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Worship-9:30

Communion the first Sunday of
every month.

MAY 2018



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 4:30 PEO Meeting | 2 6:00 Diaconate Brd 6:30 CE Board 7:00 Choir Practice | 3 | 4 | 5 3:00 Pastor Cory's Installation Service |
| 6 Communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship | 7 | 8 10:00 Lakeview Communion 5:30 Relay for Life Team Meeting | 9 5:00 Mission Board 7:00 Choir Practice | 10 7:00 (both) Facilities Board Hospitality Board | 11 | 12 |
| 13 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> | 14 | 15 10:00 Goldfinch Communion | 16 5:00 Finance Board 5:30 Church Council 7:00 Choir Practice | 17 | 18 Newsletter Submission Deadline 9:00 am | 19 |
| 20 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship | 21 Parent To Parent 4:30-7:00 | 22 | 23 5:15 Worship Board 7:00 Choir Practice | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Blessing Box Collection MC Relay for Life | 28 | 29 | 30 5:30 Free Comm Meal 7:00 Choir Practice | 31 9:30 Women's Bible Study | | |



The Reverend's Ruminations

As many of us do, I recently received an electronic calendar notification that I had created to remind me of an important anniversary. In this case, it had now been six years ago that I had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to officiate my sister's wedding at our home church in Winnebago. It was a beautiful service, complete with a guest organist to blow the cobwebs out of the organ and even a bagpiper for the processional and recessional. Perhaps best of all was the huge assembly of family and friends, some of whom I hadn't seen in a decade or more (and most of whom had not yet seen me in my ministerial role). It is always heartwarming to see so many familiar faces at a milestone event like a baptism, confirmation, graduation, wedding, or even funeral. The challenge of course is that there is never enough time to catch up with all of them within the limited confines of a reception—particularly over the music and excitement of a wedding dance!

As I paused to look back at the bulletin from that joyous day, I was reminded of one of the passages we chose for the ceremony, from Romans 12:9-18—subtitled in some Bibles as “Marks of the True Christian.” So much of Paul's advice in this section of Romans reads like advice for newlyweds, even if was originally written to encourage his growing congregations of new Christians in Rome. Verse 10, which in the New International Version reads, “*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love,*” drew some laughs at the wedding when I noted that we had conveniently chosen to omit the word *brotherly* when the Scripture passage was read by a cousin of the groom. I think all of us can recall times when brotherly (or sisterly) “love” was not exactly what we'd wish on anyone's marriage relationship!?!

But beyond the very applicable words for a wedding, Paul does encourage some tough concepts that are just as challenging for us today as they must have been for those early Christians amidst the hedonistic Roman culture. “*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them,*” he says in verse 14. This is no easier as an adult than it was back in your elementary school days—it seems to go against basic human nature, which tells us that getting even is the only thing that will make us feel any better. How easy it is to spread rumors about someone, tear apart a real or digital acquaintance on social media, cut off the next driver you in turn pass on the highway, or even curse someone out loud for something they've knowingly or unknowingly done to you.

But what does it accomplish for you, for your family, or for Christianity in general when you succumb to such thoughts or actions? Paul follows up with some tough advice in verses 16-18, and while it isn't always the first thing that comes to mind when we feel we've been wronged, I challenge you to make it part of your subconscious so that you'll be ready to live your Christian beliefs in full view of those who might least expect it:

“Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.”

May God's peace be with you as we FINALLY enter fully into the warmth, beauty, and new growth of spring.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Cory Germain

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

a

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

for

REV. CORY GERMAIN

on

SATURDAY, April 14, 2018

Rescheduled for SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018

at

3:00 PM

at

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**319 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN
56031**

A reception and meal will be held following the
installation service.

All clergy are invited to wear robes and red stoles.

MISSION BOARD MINUTES CONT'D

APRIL 11, 5:00 PM



Members Present: MaryDon K, Margo W, Sherry L, Kay C

Blessing Boxes for 2018

Jan – Kids Against Hunger \$1,241.60

Feb – One Great Hour of Sharing \$796.00 & Kids Against Hunger Food Pack

Mar – Minnesota Food Share

Collected 68 bags, 844.5 lb of food and \$491 – a few more bags are coming

Heaven's Table got a check for \$945.50; Salvation Army got a check for \$545.50

Publicity – Photo Press, Sentinel, picture of bags

Extra bags were taken to the high school to use in the food shelf they are starting. Marilyn F will see if there is anything else we can help with in that mission.

Apr – Strengthen the Church & Heifer

Blessing Box: Strengthen the Church – Collection: April 22 & envelopes

Noisy Sunday: April 29

May – Relay for Life

Blessing Box: Relay for Life – team – Jon N, Renae V, Wendy Z, Pastor Cory, Deb A, Ace, Dave M, Michele E, Kay, Morgan & Joe C. Event goes from 3 pm to midnight.

Luminaries – sell and decorate; \$10 each

Display – collect names of church family that have been touched by cancer

Make sure there is a luminary for each member; if there aren't, we'd like to use some of our Mission budget to buy them. We started a list.

Team website – people can donate on-line; silent/live auction – donate items.

Survivors Dinner – June 7 at KC Hall

Hot Meals on Wheels

May 1-15; MaryDon will announce at Council

Signup Sheet – on back table, we have a few slots filled. Email

Announcements: April 15 – Kay April 22 – Margo April 29 – if needed

Reminder Calls – Sherry L

Jun – Habitat for Humanity

Blessing Box: Habitat for Humanity - \$250 – Eric J is planning to ride again.

Kay will contact Staci T at Habitat to try to set up a workday on a Saturday in June.

Relay for Life – June 23 - Perhaps work with Worship to have a dedication of the luminaries in church the week before the Relay for Life.

Community Meals

Signs – Ace is looking at signs per council – check to see where council is with this

2018 Schedule

January 31 – Mission Board – SOUPer Bowl Party – served 110

February 28 – AARP – served 120

March 28 – Facilities – served 145

April 25 – Chubb House volunteers – Swiss Burgers – Kay will make up posters

May 30 – Worship

June 27 – East Chain 4H (Deb Thate)

July 25 – Hospitality

August 29 - CE

September 26 – Finance

October 31 - Diaconate

November 28 - _____

December 26 - _____

Other Mission Projects

Summer Hunger – Kay has been in contact, but nothing planned yet.

Mission Trip

Planning meeting – trying to get a meeting scheduled

Next Meeting: May 9, 5:00 pm

May Blessing Box – Martin County Relay for Life



Relay for Life is a community gathering that gives everyone an opportunity to fight cancer and help save lives. Teams camp out at the Martin County Fairgrounds and take turns walking or running around a path. Because cancer never sleeps, each team is asked to have a representative on the path at all times during the night.

At Relay for Life, survivors are celebrated and loved ones lost to the disease are remembered.

This year, First Congregational UCC will have a team walking in the relay. During the month of May, we will focus our Blessing Box on their efforts and show our support. You will have the opportunity to join their fight and CRUSH Cancer!!

Meet our
Team of
CRUSHERS!

First Congregational (UCC)² United Church of Christ United Cancer CRUSHERS



Jon Neitzel Kay Campe David Adams Deb Adams Renae Vetter
David Meschke Wendy Ziemer Morgan Christensen Pastor Cory Germain
Michele Ehlert Joe Christensen MaryDon Kislingbury

Martin County Relay for Life
Saturday, June 23, 2018
3 pm – midnight
Martin County Fairgrounds



The money raised through Relay for Life helps to fight cancer on all fronts. Funds raised through Relay enable the American Cancer Society to help people stay well and get well, to find cures and to fight back. With cancer prevention and early detection programs; free services for cancer patients, like Road to Recovery, which provides free transportation to treatment; breakthrough cancer research funded by Society grants; and support for new laws to help fight cancer and increase access to quality health care, the American Cancer Society is doing everything possible to create a world with more birthdays.

There are many opportunities for you to get involved with First Congo's Cancer CRUSH!

- During May and June, we will be selling luminarias, white paper bags that will be illuminated the night of the Relay. Luminarias honor every life touched by cancer. You can dedicate them to a loved one lost, someone currently battling, or anyone who's overcome cancer. You can decorate the bag or have us do it for you. Each bag is \$10.
- Help us gather a list of those in our church family who have been touched by cancer. Give names to any team member.
- We will be having a Blessing Box collection on May 27. All donations will go to the team to help CRUSH cancer.
- You can give a donation to any team member.
- You can go online and donate to our team. Go to our webpage (listed below) and click on donate! We will have a link on our church Facebook page.
- Donate to the silent/live auction. See a team member if interested!
- Join us on June 23rd at the Relay!!!

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLC Y18NOR?team_id=2326826&pg=team&fr_id=87716
OR

www.relayforlife.org/martincountymn and find our team



CE BOARD MET WEDNESDAY APRIL 11TH AT 6:30

Present were Kathy, Tara, Jessi, Ellen, Alice, Wendy, and Melissa.

Bibles were discussed and was decided the third grade Bibles will be (The Children's Bible In 365 Stories). The Bible for the children to use in Confirmation will be the Hard cover NRSV version. Twelve of each book will be ordered along with book markers and color tabs that have the books of the Bible on them. Tara will check on these and get them ordered from The Good News book store. Motion was made by Wendy and seconded by Kathy. Third graders will receive their bibles in the fall and the children starting confirmation will will receive the hard cover NRSV version when they begin confirmation.

Children will sing on Sunday April 29th. Reminders will be sent out to All Sunday School families on activities children will be in. We will ask Ann for her help in this.

Summer Camps were discussed. Alice gave us information on Pilgrim Point, and Ellen gave us information on Lake Shore Center Camp in Oakabogi Iowa, she will get more pamphlets on actives and cost.

Wendy gave us some information on a camp in Bricelyn (Prairie River) for a one day event. This is run by Youth For Christ, which would involve the whole family.

Next month we will decide if we will keep using the same material we are using now for Sunday School next year.

Last day for Sunday School before summer break will be Sunday May 20th. All Sundays for Sunday school have been filled until we return in the fall.

Meeting date for is May2nd at 6:30. For our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted. Kathy J.





DIACONATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2018

Present: Jane Kotewa, Amanda Jaskulke, Eric Johnson, Pastor Cory, Abigail Roiger, Cory Hainy, Carolyn Thompson

Absent: Tranna Urban

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Cory.

Minutes were approved as written for the February 7th meeting

Care Team: Discussion on reaching out to more members to join the team for visits and sending out cards. There are a few on the list that need extra visits and cards. Prayer shawls are in Pastor Cory's office if there is someone that you believe would benefit from having one.

Council Update: Volunteers/committee members are needed for the 150th celebration committee. Pastor Cory's installation service will be held on Saturday April 14th at 3:00pm. He is still working out the details as to if there will be communion.

Membership: Move Ann Hartman from the inactive list to the active list. Continue to reach out to visitors that are coming to church.

'Care packages' for families after a loss were discussed. Jane will work on making a list of what they should include and we will work on rounding up reusable bags. We will discuss more at our next meeting.

Upcoming Deacon:

May - Abigail

June – Abigail

Next meeting date: May 2, 2018 at 6:00pm

Amanda Jaskulke, Secretary



FACILITIES BOARD
First Congregational United Church of Christ
Fairmont MN

MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2018 MEETING WHICH CONVENED AT 7:00 PM

Attending: Jacob, Larry T, Dean, Steve U., Brad

Absent: Byron, Larry L, Kris

Board Membership:

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The board will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm

Lawn Mowing/Snow Removal Schedule (Schedule runs from 0001 Monday morning thru 2359 Sunday.

- If you are not able to meet the schedule, it is your responsibility to contact a substitute.
- Schedule is posted in the Church office

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Organ repair – Goal is to have organ repaired for 150 year celebration, if possible.
We are getting multiple estimates and working with our insurance company.
 - The first company withdrew his estimate of \$27,000.00 because they were too busy to meet time line.
 - Roland Rutz Organ Co. looked at the organ and is getting an estimate ready for us. Should be coming soon.
 - Grandall Engen Co. from Maple Groove looked at organ and will have estimate in 4-6 weeks.
 - Darrow Organ Co. from Sioux City is coming soon to look at organ and give us an estimate.
2. Checked fire extinguishers.
3. Reviewed leaders guide.



FACILITIES BOARD
First Congregational United Church of Christ
Fairmont MN

MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2018 MEETING WHICH CONVENED AT 7:00 PM - CONT'D

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Facilities - Capital Projects:

- Air conditioner for office hallway and Downtown Plaza entrance. We need to get a second bid from Day plumbing. We have two estimates. Day Plumbing is for a 13 seer for \$5382.00. The other is from across the alley for a 15 seer unit for \$5350.00. This is by far a better deal because of lower estimate and better efficiency.
- Convert lights throughout church to LED. This will create a rebate for lights and conserve energy usage.
Lights replaced month with LEDs in fire side room, kitchen, serving area, lower level hallway & Narthex. Approximate cost of \$4000.00 without rebates calculated. Rebates are approximately a third of the cost.
- New riding lawn mower.
- Ceiling Heritage Hall to cover-up duct work etc.
- Replace railing outside kitchen door. Railing has been ordered.

2. Discussion about adding line item to budget "service – maintenance of equipment". Carry this item until Budget time next fall.

3. Projects:

- Bat control.
Brad went into attic with foam and plugged all openings this week.
- Signage for parking in alley – unreadable.
Sign has been ordered.
- Remove CE Coordinator name from front sign.
This has been completed this last month.
- The north tower roof drainage problem has been repaired by a company in New Ulm. This should resolve the water leakage problem. Carry this to see if we have a leaking problem with current storm.

GENERAL PROJECTS TO DO

- Mount AED
Dean completed this last month.
- Replace 26-year-old furnace. Estimate for material and labor is \$3,278.00.
This is currently on hold because furnace is now working fine.

Other items

- a. Reach outside the church into the community.

Next meeting is **Thursday May 10, 2018 @ 7 pm.**



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE



Hospitality Minutes April 4, 2018 6:00 P.M.

The Hospitality Board met on Wednesday April 4th at 6:00 P.M. We met a week early to plan the Menu for Pastor Cory's Installation on Saturday April 14th at 3:00 P.M.

Members present were Pat Cowing, Donna Grotte, Abby Namken, Catherine Johnson, Marabelle Lindell and Liason Deb Thate.

Abby Namken called the meeting to order.

Deb Thate gave us a report on when she met with the Facilities Board, to go over and discuss rules, on rental use of church property for members, non-members and non-profit groups. She will be sharing a written report on the information soon.

The Menu for the Installation Service will be as follows; Grilled Pork Loin, Dutchess Potatoes, Cheezy Vegetables, Dinner rolls, Assorted Desserts, Coffee, Milk and Water.

Abby is going to make the Potatoes ahead of time on Saturday.

Pat will order and pick up the dinner rolls from Lakeview.

We will meet at the church at 10:00 A.M Saturday morning to set up tables.

Abbey will purchase the groceries for the meal. Each of the Members of Hospitality will be making the desserts.

Marabelle Lindell in the absence of Becky Phillips



Interview



ROBBIN CELANDER INTERVIEW

Robbin Celandar is a third generation member of our church. His grandparents, Leone and Henry Celandar were long time members . His father, Richard Celandar, grew up in the church and was a member until his untimely death from cancer 40 years ago. Marabelle Celandar Lindell joined the congregation when she married Richard and raised their children Cynthia Celandar, Kim Shoen and Robbin as active participants.

Cathy and Robbin have three children. Abby Shoen Namken and Jacob Shoen joined their family after the untimely death of their mother, Kim, when they were 8 and 6 respectively.

Dylan was almost two years old and thought having a big brother and sister was "cool".

Confirmation classes for Robbin and his class were done by the Reverend Norman Lawton, who prepared the students for membership after the arrival of the Reverend Lyle Norris. Lowell Kuberka and his mother were Sunday School teachers he remembers with fondness. He sang with the choir during high school, and has rejoined the group celebrating "Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors" and that wonderful music.

Hymns often reflect the feeling of hope and faith we celebrate. Robbin would choose "On Eagles Wings" and "Here I Am, Lord" as favorites. Both seem to reflect Robbin's acceptance of God's power and his sense of humility as a man of God.

As a farmer and livestock grower, Robbin has used his business experience to head the Finance Committee for six years, and is presently the Finance Liaison to the Church Council. He credits his longevity and interest in our church because of "the people who go there" and "the way children are treated and respected". He joined others in saying that the church has been wonderfully supportive for their family at times of crisis, and that at times of great joy as well. (Remember when GHEC won the boys' state basketball tournament with Coach Celandar at the helm?) Two granddaughters (Remi and Reagan Shoen) and his family are important and he treasures the role the church has played in their lives.

Asked about challenges the congregation may face, Robbin hopes that we will be able to attract other young adults and families and continue to grow. He is proud of the way in which the congregation has weathered the storms of the recent past, and recognizes the outreach and mission projects we support. He certainly would not ignore the fun, fellowship and food as important . The Celandar/Shoen family is well known for their culinary and entertaining talents at First Congregational.

Robbin and his entire family are generous, hard-working and faithful members. We are blessed to share our lives and ministry with each of them.

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.

As spring becomes a bit more real, it is a good time to think about strawberry shortcake. From our "old" cookbook comes a recipe from Mrs. R. J. Wallace.

QUICK SHORTCAKE

3 c. white flour

3 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. salt

1/3 c. Crisco

1 egg, beaten

1 c. milk

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together four times. Mix Crisco in with fork, add milk, last the beaten egg. Spread in a greased cake tin or make individual shortcakes. Bake in hot oven (450) for about 15 minutes. Split shortcakes, butter and put sweetened berries between and on top of shortcake. Serve with whipped cream if desired. Serves 8. More recently comes a recipe from the Celander family for a meat loaf that is exceptional.



BEST EVER MEATLOAF

1 ½ lb. ground beef

2 eggs

¼ t. pepper

2 t. salt

½ c. shredded carrots

1 median onion

2/3 c. milk 1 c. shredded cheddar cheese

3 slices cubed bread.

Mix gently and put into loaf pan. Mix together 1/4 c. brown sugar, 1/4 c. ketchup and 1 T. yellow mustard. Pour over meatloaf. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.



PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

May 6

Diaconate: Jane Kotewa
Head Usher: Byron Phillips
Reader: Catherine Johnson
Greeters: Donna Grotte & Wanda Johnson

May 20

Diaconate: Jane Kotewa
Head Usher: Larry Thompson
Reader: Marabelle Lindell
Greeters: Don & Shelby Marks

May 13

Diaconate: Jane Kotewa
Head Usher: George Jones
Reader: Dolores Gronewald
Greeters: Cory and Sydney Hainy

May 27

Diaconate: Jane Kotewa
Head Usher: Doug Forstrom
Reader: Emma Germain
Greeters: Wanda and Mary Don

JUNE NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: FRIDAY

MAY 18TH

BY 9:00 AM



thank you!

*Dear church family,
Thank you for donating to the
polar plunge, which helps special
olympics. We had fun jumping
into icy Lake Calhoun!*

Love, Paige and Sydney Hainy.

Four weeks have passed since the last report. The following is a summary of what was received during those weeks and where we are as of the 15th of April 2018.

\$4,423 worth of Fareway slips were received or 2.95% of the total needed. Fareway is now at 84.85% of the goal, or \$127,274 of the \$150,000 goal.

\$14,014 worth of Hy-Vee slips were received or 9.34% of the total needed. Hy-Vee is now at 71.90% of the goal, or \$107,855 of the \$150,000 goal.

Keep those slips coming. Even older slips can still be used. One week someone turned in a number of slips in which there were slips going back to June 2014. Slips from the first of March 2011 can still be used. Even slips with almost nothing help. I have seen a number of slips for 18 cents or less as gas has been purchased with only paying the .9 cents per gallon.

- Jim Bock



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NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

Spring...

After a long and dreary winter, spring is finally in the air! I love seeing the smiles on people's faces as they go about their day. Smiles are so contagious!

We have been very busy at Habitat for Humanity over the winter. In February, we completed the work for the Ramos/Garcia family at 604 S. Park Street in Fairmont. They closed on their home and began moving in the same evening. It was a pleasure to work with Edgar, Alicia, and their children. I think everyone slept better knowing they were finally at home in their safe and comfortable house.

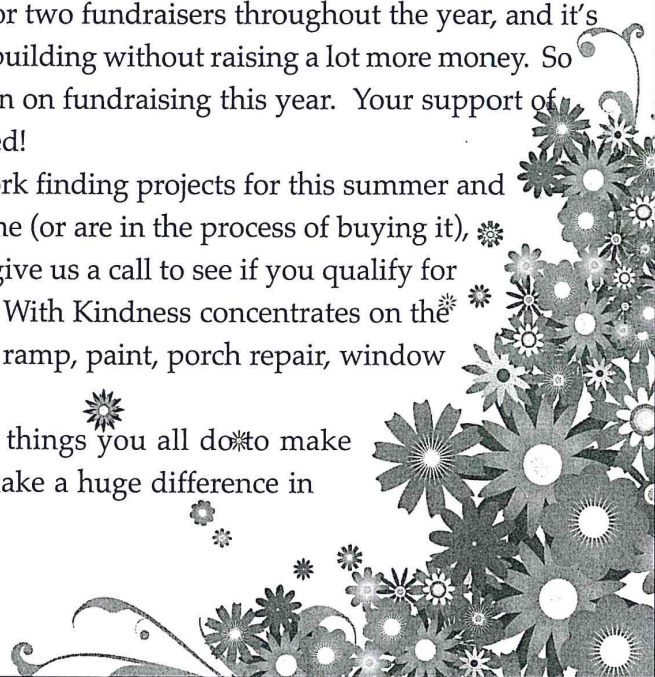
Work has continued at the Ashley Lind home at 313 N. Orient Street in Fairmont. The plumber and electrician have finished their part, and we are now ready to start sheet rocking! Once sheet rock begins to go up, a house truly makes a transformation. We are lining up work groups for this big job, so please call me at the Habitat Office, 526-2500, if you have a group who is interested in working for a day. Or two. Or more!

Throughout our newsletter you will see information on various fundraisers coming up. For several years now, our affiliate has only had one or two fundraisers throughout the year, and it's finally dawned on us that we can't afford to keep building without raising a lot more money. So that's why we are having a renewed concentration on fundraising this year. Your support of these fundraising events is appreciated and needed!

Our Family Selection Committee is hard at work finding projects for this summer and the following building year. If you own your home (or are in the process of buying it), and you need internal or external repairs, please give us a call to see if you qualify for our "A Brush With Kindness" program. A Brush With Kindness concentrates on the exterior of a home, whether you need a handicap ramp, paint, porch repair, window wells, windows – we may be able to help!

I can't thank everyone enough for the many things you all do to make Habitat for Humanity successful. We truly do make a huge difference in people's lives. God bless you!

Staci Thompson
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



THANK YOU



Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ



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PO Box 167, 114 E. Blue Earth Ave.
Fairmont, MN 56031
507-238-9797

April 16, 2018

First Congregational United Church of Christ
319 Downtown Plaza
Fairmont, MN 56031-1773

Dear Ministry Partners at First Congregational UCC,

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

How do your gifts to OCWM strengthen the ministry of the whole Church? Together, we:

- *Support congregations and clergy in crisis
- *Offer renewal programs to congregations struggling to see a way forward
- *Accompany persons discerning a call to ministry
- *Provide a system of accountability and support for clergy and churches
- *Lift a collective, prophetic voice on matters of justice and social concern
- *Provide training and leadership development opportunities to clergy and lay persons
- *Ensure the presence and witness of the Church in nations across the globe
- *Assist congregations in their search for a new pastor
- *Offer exciting faith formation opportunities at Pilgrim Point Camp and across the Conference

Doing this work as partners is part of the covenant we share in the United 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 makes possible. We are the Church.....together!

With gratitude for your gifts,

Shari Prestemon
Reverend Shari Prestemon
Conference Minister

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Conference!

April 4, 2018

1st Congregational United Church of Christ
319 Downtown Plaza
Fairmont, MN 56031

Re: Donation

Dear Friend(s):

The Salvation Army of Fairmont, MN would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$545.50. Many people in our community will receive help because of your generosity. Your gift is greatly appreciated!

Again, thank you so very much for assisting those in need.

Have a great day in Him!

In His service,

Major JoAnn Hixenbaugh
JoAnn Hixenbaugh, Major
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"Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy. Matthew 5:7

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| 25-Mar | Celebration of Life for Vonnie Cone | | | Doug & Marilyn Forstrom |
| 8-Apr | Memory of Peggy Heinrich | | | James Fancher |
| 8-Apr | Honor of Mildred Hanlon's Birthday | | Starfish | Doug & Marilyn Forstrom |
| 8-Apr | Memory of Peggy Heinrich | Starfish | | Dolores Gronewald |
| 8-Apr | Memory of Peggy Heinrich | Starfish | | Jane Kotewa |
| 8-Apr | Honor of Mildred Hanlon's Birthday | Starfish | | Margaret Weaver |



*Our hearts go out to
Les Heinrich, Dr. Alice Maday,
Ann Hartmann and the rest of the family of Margaret
"Peggy" Heinrich. May the Holy Spirit comfort your sorrow.*

*(Peggy was a special helper in getting our newsletters sent out.
She will be missed.)*

Finding the right words to express our sincere gratitude for the funeral service of our sister, Margaret "Peggy" Heinrich is more than a bit difficult. This church family wrapped our immediate and extended family members in your arms to share in our loss and grief. Pastor Cory had known Peggy during the newsletter assembly each month, yet spoke of her as though he knew her forever. The funeral committee set the fellowship hall beautifully with Peggy's favorite colored centerpieces and served the same luncheon menu that Peggy had chosen for our Mother, Ida Fancher, in 2011. The cupcakes appeared from the kitchens of the many generous women of the congregation and the frostings were dazzling and scrumptious. Thank you seems inadequate for all of the work plus the many generous donations, cards, hugs, and prayers that have lifted us up during our sadness.

*On behalf of our extended families and in our Christ's Love,
Alice Maday, Ann Hartmann, & Don/Arlene Fancher
and husband Les Heinrich*





May Anniversaries

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| May 1, 1982 | Kevin & Kelly Moller | 36 years |
| May 3, 1997 | Kris & Wendy Ziemer | 21 years |
| May 3, 2014 | Michael & Kara Rowan | 4 years |
| May 6, 1966 | Carolyn & Larry Thompson | 52 years |
| May 6, 1977 | Randy & Marcia Musser | 41 years |
| May 9, 1970 | Tom & Kathy Jorgensen | 48 years |
| May 11, 1985 | Jim & Lori Marushin | 33 years |
| May 25, 1974 | John & Sherry Larson | 44 years |
| May 28, 2011 | Dave & Sue Eisenbacher | 7 years |
| May 30, 1997 | Dave & Karen Cone | 21 years |

May Birthdays

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| May 1 | Kamara Cone |
| May 2 | George Jones |
| May 4 | Louis Kenneth Goerndt |
| May 6 | Jodi Kuhlert |
| May 9 | Justin Thedens |
| | Grace Kotewa |
| May 10 | John Roiger |
| May 11 | Lorraine Harper |
| May 12. | Andrea Thate |
| | Bennett Zabel |
| | Ben Johnson |
| May 13 | Sherry Larson |
| May 15 | Larry Thompson |
| | Carolyn Thompson |
| | Joel Thate |
| | Hanna Johnson |
| May 16 | Dylan Celander |
| | Morgan Magnussen |
| May 17 | Judy Olson |
| May 19 | Alice Maday |
| May 20 | EvaLyn Carlson |
| | Anne Saxton |
| May 21 | Jim Chipman |
| May 23 | Maia Goerndt |
| | Reagan Shoen |
| May 24 | Lisa Meschke |
| May 25 | Lorie Zoeller |
| May 26 | Shawn Elliott |
| May 28 | Hadley Becker |
| May 29 | Marcia Winegar |
| May 31 | Cory Hainy |