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Worship Hours

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

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			1 5:15 Worship Board 5:30 Finance Board	2	3	4
S Communion 9:30 Worship	9	7 10:00 Lakeview Communion	8 5:30 Missions Board	9 7:00 Facilities Board	10	11
12 9:30 Worship	13 Pastor Cory out through Aug 18th	14 6:30 CE Board	15 5:30 Church Council	16	17 Newsletter Submission Deadline 9:00 am	18
19 9:30 Worship	20	21 10:00 Goldfinch Communion	22	23	24	25
26 Blessing Box Collection Heaven's Table Backpack Program 9:30 Worship	27 Parent To Parent 4:30-7:00	28	29 5:30 Free Comm Meal	30 9:30 Women's Bible Study	31 Jeu	nark sun alendar

August Blessing Box – Backpack Program

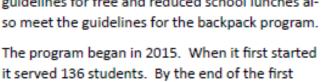


Heaven's Table offers a backpack program for needy children in Martin County's public schools, including Martin County West, Truman, Fairmont and Granada-Huntley-East Chain. The food shelf bags food for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.





Children who come from families that meet the guidelines for free and reduced school lunches also meet the guidelines for the backpack program.



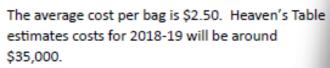
year, that number increased to 256. In the 2017-

18 school year, Heaven's Table packed food for about 350 kids in Martin County each week. The bags are distributed by the schools on Fridays before the children go home for the weekend. Teachers discreetly place the bags in the backpacks of participating students.





The bags include kid-friendly meals and snacks that are easy for kids to prepare over the weekend, including two main courses, two breakfast items, two drinks, and four to five snack items. The food shelf tries to include items that are as nutritionally-balanced as possible.



Our blessing box offering for August will go to help support this program. Please prayerfully consider your donation to this important area mission.

Remember, don't just count your blessings . . . share them!



PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

August 5

Diaconate: Carolyn Thompson Head Usher: Doug Forstrom Reader: Dr. Alice Maday

Greeters: Jim & Megan Marushin

August 12

Diaconate: Carolyn Thompson Head Usher: Brad Cone

Reader: Joy Pollock

Greeters: John & Cindy Anderson

August 19

Diaconate: Carolyn Thompson Head Usher: Bill Cowing Reader: Tara Theden

Greeters: Don & Shelby Marks

August 26

Diaconate: Carolyn Thompson Head Usher: Cory Hainy Reader: Abigail Roiger

Greeters: Joe & Morgan Christensen

I will be making out the new list for Ushers, Readers and Greeters. If you are not on the list and would like to participate, please let me know.

If you want your name off the list, also let me know.

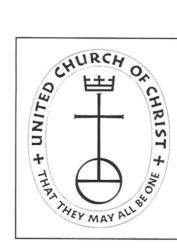
Thanks, Joyce Jorgenson

SUMMER

THE TWO
SHOULD NEVER
MIX!

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Sandwich handouts will continue at Veteran's Park and the apartments on Johnson Street on Tuesday and Thursday noon. We will need **volunteers to hand out sandwiches** every Tuesday and Thursday **during August** 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.



ROCK°4GES

1st Congregational United Church of Christ

Celebrating **150** Years 1868 - 2018

Anniversary Service

Special Meal to Follow

September 23, 2018

10:30 am Sunday

First Congregational UCC Sanctuary

We encourage all members to invite everyone with ties to First Congregational UCC, Fairmont to come reconnect with each other . . . that includes YOU!!

First Congregational United Church of Christ

319 Downtown Plaza Fairmont, MN

Reconnect, Recommit, Remember.

This will be a time to catch up with old friends . . . and to make new ones!

Anniversary Variety Show

Light Meal to Follow along with Tours of the Church

September 22, 2018

3:00 pm Saturday

First Congregational UCC Heritage Hall If you would like to come, but need help with **transportation** or other special needs, please call the church office at 507-235-5382.

If you would like a **visit** from the Pastor or the Care Team, please call the church office at 507-235-5382 or Pastor Cory at 507-848-7305



We will be having an ALUMNI **choir** for the day. If you'd like to participate, please call Joyce Jorgenson at 507-236-1164.

We would LOVE to reconnect with you. If you can't make it to church on September 22nd or 23rd, you can still reconnect with your church family. Send us a greeting and let us know what you are up to; a photo or two would be extra great!

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Email: <u>UCC319@frontiernet.net</u> Website: <u>www.fairmontucc.org</u>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/firstcongofairmontmn

Drop us a line and let us know if you are coming. Check Facebook for updates and messages from others!



Rock of Ages—Celebrating 150 Years

During the next few months, leading up to the church's anniversary celebration, the Mission Board would like to focus on the mission of the **Starfish Fund**. This fund demonstrates the *love, faith and compassion* First Congregational UCC has demonstrated for 150 years.

Our blessing box offering for September will go to the Starfish Fund. In honor of the "Rock of Ages" theme for our celebration, Elaine Zoeller made a beautiful cross stitch to share with our congregation. We will be selling \$5.00 raffle tickets for a chance to win the picture. The picture will be available for viewing at the church during August and September. The drawing will be held during the anniversary celebration, Sunday, September 23. All proceeds will go to the Starfish Fund. Tickets will be available at the church or thru any Mission Board member.

Contact the church office with any questions. You won't want to miss a chance at winning this beauty for a lasting memory of our wonderful church family!





Get your Anniversary Shirt!!

We will have **blue anniversary shirts for sale**, carrying the 150th Anniversary logo. Get your order in by calling the

church office or signing up on the back table at church. We will be taking a group photo the day of the anniversary; wouldn't it look impressive if we all wore our shirts?!?

Hurry . . . You won't want to miss out!

MEMORIAL GIVING



Alfred Tennyson

Date	Memory/Honor of	Donor Designation	Family Designation	From
6-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Starfish		Cindy & Jon Anderson
6-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Music		Dolores Gronewald
6-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Starfish		Jane Kotewa
6-May	Memory of Peggy Heinrich	Organ		Roger & Marabelle Lindell
6-May	Memory of Peggy Heinrich			Virginia Riedesel
6-May	Kevin & Kelly Moller Anniversary			Margaret Weaver
6-May	Jim & Barb Bock Anniversary		Endowment Fund	Margaret Weaver
13-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Starfish		Tim & Kay Campe
13-May	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Capital		Roger & Marabelle Lindell
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

MEMORIAL GIVING



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Date	Memory/Honor of	Donor Designation	Family Designation	From
1-Jul	Roger Lindell Birthday	Starfish		Alice Maday
1-Jul	Honor of Pastor Cory Germain's Installation	Starfish		Joy & Lorin Pollock
1-Jul	JR & Jane Kotewa Anniversary	Starfish		Margaret Weaver
1-Jul	Everett & Lee Hanning Anniversary		Summer Hunger	Margaret Weaver
8-Jul	Roger Lindell Birthday			Doug & Marilyn Forstrom
8-Jul	Memory of Bob Meschke	Music		Dolores Gronewald
8-Jul	Roger Lindell Birthday	Starfish		Dolores Gronewald
8-Jul	Roger Lindell Birthday			MaryDon Kislingbury
8-Jul	Roger Lindell Birthday	Starfish		Jane Kotewa
8-Jul	Memory of Bob Meschke	Organ		Alice Maday
8-Jul	Roger Lindell Birthday			Margaret Weaver
8-Jul	Jim & Kay Hough Anniversary			Margaret Weaver
8-Jul	Steve & Tranna Urban Anniversary			Margaret Weaver
15-Jul	Memory of Bob Meschke	Starfish		Janine & Steve Draper
15-Jul	Memory of Mike Draper	Starfish		Janine & Steve Draper
15-Jul	Memory of Tommy Dean Krommenhoek II	Starfish		Janine & Steve Draper
15-Jul	Roger Lindell Birthday	Organ		A.F. Hartmann
15-Jul	Memory of Bob Meschke	Music		Roger & Marabelle Lindell
15-Jul	Memory of Peggy Heinrich	Organ		Alice Maday
15-Jul	Roger Lindell Birthday			Kevin & Kelly Moller
15-Jul	Memory of Bob Meschke			Margaret Weaver
15-Jul	Honor of Greg Brolsma	Kinship		Margaret Weaver
22-Jul	Memory of Bob Meschke			Barbara & William Bittman
22-Jul	Honor of Greg Brolsma	Kinship		Tim & Kay Campe
22-Jul	Honor of Greg Brolsma	Kinship		Wanda Johnson
22-Jul	Margo Weaver Birthday	Music		Roger & Marabelle Lindell
22-Jul	Honor of Greg Brolsma	Kinship		Joy & Lorin Pollock
22-Jul	Honor of Greg Brolsma	Kinship		Jeffrey & Renae Vetter
22-Jul	Margo Weaver Birthday		Starfish	Jerry & Sherry Voyles
22-Jul	Marilyn Forstrom Birthday			Margaret Weaver
22-Jul	Honor of Greg Brolsma	Kinship		Robbin & Cathy Celander
22-Jul	Honor of Greg Brolsma	Kinship		Pat Cowing
22-Jul	Honor of Greg Brolsma	Kinship		MaryDon Kislingbury
22-Jul	Memory of Bob Meschke			Lyle & Betty Spitzack
22-Jul	Honor of Greg Brolsma	Kinship		Tranna Urban





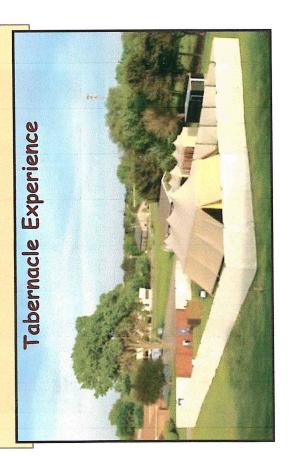
Coming Soon

The *Albert Lea Area Christian Events* team would like to thank you for supporting this project with prayer, attending our fundraisers, volunteering, and your generous donations. It takes months of preparation to bring the Tabernacle Experience to Albert Lea. We know that all of the effort will be worth it for the blessings it will bring.

For more information or if you would be interested in volunteering at the Tabernacle Experience in September 2018, please contact us at: alchristianevents@gmail.com. You can also call Tammy @ 507-377-2903 or Sue @ 507-320-5756.

For more information about the Tabernacle Experience, explore the website at: TabernacleExperience.com

Please help spread the word that the Tabernacle Experience is coming to Albert Lea, MN.



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



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!

The Tabernacle Experience is a life size tabernacle as through the duties and rituals within the Tabernacle in the days of Moses. The audio narration takes you with all activities pointing to Jesus.

It is truly a personal experience with the Living God.



experience a day in the life of an Old Testament priest as you engage in the duties and rituals within the One step inside the Tabernacle Courtyard will translate you into Old Testament times. You will Tabernacle.



lay your sacrifice on it's Burnt Offering you will "clothed" in the White Linen Garment of the priest. At the Altar of First you will be consuming fire.



wash your hands in preparation You'll approach the Laver and for the work of the Lord.



you of your prayers ascending to the very throne of God. Altar of Incense will heighten your senses and remind participate in Communion at The Table of Bread. The At the Lampstand you will light an oil lamp and



Holy Place, your journey will culminate before the Ark of As you draw back the Curtain and enter The Most The Covenant and The Mercy Seat.

us is evident in every aspect of The Tabernacle. His plan among us is evident. This historic illustration brings a deeper understanding of our salvation through Christ. Lord's profound Love, Compassion, and Mercy toward for our redemption is revealed and His desire to live Experience is individual, private, and intimate. The Tabernacle Experience is simple, yet profound. The The narrated journey through the Tabernacle

American Cancer Society PO Box 22358 Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1358



Thank you for your recent gift to Relay For Life® to help fight cancer. Your lifesaving gift gives hope for the future.

First Congregational United Church of Christ 319 Downtown Plz Fairmont, MN 56031-1713

July 16, 2018

Dear First Congregational United Church of Christ,

Thank you for helping make the Relay For Life event a success. Together, we honored all cancer survivors and remembered loved ones lost. Because of your support, we're able to take action against this terrible disease.

You are helping boost our efforts to provide patient programs and services, emotional support, and trusted information for those facing a cancer diagnosis – and their families. And you're helping lead the fight to end cancer for our loved ones by supporting vital research.

We're so grateful for your support.

Your gift is helping us save lives. In fact, thanks in part to medical advances supported by American Cancer Society donors like you, cancer death rates are the lowest they've been in decades.

Together, we've come so far. Your gift makes all the difference.

First Congregational United Church of Christ, with your help, we're making breakthroughs against cancer. And now we hope to double our research investment to discover better treatments, find cures, and save more lives.

Thank you again for helping save lives and lead the fight to end cancer.

We deeply appreciate all you do.

With sincere thanks,

David J. Benson

Executive Vice President

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July 16, 2018

First Congregational United Church of Christ 319 Downtown Plaza

Fairmont, MN 56031-1773

Dear Ministry Partners at First Congregational United Church of Christ,

Mission (OCWM). Your gifts to OCWM allow us to multiply the impact of our Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$833.00 to Our Church's Wider shared ministry across the Minnesota Conference.

How do your gifts to OCWM strengthen the ministry of the whole Church?

'Support congregations and clergy in crisis

*Offer renewal programs to congregations struggling to see a way forward *Accompany persons discerning a call to ministr

Provide training and leadership development opportunities to clergy and lay *Lift a collective, prophetic voice on matters of justice and social concern *Provide a system of accountability and support for clergy and churches

Ensure the presence and witness of the Church in nations across the globe persons

*Offer exciting faith formation opportunities at Pilgrim Point Camp and across *Assist congregations in their search for a new pastor

Church of Christ. There's so much more we can accomplish together than we could ever do alone. Thank you for your giving to OCWM and for all that it Doing this work as partners is part of the covenant we share in the United makes possible. We are the Church......together!

With gratitude for your gifts,

Reverend Shari Prestemon

Thank you for your

Conference Minister





DEAR PARTNERS IN REACHING YOUTH IN THE MARTIN COUNTY AREA,

when he said that! He also said he was still involved in a church. It is just a few blocks fun times he had here, and then told me it was here that he had put his trust in Jesus' been here many times before he graduated two years ago. He talked about all the death and resurrection. He called the Lighthouse his "spiritual birthplace". I smiled Yesterday, a young man walked into the Lighthouse. Les* came because he had from where he goes to college.

classes in school. I was so pleased to see that the ministry of Youth For Christ has a Even though I was not on staff when Les came here often, I remembered him from lasting impact on the lives of young people. That impact continues. Kids are at the Lighthouse several afternoons each week, and there are young people in various YFC camps throughout the summer. We do all of this (and more!) so we can model and share Jesus with them!

All this cannot happen without your help. We would be so grateful for your financial support or advocacy! No amount is too small - it all adds up and makes a big difference as we reach one life at a time! \$25 a month makes a great impact! Please return your gift in the enclosed envelope.

Giving Thanks for Your Partnership,

Chuck Rudolph

Area Director, Martin County Youth For Christ

P.S. Now you can recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds go. Since 2010, more than \$370 million has been distributed to churches and grant funding from Thrivent. If you have Choice Dollars available, you can direct the funds to South Central MN Youth For Christ. Your Thrivent Choice funds will help to continue impactful, sustainable youth ministry in Martin County. Please contact our nonprofits nationwide. Martin County Youth For Christ can now receive charitable administrative office at 507.373.1015 to let them know the amount that has been name has been changed

South Central Minnesota Youth For Christ is a qualified 501(c)(3) tax-exem organization and donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law

The Lighthouse | 213 Downtown Plaza | Fairmont, MN 56031 | Administrative Office | 116 West Clark St | Albert Lea, MN 56007

HYVEE & FAREWAY RECEIPTS

Well, we did it. As I wrote last month, I felt that the \$150,000 goal would be met sometime in July for Hy-Vee. It was met the week ending 15 July 2018 and the slips were turned into Hy-Vee on Monday the 16th. It took 42 weeks to get the goal for the 9th time.

During these four weeks, \$12,785.78 (8.52%) worth of Hy-Vee slips were turned in. This gets us started on the 10th \$150,000 goal, with \$3,282.40 or 2.19% already.

During the same four weeks, \$3,207.54 worth of Fareway slips were received or 2.13% of the total needed. Fareway is now at 92.37% of the goal, or \$138,551.27 of the \$150,000 goal. At this rate, it will still take about three months to reach the goal. The above amount has been collected over 146 weeks.

It took 4,512 slips to get the \$150,000 this time. It has taken between 4,400 to 4,800 slips each time for Hy-Vee. The amount of slips from Fareway is over 5,555 at this time.

Keep those slips coming. 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.

The last two weeks, gum has been in the slips. Last week wrapped at the

bottom of a Hy-Vee receipt and this week in a Shopko register slip. Please be careful not to deposit gum with your receipts. Thank you.

- Jim Bock



35th Annual Bazaar & Bake Sale Friday, August 10 7:30-10:30am

Egg Bake, Coffee Cake, Fruit Cup & Coffee will be served



Baked Goods



Garden Produce



Handmade Crafts



St. John's UCC
Cookbooks

St. John's United Church of Christ 301 North Main St Fairmont MN

September NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Friday, August 17th by 9:00 a.m.
Please remember the deadline with schedule





August Birthdays

Aug. 1, 1979	Tabb & Molly Meyer 39 years
Aug. 3, 1974	Art & Julie Elliott 44 years
Aug. 12, 2000	Eric & Rowena Johnson 18 years
Aug. 12, 1956	George & Ruth Ann Jones 62 years
Aug. 13, 2011	Billy & Jenna McAlister 7 years
Aug. 26, 1989	David & Deb Adams 29 years
Aug. 28, 1982	Mike & Lori Thate 36 years

Aug. 31, 1969

Doug & Darla Guritz 49 years

August Anniversaries

Aug. 1	Tim Campe
_	Paige Hainy
Aug. 4	Marabelle Lindell
J	Lance Willard
	Byron Phillips
Aug. 5	Darla Guritz
rag. c	Matthew Cone
Aug. 6	Mary Don Kislingbury
rag. o	Bob Neusch
	Jeff Grefe
Aug. 7	Tyler Harder
Aug. 7	Tracy Votowa
4	Tracy Kotewa
Aug. 8	Kris Ziemer
Aug. 9	Britney Goerndt
Aug. 10 Aug. 11	John Larson
Aug. 11	Donna Holstine
Aug. 13	Deb Adams
	Amanda Cain
Aug. 15	Preston Rachuy-Davis
Aug. 18	Virginia Charlton
	Mark Grotte
Aug. 19	Abigail Roiger
Aug. 20 Aug. 23 Aug. 24	Karen Cone
Aug. 23	Alexa Steele
Aug. 24	Art Elliott
3	T.J. Hawkins
	Bennett Draper
	Liz King
Aug. 25	Cindy Huset
Aug. 26	Hanna Goerndt
Aug. 27	Greg Ashland
Aug. 27	Aubrey Lesch
Aug. 28	Aubrey Lasch Linda Meschke
Aug. 28	Barb Pitcher
Aug 21	
Aug. 31	Ann Meckes
	Beth Massey