunday School together with Aileen Stougaard when their children were young. Ruth Ann has been very active in women's association work, in worship committee, and with many other activities throughout the years. It is known that if there is a job to be done, that Ruth Ann will step up!

Asked what feels special about our church, she is quick to say that she loves the music, especially at Christmas. It is reasonable to expect that her favorite hymns are "Silent Night" and "O Holy Night",

along with "How Great Thou Art". With the support of members at the time of her parents' death and serving often for funeral luncheons, she feels that special time of service is very important and meaningful for her and others.

Recognizing the need for finding and encouraging new members seems to be a significant need for the Joneses. Ruth Ann smiled as she said, "We've made it through some tough times, and we're still here. We stayed together and survived turmoil and we're good."

It is members like Ruth Ann and George and their families before them who have shared their faith, and weathered storms that continue to give First Congregational (UCC) the strength and commitment to share in word and deed God's calling for us.

We are truly grateful for the heritage Ruth Ann and her family share with us.

As we celebrate our 150 years, it seems a good idea to talk with some of our members who were raised in the church, were confirmed here, and remain active members. We are blessed to hear that history, and to celebrate the heritage of three and four generations of devoted members.

Three generations of cooks in Ruth Ann Jones' family have been well known for their baking. Two recipes are Ruth Ann's favorites.



Fresh Apple Cake

4 c. peeled and diced apples	$\frac{1}{2}$ c. salad oil
2 eggs	2 c. flour
2 c. sugar	2 t. soda
2 t. cinnamon powder	1 t. baking powder

Break eggs over apples. Stir and add sugar, cinnamon, oil and nuts (optional). Mix flour, soda, baking powder and salt. Pour into greased and floured 9 x 13 pan. Sprinkle topping over cake. Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes.

Topping: $\frac{1}{2}$ t. cinnamon, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. brown sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. nuts.

Rhubarb may be substituted for the apples.

Banana Bread

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. flour
3 T. oil
1 c. sugar (brown)
 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. milk
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. baking powder
1 egg
1 t. salt
1 c. mashed banana
 $\frac{1}{2}$ t. vanilla
1 c. nuts, finely chopped



Measure all ingredients into large bowl, stir just until mixed. Grease and flour 9x 5 x 3 loaf pan, and pour batter into it. Bake 55 to 60 minutes at 350 degrees.



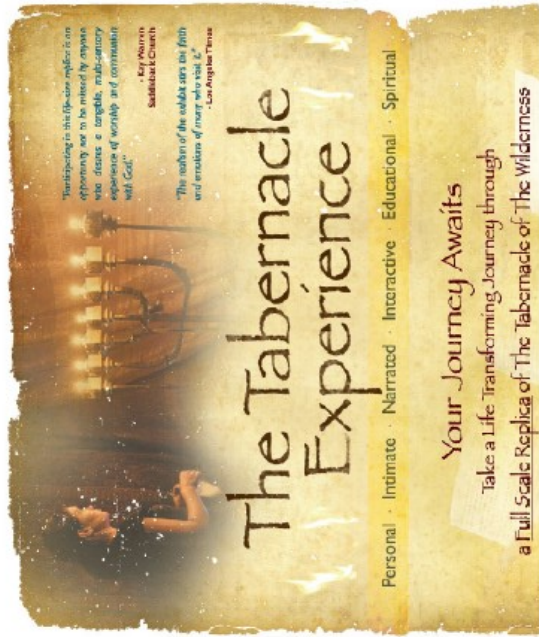
Attention Adventurers!

The Adventure Group needs you to join us for an August wilderness backpacking trip to Badlands National Park in South Dakota and Cloud Peak Wilderness in eastern Wyoming.

This five day, four night adventure to God's country is open to anyone 12 and older who is willing to sleep on the ground (and substitute a clear mountain lake for a shower!) We will leave no earlier than August 1st and return no later than August 8th, with the group deciding the exact dates. No experience necessary and all equipment provided. \$50 fee. Does backpacking, trout fishing, magnificent scenery, camp cooking, and learning new outdoor skills interest you? Join us and bring a friend!

Look for more information at the church or contact Jon Neitzel 236-3317 or Eric Johnson 236-1456.

Coming Soon



Coming to Albert Lea in

September 2018

Friday, September 14th
through

Sunday, September 23rd

Freeborn County Fairgrounds

1031 Bridge Ave.
Albert Lea MN

The Tabernacle Experience is an opportunity to have an Encounter with the Living God!

*Individual Contribution: \$6.00
(Children: \$3.00)*

The Finance Board would like to thank all those who made pies, supplied pork, supplied pie ingredients and worked at the Pie and Ice Cream Social.

Thank you to the customers as well. The event was a success.
Thank you all.

Kevin Moller

In light of a recent break-in attempt, please be vigilant in making sure all outside doors and windows are locked after any church activities.

THANK YOU!

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SAYS

Thank You!

To the members of

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

For your 2017 contribution of

\$10,000

For Basic Support of

Our Church's Wider Mission

John C. Dornhauser
General Minister and President
United Church of Christ

Shawn Ruskeman
Conference Minister





Golf ^{Love} the Kids



MONDAY · JULY 9TH, 2018
 INTERLAKEN GOLF COURSE
 FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA



We see the hope and potential in every young person!

REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM CAPTAIN: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 SHIRT SIZE: _____

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TOURNAMENT FEE

EARLY BIRD \$150 PER GOLFER
 TILL JUNE 15TH, 2018
 AFTER JUNE 15TH, 2018 - \$165

THIS INCLUDES

18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART
 LUNCH & DINNER
 PRIZES AND MORE!

MONDAY · JULY 9TH, 2018

INTERLAKEN GOLF COURSE
 FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

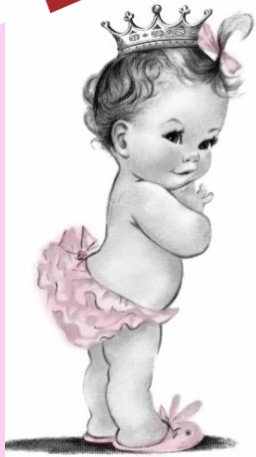
JUNE 30TH, 2018

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:00 - 12:30 PM
 CHECK-IN AND LUNCH
 12:15 PM
 GOLF CLINIC
 1:00 PM
 SHOTGUN START
 5:30 PM
 BANQUET DINNER AND AWARDS

An adult paying player
 may bring up to 3
 Jr. or Sr. High School
 student for 1/2 price (17.5 ea)

For more information: call - 507-235-6016 or email - Regalven@gmail.com



ANNOUNCING:
 Wilhelmina Dianna Marushin
 Born May 5th to James and Megan Marushin
 Weighing 6 lb 11 oz

UPDATE:
 The Lawn Mower has been
 Delivered!

Thank you for your donations,
 Bringing our outstanding
 balance total to \$1180.

Your donations are very
 much appreciated.



JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
 Friday, July 20th by 9:00 a.m.
 Please remember the deadline with
 schedule changes also.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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 JEFF
 KEANE

**"If you really want them to grow fast,
 you hafta say a prayer to
 your gardening angel."**

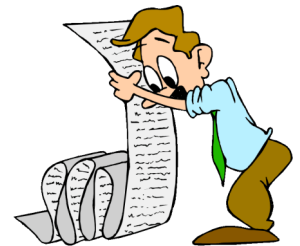
**HYVEE &
 FAREWAY RECEIPTS**

\$3,864 worth of Fareway
 slips were received or
 2.51% of the total need-
 ed. Fareway is now at
 90.23% of the goal, or
 \$135,344 of the \$150,000
 goal. At this rate, it will
 still take about three
 months to reach the goal.

Keep those slips com-
 ing. Even older slips can
 still be used as well as
 those where the gas was
 only \$0.18, yes, free gas
 except for the point 9
 cents per gallon and two
 older gas receipts were
 turned in with that
 amount.

- Jim Bock

\$20,049 worth of Hy-Vee
 slips were received or
 13.36% of the total need-
 ed. Hy-Vee is now at
 93.62% of the goal, or
 \$140,496 of the \$150,000
 goal. At the rate you are
 turning in the receipts, the
 goal will be reached some-
 time in July.



The above is a report of
 the five weeks between
 the 13th of May and the
 17th of June 2018.

Happy Anniversary



July Anniversaries

July 6, 1963	Lyle & Charlene Norris 55 years
July 9, 2011	Jason & Amber Brummond 7 Years
July 13, 1957	Roger & Marian Buchan 61 years
July 14, 1990	Jon & Terry Riggs 28 years
July 17, 2004	Mark & Margo Becker 14 years
July 20, 2002	Tracy & Jessi Kotewa 16 years
July 21, 2001	Brad & Vonnie Cone 17 years
July 22, 1995	Lorin & Joy Pollock 23 years
July 22, 1985	Jeff & Nanci Skog 33 years
July 25, 2015	Troy & Jenna Smith 3 years
July 26, 2014	Matt & Brittany Goerndt 4 years
July 27, 1974	Mark & Rita Craven 44 years
July 30, 1983	Dave & Cindy Martens 35 years

July Birthdays

July 1	Roger Lindell
July 3	Catherine Johnson
July 4	Judie Orr
July 9	Ken Howes
July 10	Julie Elliott
July 11	Sydney Hainy
July 12	Pat Rowan
July 14	Margo Weaver
July 15	Marilyn Forstrom
July 15	Kevin Moller
July 15	Emily Rose Cain
July 17	Haley Harder
July 18	Shelby Marks
July 19	Joy Rachuy
July 19	Abby Shoen
July 20	Kelly Moller
July 21	Alex Neitzel
July 21	Sarah Wannarka
July 24	Nicholas Thate
July 25	Robbin Celandar
July 26	Cheryl Ashland
July 26	Dolores Gronewald
July 27	Renae Vetter
July 28	Whytnie Goerndt
July 30	Melissa Neitzel
July 30	Asia Gilbertson
July 31	Courtney Grefe