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Rev. Cory's phone: 507-848-7305

Worship Hours

Worship 10:30

Communion the first Sunday of every month.

Rev Cory Germain

Pastor

Ann Osborn

Administrative Assistant



Sat	6 2:00-4:00 Mildred Brodt's 100th Birthday Celebration	13	20	27	makes everything became in its time. Ecdesiastes 3:11
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Thu	4	11 5:00 Hospitality Brd 7:00 Facilities Board	18	25 9:30 Bible Study	
Wed	3 5:15 Worship Board 6:00 Diaconate 7:00 Choir Practice	5:30 Mission Board 6:30 CE Board 7:00 Choir Practice	5:00 Finance Board 5:30 Church Council 7:00 Choir Practice	24 5:30 Free Comm Meal 7:00 Choir Practice	31 7:00 Choir Practice
Tue	2	9 10:00 Lakeview Communion	16 10:00 Goldfinch Communion	23	30
Mon	1 6:30-8:30 pm UHD Hospice Grief Support Group	8 6:30-8:30 pm UHD Hospice Grief Support Group	15 6:30-8:30 pm UHD Hospice Grief Support Group	4:30-7:00 Parent To Parent 6:30-8:30 pm UHD Hospice Grief Support Group	29 6:30-8:30 pm UHD Hospice Grief Support Group
Sun		7 Communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	14 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	21 MEA Break No Sunday School 10:30 Worship	28 Reformation Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Blessing Box Collection Neighbors in Need

The Reverend's Ruminations



Fall is beginning to fall all around us! The leaves already show hints of their brilliant colors, the children are back in school, and the farmers are beginning to work at harvest amid the wild weather swings that make Minnesota so fun.

As you read this, our Christian Education year is also in full swing after a slight delay to prepare for, and participate in, the activities that made our sesquicentennial celebration such a rousing success. The second-year confirmation class has resumed on Wednesday afternoons, and our Sunday school classrooms are abuzz with students enjoying the continuation of their Christian journey alongside new and old classmates and teachers. We can always find ways for more adults to help, so if you're available on Sunday mornings at 9:15 we'll gladly plug you into the activities! Any nieces, nephews, grandchildren, or neighbors that are looking for a church home are certainly welcome too, and a word of encouragement from you might be just what they need!

Don't forget that we have an adult Sunday school class at 9:15 as well! Join us for coffee and Bible study in the chapel. This fall we'll be looking at the book of Genesis, and learning of God's ways in the world. We'll examine the beginnings of the human race, as well as the origins of our faith in God. The women's Bible study group also continues to meet on the fourth Thursday morning of each month at 9:30. If you haven't had a chance to enjoy their discussion of *Parables from the Back Side*, you really should join them for an engaging alternate look at some of Jesus' most familiar parables.

As I looked up a section of Paul's Second Letter to Timothy recently, I felt myself drawn first to his opening greeting. It was almost as if he were writing on my behalf to this very congregation! The names, as they say, have been changed to protect the innocent (or removed, along with verse 4 in this case) from **2 Timothy 1:3-7**:

"I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother...and your mother...and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you...for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." (NRSV)

The part about a familial tradition of faith passed down through generations initially grabbed my attention, as I thought of the 150 years of worship and service celebrated on September 22 and 23, but Paul's example of continual prayer and his challenge to rekindle "the gift of God that is within you" got me thinking that sometimes all of us need encouragement to rekindle and reengage the faith practices with which we've long been familiar. I hope that you, too, remember fellow members of your congregation in prayer.

Christianity, as I hope you've realized, is not just a Sunday morning activity! It is a part of your life that should know no bounds. Prayer is a powerful thing, and many in our congregation can attest to its amazing results in their lives or the life of a friend or relative. Would you consider becoming a member of our prayer chain? We have a dedicated bunch who lift up immediate concerns when notified, but could always use more. If you are interested in joining them, give Carolyn Thompson, Marilyn Forstrom, or me a call.

Yours in Christ's service,

Rev. Cory Germain

First Congregational UCC

Fairmont, MN

Council Minutes for September 19, 2018

Present: Julie Elliott, Moderator; Dean Grotte, Facilities; MaryDon Kislingbury, Missions; Cory Hainey, Diaconate; Ellen Germain, CE; Dave Meschke, Treas.; Deb Thate, Hospitality; James Marushin, Past Moderator; Ace Adams, Worship; Marilyn Forstrom, Clerk; Pastor Cory Germain

Absent: Robbin Celander, Finance

Julie opened the meeting and Pastor Germain led with devotional thoughts and prayer.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the August meeting as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Dave M. shared current financial information. We are doing fairly well with 62% of pledges paid and we are 67% through the year. He also noted that giving to mission projects over and above the budget has been nearly \$21,000. Well done! Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Cory reported on his activities for the past month. He has covered the usual responsibilities as well as a funeral and wedding. He also led a MN Nat'l Guard "Strong Bonds Marriage Enrichment Retreat" in Duluth.

Christian Ed: Ellen G. reported that Sunday School will begin 9-30, the Board approved purchase of a new curriculum, and Emma Germain will teach 3rd -7th grade.

Diaconate: Cory H. reported that the Board continues its efforts for spiritual care of our members and will serve the October Community Meal.

Facilities: Dean G. reported on the balance which remains for the new lawn mower. They are waiting for a landscape plan from Sherburn Nursery for the Rosen Garden. The organ repair company will remove the keyboard for repair beginning next week. Miscellaneous repair projects and landscaping have been completed.

Finance: The Board is working on 2018 Stewardship plan and reminds the Boards with budgeted items that work on the budget will begin soon and boards should discuss their needs and budget amount.

Hospitality: Deb T. reported that Hospitality has been cleaning, confirmed that Jodie W. and Marilyn F. will co-chair the Harvest Festival and the annual Cookie Walk will be held Nov. 30 and Dec 1.

Missions: MaryDon K. reported that their efforts are ongoing and they will begin sign up for Boards to serve Community Meals for 2019.

Worship: Ace reported that they have been making plans for decorations for the Anniversary celebration and had discussion regarding updating pew Bibles.

OLD BUSINESS

A new church use agreement form has been drawn up and will be refined and put into use with the new year. **WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A VICE CHAIR!!**

No NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Cory closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Forstrom, Clerk

Greetings from the Church Treasurer

It's been awhile since I had something in the news letter, which probably is a good thing, since when you hear from the treasurer, the news isn't usually good. Well this time it is actually pretty good, thanks to generous giving by our church family. Usually by the time we are close to the end of summer, we are short funds.

Thought I would point out a few items on the report. As of September 1, we have received 62% of the estimated giving that we had budgeted, and we are 67% of the way though the year. Pretty close to being right on the mark! We will need to watch this number so that is doesn't get too far behind, but for the end of summer, I think it's fantastic!

We have a larger than normal amount in "Designated Funds". The reason for this, in case you have not heard, is the organ is in need of some work, primarily because of a power surge that did some damage. We are getting the organ repaired, soon, and we have received some great donations and have received half of the insurance money for the repair. The work should be complete by late fall.

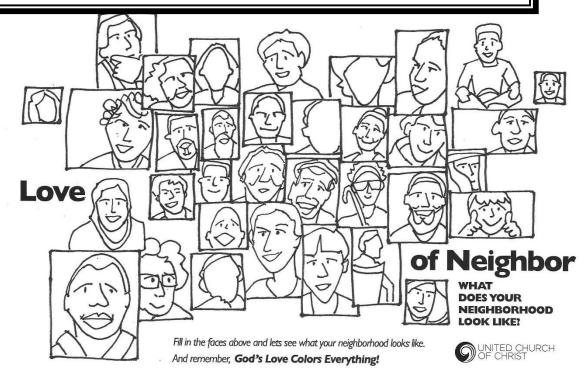
Another point to bring up is we have received almost \$21,000 for mission giving above and beyond what is in the budget for mission type giving. Thank You!

As always, if anyone has questions, feel free to contact me and I will try to help the best I can. Thank you!

David Meschke meschked@gmail.com

Firs	t Congregational	Treas	surer's repor	t			1-Aug-18
Checking							
General Accour	nt	\$	39,870.70				9/1/2018
Ор	erating Funds			\$	4,013.39		
Сар	ital Fund			\$	5,344.60		
Des	signated Funds			\$	23,096.94		
Mis	ssion Funds			\$	7,582.26		
Pay	roll Taxes			\$	(166.49)		
*** Designated Funds inc	dude Fund Raisers, Men	norials,	and are not avai	lable 1	for church operati	ons	
Investments							
Operating Rese	rve	\$	97,859.38				9/1/2018
Capital Reserve		\$	47,386.10				9/1/2018
Endowment		\$	41,821.63				9/1/2018
Parsonage		\$	16,066.78				9/1/2018
Total investmen	nt	\$	203,133.89				9/1/2018
Money Borrowed							
Capital Loan		\$	-				
Operating Loan	ı	\$	-				
Total Money Bo	orrowed	\$	-				
Offering History				nor	budget		
	Pledge	No	n-Pledge	mis	sion	capital	% of Year
2017	\$ 23,900.0	0					
January	\$ 7,225.00	0 \$	2,893.00	\$	11,321.60	\$ 1,585.00	8%
February	\$ 4,585.00	0 \$	2,043.00	\$	1,893.00	\$ 140.00	17%
March	\$ 6,700.0	0 \$	2,594.00	\$	704.00	\$ 1,541.21	25%
April	\$ 11,837.9	4 \$	4,129.00	\$	1,914.00	\$ 113.90	33%
May	\$ 8,770.0	0 \$	2,292.00	\$	897.50	\$ 130.00	42%
June	\$ 5,820.0	0 \$	1,655.00	\$	1,027.77	\$ 2,100.00	50%
July	\$ 8,875.9	9 \$	2,213.00	\$	1,176.38	\$ 5,652.00	58%
August	\$ 7,025.00	0 \$	3,374.00	\$	1,983.00	\$ 1,783.00	67%
September							75%
October							83%
November							92%
December							100%
2019							
Total Pledge Offer	ing	\$	84,738.93				
Total Non-Pledge	Offering	\$	21,193.00				_
Total Offering			105,931.93				62%
Budgeted Offering	•		170,000.00				
non-budget mission	on	\$	20,917.25				

October Blessing Box – Neighbors in Need



The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 28, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Neighbors in Need helps make A Just World Possible for All. For this to occur, it needs your support.

Please give generously. Don't just count your blessings...share them!

And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made online at anytime:

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DateMemory/Honor ofDesignationFrom19-AugMemory of Jerry VoylesDJ & David Adams19-AugMemory of Jerry VoylesStarfishCindy & Jon Anderson19-AugMemory of Jerry VoylesRollo & Sue Barnes	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Starfish Cindy & Jon Anderson	
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19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Robbin & Cathy Celander	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Robert & Janet Cone	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Marsha Donnelly	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Arthur & Julie Elliott	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Joan Engquist	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Doug & Marilyn Forstrom	
19-Aug Memory of Virginia Charlton Starfish Doug & Marilyn Forstrom	
19-Aug Memory of Laura Jaqua Starfish Doug & Marilyn Forstrom	
19-Aug Memory of Laura Jaqua Starfish Dolores Gronewald	
19-Aug Memory of Virginia Charlton Starfish Dolores Gronewald	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Donna & Dean Grotte	
Everett & Lela Hanning,	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Cliff & Joanne Eisenbarger	
George & Ruth Ann Jones	
19-Aug Anniversary Starfish Ann Hartmann	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Bonnie Johnson	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Wanda Johnson	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles MaryDon Kislingbury	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Randy & Julianne Knutson	
19-Aug Memory of Virginia Charlton Starfish Jane Kotewa	
19-Aug Memory of Laura Jaqua Starfish Jane Kotewa	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles John & Sherry Larson	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Eloise Lidke	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Capital Roger & Marabelle Lindell	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Kevin & Kelly Moller	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Gerald & Kariline Moore	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Abby Namken	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Steven & Phyllis Niehaus	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Lyle & Charlene Norris	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Byron & Becky Phillips	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Ken & Joy Rachuy	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Starfish Virginia Riedesel	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Pat & Randy Rowan	
19-Aug Memory of Laura Jaqua Starfish Pat & Randy Rowan	
19-Aug Memory of Virginia Charlton Capital Pat & Randy Rowan	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Eugene & Kim Shoemaker	
19-Aug Memory of Jerry Voyles Music Larry & Carolyn Thompson	



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19-Aug	Memory of Jerry Voyles		Mr & Mrs Michael Verdoorn
19-Aug	Memory of Jerry Voyles		Margaret Weaver
	George & Ruth Ann Jones		
19-Aug	Anniversary		Margaret Weaver
			Keith & Cheryl,
19-Aug	Memory of Jerry Voyles		Dan & Julie Barickman
19-Aug	Memory of Jerry Voyles	Starfish	Tim & Kay Campe
19-Aug	Memory of Jerry Voyles		George & Ruth Ann Jones
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Starfish	Cindy & Jon Anderson
26-Aug	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	James & Judy Barke
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Capital	Rollo & Sue Barnes
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Starfish	William Cowing
26-Aug	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	John & Judith Crooker
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	General	George & Ruth Ann Jones
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	General	Dave Meschke
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	General	Tim & Kay Campe
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	General	Elaine Zoeller
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	General	Lance & Jennifer Willard
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	General	Jim & Karen Oltman
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	General	Marsha Donnelly
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Starfish	Butch & Deb Hanning
26-Aug	Memory of Roger Pietsch	General	Joanne Eisenbarger
26-Aug	Memory of Virginia Charlton		Arthur & Julie Elliott
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Starfish	Doug & Marilyn Forstrom
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Capital	Donna & Dean Grotte
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Heaven's Table Backpack Prgm	Everett & Lela Hanning
26-Aug	Memory of Peggy Heinrich		Leslie Heinrich
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Capital	Wanda Johnson
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Starfish	Joyce Jorgenson
26-Aug	Memory of Virginia Charlton		MaryDon Kislingbury
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Capital	MaryDon Kislingbury
26-Aug	Memory of Mildred Hanlon		Joyce Knudson
26-Aug	Memory of Mildred Hanlon	Newsletter Expense	Joyce Knudson
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Starfish	Gayle Larkin
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Heaven's Table Backpack Prgm	John & Sherry Larson
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Heaven's Table Backpack Prgm	Eloise Lidke
26-Aug	Memory of Virginia Charlton		Eloise Lidke
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Capital	Roger & Marabelle Lindell
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	General	Kevin & Kelly Moller
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Heaven's Table Backpack Prgm	Lyle & Charlene Norris



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26-Aug	Memory of Bob Meschke		Lyle & Charlene Norris
26-Aug	Memory of Virginia Charlton	Starfish	Judith Orr
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	General	Byron & Becky Phillips
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26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Starfish	Joy & Lorin Pollock
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Music	Virginia Riedesel
26-Aug	Memory of Virginia Charlton	Starfish	Virginia Riedesel
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	Heaven's Table Backpack Prgm	-
26-Aug	Memory of Cliff Eisenbarger	General	Larry & Carolyn Thompson
26-Aug	Memory of Roger Pietsch	General	Larry & Carolyn Thompson
	Kris & Wendy Ziemer		
26-Aug	Anniversary	-	Margaret Weaver
26-Aug	Memory of Virginia Charlton	Starfish	Margaret Weaver
	Eric & Catherine Johnson		
26-Aug	Anniversary		Margaret Weaver
26-Aug	Memory of Virginia Charlton	Starfish	Charles & Susan Wiley
2-Sep	Memory of Mildred Hanlon	-	DJ & David Adams
2-Sep	Memory of Mark Boro		Janine & Steve Draper
2-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Kathleen Munson
2-Sep	Memory of Mildred Hanlon	Organ	Ken & Joy Rachuy
2-Sep	Memory of Mildred Hanlon	Lawn Mower	Ken & Joy Rachuy
2-Sep	Memory of Virginia Charlton	Organ	Larry & Carolyn Thompson
2-Sep	Memory of Sharon Smith	Starfish	Margaret Weaver
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Greg & Cindy Graif
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Thomas & Susan Gallagher
9-Sep	Memory of Virginia Charlton	Starfish	Barbara Honold
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Mr & Mrs Jan Jaqua
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Wanda Johnson
9-Sep	Memory of Virginia Charlton	Starfish	Joyce Knudson
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Patricia Kuderer
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Joseph & Mary Beth Kurtzman
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Eloise Lidke
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Virginia Riedesel
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Gary Style
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Margaret Weaver
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Delores, Gregory & Gary Style
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Emerge Community Dvlpmt
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Donald Ingledew
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	MaryDon Kislingbury
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Ellen Kuderer
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Doug & Cindi Bents



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9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Susie Mahoney
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Lois & Dr Dave Johnson
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Dave Wallien
9-Sep	Laura Jaqua		Co-workers at Graco Mfg.
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Sharon Guy
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Jodie Whitmore
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Al Siebert
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Jackie & Gary Diersen
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Clair Klug
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Betty Lemke
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Pam & Al Kain
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Paul Gallagher
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Brenda Henry
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Mylo Howlett
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Becky & Ron Whitmore
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Julie & Tom Sackett
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Lee & Ron Johannesen
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Patti Gowan
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Deb Geiger
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Judy Gustafson
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Deb Hanson
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Tom Donnelly
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Joyce & Del Rose
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Shari Thielges
9-Sep	Memory of Laura Jaqua	Starfish	Beck & Dave Ashbaugh
16-Sep	Memory of Elenor Lubitz	Starfish	Janine & Steve Draper

Partners in Ministry

Oct. 7

Diaconate: Eric B. Johnson Head Usher: Lorin Pollock Reader: Lee Hanning

Greeters: Brad Cone and Wendy Z.

Oct. 14

Diaconate: Eric B. Johnson Head Usher: Robbin Celander

Reader: Cory Hainy

Greeters: George and Ruth Ann J.

Oct. 21

Diaconate: Eric B. Johnson Head Usher: Eric B. Johnson Reader: Eric B. Johnson Greeters: Don & Shelby Marks

Oct. 28

Diaconate: Eric B. Johnson

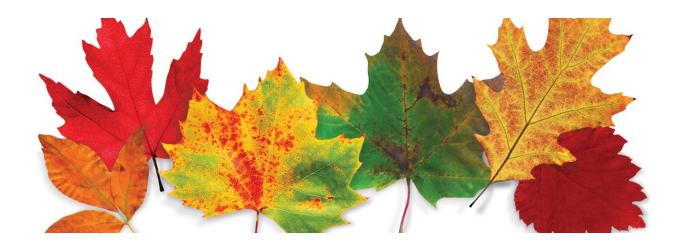
Head Usher: Randy and Pat Rowan

Reader: Lee Trunkenbolz

Greeters: Byron and Becky Phillips







Save the date:
Harvest Festival is Wednesday,
November 7th!
Watch for sign up sheet and
ingredients donation list.



HYVEE & FAREWAY RECEIPTS

During the last four weeks, \$14,638.48 (9.76%) worth of Hy-Vee slips were turned in. We are now at \$42,324.99 (33.91%) toward the 10th \$150,000 goal.

During the same four weeks, \$1,537.59 (1.02%) worth of Fareway slips were received. With the slips receipts received from that other group, the above amount took us to \$150,000.50 on our second \$1,000 plus \$38.67 toward our 3rd \$1,000 from Fareway.

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.

- Jim Bock



THANK YO

Habitat for Humanity* of Minnesota

We build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter.

August 29, 2018

First Congregational United Church of Christ 319 Downtown Plaza Fairmont, MN 56031

Dear First Congregational United Church of Christ,

We are writing in gratitude for your donation of \$1,327 to the Habitat 500 Bike Ride in honor of the accomplishments of Eric Johnson and in support of the mission of Habitat for Humanity. We so enjoyed having Eric on this year's ride. Thank you very much for contributing to this great event and empowering more families to have a decent and affordable place to call home!

By teaming up with the 101 riders and 36 volunteers who participated in this year's ride, you helped make the 2018 Habitat 500 a great success! Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota is happy to announce that the 26th Habitat 500 Bike Ride, held July 15-21, 2018, raised over \$253,000 so far! Since its inception, the Habitat 500 has raised over \$6.2 million for Habitat for Humanity home construction, contributing to 2,600 Habitat homes built in Minnesota. Because of your gift, Habitat for Humanity will be able to build and repair even more homes here in Minnesota, across the country, and around the world.



Future homeowner Katie works with Habitat 500 volunteers on her Habitat home in Brandon, MN.

Every donation to the Habitat 500 helps a homeowner partner with Habitat to improve their future. Every home is a building block that gives children a better chance for a stronger future. In fact, children of homeowners are 116% more likely to graduate from college compared with children in families who do not own their homes.

Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota was created by the 30 Habitat offices around Minnesota as a collaborative effort to increase the number of families served statewide. This year, Minnesota Habitat affiliates will work to create a world where everyone has a decent

place to live, in partnership with 300 families and individuals. Together they will create and preserve homeownership by building and repairing homes in neighborhoods across the state.

Please know that your support has helped homeowners achieve the strength and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Our sincere thanks for your donation!

Sincerely

Chris Vosbeek Executive Director Kristin Skaar

Development & Communications Director

Habitat

Please consider this letter a receipt for your donation as referenced above. In compliance with Internal Revenue Service regulations, Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota did not provide any goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, for this contribution. Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota remains exempt under 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

First Congregational UCC.

Your donation will be used to recruit, train, and match caring adult mentors with Kinship kids in need throughout Martin County. These mentoring relationships help children develop self-esteem, resilience, goals, dreams, and friendships.

"EVERY CHILD WHO WINDS UP

DOING WELL HAS HAD AT LEAST

ONE STABLE AND COMMITTED

RELATIONSHIP WITH A

SUPPORTIVE ADULT

Center on the Developing Child W HARVARD UNIVERSITY

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL KINSHIP KIDS WITH YOUR DONATION! SINCERELY,

Jen Kahler
di KINSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Many thanks for your support and partnership
we are so thankful!

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Dennis The Menace



"WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY "HAVE YOU CHECKED, TEACHER'S NOTES LATELY." THE WASTEBASKET?"



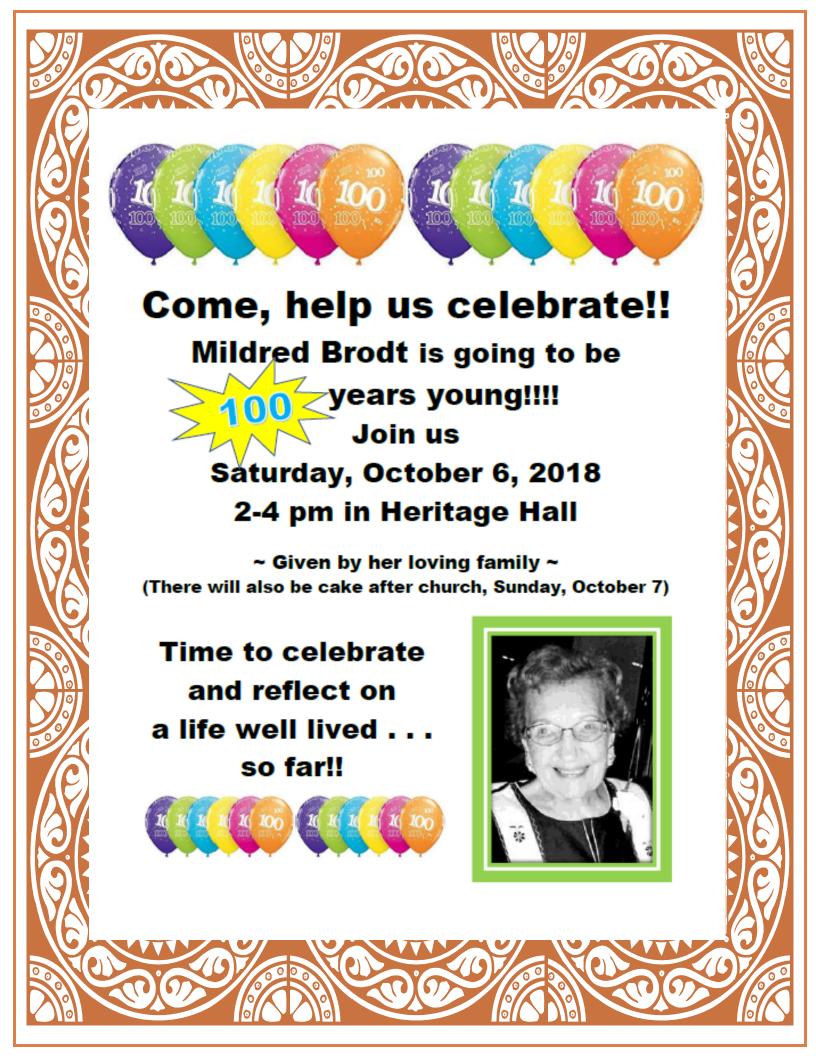




150th Anniversary Variety Show









- 2 Kristen Campe
- 3 Elizabeth Norman Adam Rachuy
- 4 Amanda Forstrom Steve Urban
- 7 Mildred Brodt War Aubrey Elaine McAlister
- 11 Jenny Craven Mike Thate
- 13 Logyn Cone Jonissa Neitzel
- 15 John Holstine
- 16 Cindy Martens
- 17 Jon Anderson

- 18 Michael Rowan
- 19 Brian Thate
- 21 Sue Kruse
- 22 Jane Kotewa Gracie Ziemer David Adams Jessi Kotewa
- 25 Kathy Jorgensen
- 28 Mark Becker Staci Thompson
- 29 Angela Vaughn
- 30 Wanda Johnson
- 31 Barb Bittman

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 2, 2010	Brandon & Rachael Tonneson	8 years
Oct. 9, 1971	Randy & Pat Rowan	47 years
Oct. 15, 2005	Bill & Staci Thompson	13 years
Oct. 20. 1973	Ken & Joy Rachuy	45 years
Oct. 22, 2005	Kevin & Sarah Zabel	13 years
Oct. 24, 1980	Steve & Janine Draper	38 years
Oct. 31, 1970	Dean & Donna Grotte	48 years