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"Living our faith in Jesus Christ through acceptance, service and love."

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7th Annual

Heavenly Chocolate Fest

(And All Things Sweet)

Charlie Chocolate says,

"Don't miss this chocolate good time!"



Saturday, April 8, 2017

10:00am – 3:00pm

*If you love chocolate and anything sweet,
the **Heavenly Chocolate Fest** was made for you.*



Dear Friends,

Do you know why we baptize people today? People often ask me this question in one way or another. What does baptism mean? Does it mean the same to us as it does to other churches? We understand baptism as a sacrament. Many other protestants do not; they refer to baptism as an ordinance. For the Roman Catholic Church, baptism is one of seven sacraments in the church. The Orthodox Church also upholds seven sacraments, but these sacraments were taken from the Catholic Church in relatively recent times and do not reflect the more ancient and traditional practices of the Orthodox Church. For the Protestants that do recognize sacraments, they recognize two, not seven. For the Protestants that do not recognize sacraments, they set aside baptism and the Lord's Supper as ordinances.

Beginning with the last, the difference between sacraments and ordinances, sacraments are visible means by which the grace of God is conveyed to the believer; ordinances are visible rites that we observe because Jesus orders us to do so in the Bible. As for the different understanding of what sacraments are – the Roman Catholic Church sees them as “visible rites seen as signs and efficacious channels of the grace of God to all who receive them with the proper disposition.” The Orthodox church understands sacraments as “holy mysteries”. For the Catholic Church, the sacrament of baptism is necessary because of original sin. Every soul enters the world with a soul spiritually dead. Original sin is not a blot on the soul, but a darkness where there should be light. Baptism applies to the soul the atonement which Jesus made on the cross.

In the Orthodox church, everything which is in the life of a church is sacramental or mystical. Baptism is understood to be birth into the eternal life of God, which is a mystery.

Protestants who practice sacraments believe that the grace of God is transmitted through the faith of the recipient. For infants, this faith is the faith of the church (congregation) which is necessary for the grace to be imparted. Protestants do not hold that baptism is necessary for salvation, but see it as a witness to the world that they are one with Christ, who tells Christians in scripture to observe baptism, both through his own example and in his words (Matthew 28).

In our own congregation, and through the United Church of Christ, we understand that the faith is transmitted through the parents first, with the assistance of the sponsors and congregation. At the ‘age of accountability’, when the child is confirmed, the confirmation is the public rite in which the child becomes responsible for transmitting his or her own faith by making a covenant with God and the church.

We do not baptize for the remittance of sins, but to publicly enter a covenant relationship with God and the church. We do not practice rebaptism (some Protestant churches require it), and we recognize all baptisms as valid (some churches do not recognize the validity of baptism of other churches.) The reason that we are



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A PRAYERFUL HEART...

With Holy Week approaching, and palm leaves spread for the triumphal journey into Jerusalem, Scriptures have it recorded that:

JESUS WENT OUT TO A LONELY PLACE WHERE HE PRAYED. (Mark 1:35)

There is a plethora of material on the subject of prayer. And yet, it is ironic that no one can really “teach” anyone else how to pray. But life teaches us. We can learn prayer forms, but we do not learn either the function or the purpose of prayer until life pushes us to do it. Sometimes, there is no other recourse but to pray.

Theologians throughout the years have been very good at analyzing prayer. There is spoken prayer, silent prayer, mindful prayer, contemplative prayer, to mention several methods.

From one of the monastic communities, there has come the instruction to keep prayer brief and private if desired. From this same community have come two helpful directives:

- * First, that in order to learn to pray, we need to do it regularly.
- * And secondly, contemplative prayer starts where formal prayer ends.

For further thought ... prayer is not a “technique.” It is an attitude of mind, a quality of soul, and a practice to be regularly practiced.

Blessings for the journey,

Rev. Arn

(Rev. Cope message continued)

open is because we understand the work of the baptism to be God’s work, not ours.

Baptism is not valid because we perform the rite. Baptism is valid because the individual has made a covenant with God.

Can you baptize someone at your home? Yes. But would it be as meaningful as entering a covenantal relationship with a church? By having the baptism in the church, we are able to validate not only the tradition of the church but witness to the role of God and the Holy Spirit in a way that would not be possible in a private baptism.

Other churches, especially the Catholic Church, believe that the power of the baptismal rite comes from the authority of the church. Baptisms, or any sacrament, done outside the church would be meaningless. While we would not hold to this point of view, we would see baptism outside of the church as a muted witness – hiding your light under a bushel.

Rev. Cope



Remember in Prayer

- as well as with a card, call, or visit, the following individuals who are not always able to be with us:

Betty Blair Clare Oaks Rehab Center 825 Carillon Dr. Bartlett, IL 60103	Edna McCormick 1215 Geringer Road Algonquin, IL 60102
Ed Brandwein 102 Eastgate Ct., Apt. 242 Algonquin, IL 60102	Frances Newberg Church Creek 1250 West Central Road Apt 415 Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Vi Colbert 101 Eastgate Ct. Apt. 104 Algonquin, IL 60102	Thea O'Connor c/o Liberty Estates 2080 W. Navajo Dr. #341 Freeport, IL 61032
Louise Dahm 1005 South Rd. Fox River Grove, IL 60021	Helen Stauffer Brookdale Senior Living Solutions, Inc. 1515 Barrington Rd. Apt. 220 Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
Marge Hanley 808 Menominee Drive Lake in the Hills, IL 60156	Claudette Treadwell 731 Longwood Dr. Algonquin, IL 60102
Joyce Horn Alden Terrace 803 Royal Dr. McHenry, IL 60050	Glen True Polo Rehab & Health Care 703 E. Buffalo St Polo, IL 61064
Erna Houdek Valley Hi 2406 Hartland Rd. Woodstock, IL 60098	Mary Westerbeck 1601 W. Queen Creek Rd #143 Chandler, AZ 85248
Betty Imhoff 731 Oceola Drive Algonquin, IL 60102	Barb Whitaker Sunrise Assisted Living 751 Terra Cotta Avenue Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Claire Kent 865 Eineke Blvd Algonquin, IL 60102	Ethel Yamashita Sunrise Senior Living 790 N. Plum Grove Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173
Donna Krueger Sunrise Senior Living 790 N. Plum Grove Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173	

The following individuals were hospitalized or in a rehab center during the month of March

Ron Carlson Louise Dahm
Janet Kelley Mandy Jolitz
Bev Tipps Bob Woertendyke



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ben Sprouse John (Jay) Hogrewe Dominik Kneip
Owen Ritsema Cody Colbert Eric Hertel

Dale Navigato

Do you know of persons who are currently serving in the military? Please let the church office know of their service, and their names will be included so we can keep them in our prayers.

Would you like a visit from Rev. Cope? Call the church office at 847-658-5308.

- ◆ Going into the hospital for surgery? He will pray with you before the surgery and during recovery.
- ◆ Want in-home communion?
- ◆ Have something troubling you?
- ◆ Lonely and want someone to talk to?

Don't think he is too busy or that you are interrupting him—this is an important part of his job as your minister. Call!

We also have members of the church who will come and visit or help you with transportation, food or errands.

CHURCH OFFICE

HELP US HONOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

To help people who cannot come to church feel a part of our family, we are asking you for three things:

- ◆ Remember them in your prayers.
- ◆ Send them a note or card letting them know that you are thinking of them.
- ◆ If possible, call them to say "Hello."

This month we are lifting up two of our members: **Ed Brandwein and Marge Hanley**. You will find their addresses on this page. Let them know that they are a part of our family and that they are missed and thought about.



Our Group Studies Come in a Variety of Sizes!

At CCA, we are committed to studying the Bible and learning how we can live our faith meaningfully in our lives. The following are our current group studies. Feel free to join us at any of the groups at any time!



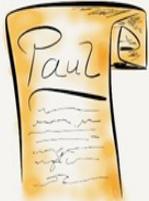
Faith, Fun & Friendship

Womens Fellowship

Wednesdays at 10 am
Conference Room

During the month of April we will continue the Ray VanderLaan study with the volume entitled **Israel's Mission: Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World**

This is a DVD Bible study, shot on location in Israel and the Middle East. VanderLaan looks at the scripture and its meaning while showing us the actual locations where the Biblical events took place.



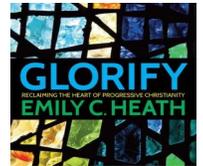
Tuesdays with the Pastor
Conference Room
4:30 - 6:00 PM

The Letters of Paul

The Apostle Paul has been called 'the second founder of Christianity'. His letters have had, and continue to have, a profound impact upon how Christians live out their faith. The Protestant Revolution is credited to his writings. In fact, many scholars hold that if we did not have Paul's letters, Christianity would be nothing more than a minor sect of Judaism. But what do they actually say? Which letters are Paul's and which were written by people who lived after Paul? What is the order of composition of the letters and how does this order affect the way we understand them? Join us as we study these and other questions.

Christian LIFE Hour

Conference Room
Sundays 9:00 AM



GLORIFY | RECLAIMING THE HEART OF PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

Ever feel that we are 'throwing the baby Jesus out with the bathwater'? That we define ourselves not by our affirmations but by our repudiations? That we act socially first and then try to justify our actions theologically afterwards? This study will give us the opportunity to be a Progressive Church while holding God and Christ at the center.



Bible & Brew is Cancelled for April

Women's Bunco

Friday, April 21, 7:00 pm
Fellowship

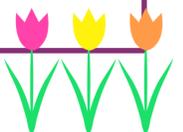


I would like to say "thank you" to the Women's Club for the Christmas bag I received loaded with so many goodies!!



Also, for the many cards I received for my birthday!! I didn't know that many people in church knew me. But then again, who doesn't know that voice from the "Back Row" Hopefully I'll be back in church one of these days!! The Good Lord Willing!

Sincerely, Bill Soto



Yarn Works

We knit, crochet, and do all other types of handwork.

New people are always welcome!

We have supplies to get you started and absolutely lovely people to teach you, if you want to learn. Our work helps support our Prayer Shawl Ministry, Snug Hugs for Kids, and our own personal projects.



**Thursdays at 10:00 am in
Fellowship Hall**

Heavenly Attic Resale Shop



307 South Main Street
Algonquin, IL 60102-2655
Phone: 847-854-4552

**Hours: Tuesday thru Friday
10am to 4pm**

Saturday 10am to 2 pm

The Heavenly Attic Resale Shop stocks gently-used items and is open to the public. Proceeds from the Attic support the missions and ministries of the CCA.

Algonquin Area Senior Center

TUESDAYS 9:00 AM – NOON

The Senior Center meets weekly at the CCA. It provides a gathering place for senior adults where fellowship, socialization, educational and enrichment opportunities are available. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 847-658-5308 and leave a message for WynnAnn Roggeveen.

Justice and Peace Bulletin Board

Be sure to check out our bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for news about climate change and issues of concern for people of faith. In addition, you will find the names and contact information for members of congress so that you may bend their ears on a regular basis about those issues that concern you!

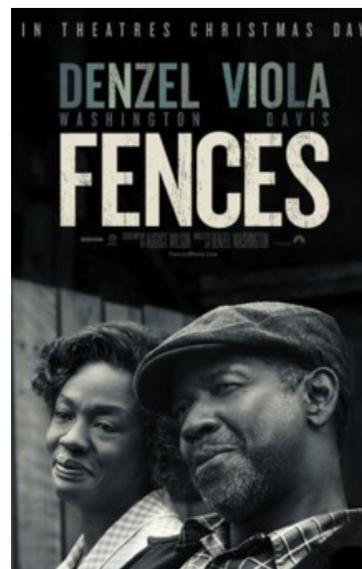


Come on in and see
what's new for Easter
at the Heavenly Attic

Tues - Fri 10 am - 4 pm

Sat. 10 am - 2 pm

MOVIES WITH MEANING



Fences is a 2016 American drama film directed by and starring Denzel Washington and written by August Wilson, based on his Pulitzer Prize-winning play of the same name. "August Wilson keenly summarized the pitfalls and hardships of the black community. . . ." "You don't get groundbreaking cinema from *Fences*, but what you do get - two titanic performances and an immeasurable American drama - makes up for that." Viola Davis won the Academy Award for her performance.

Please note that Movies with Meaning will meet on Saturday, April 1, at 1 pm.

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The Ministry of Missions is looking for items of interest for the Missions Bulletin Board



Do you have an article, a letter, a notice, or a photo related to missions of our church?

Please put your item into:
The mail slot marked
Missions Bulletin Board
Please include your name



Beans
Dry or Canned
(Pinto, Navy,
Kidney, Northern)

Stroller

TUESDAYS WITH THE PASTOR study group is challenging itself and the congregation to "Go the Extra Mile, and Give More" whenever possible. Towards this goal, we are choosing two items every month for us to give above our regular giving to the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry and the Home of the Sparrow Women and Children Shelter.

Items for the Food Pantry may be left in the basket near the elevator. Please leave items for Home of the Sparrow in the basket in the coat room.



Volunteers Needed

Heavenly Attic Resale Shop

We can use your help once...

or on a regular basis.

Call the church office...

**847-658-5308
or contact Peg Schwab**



Do You Want to Know?
Do you want to know more about
a charitable organization?

**Look in the Charity Research
Notebook in the church office**

If the charity is not there, fill out
one of the forms in the display holder
near the Missions Bulletin Board and
place it in the Missions mail slot...
Please be sure to sign your name.

Ministry of Missions

Fair Trade Sunday, April 2



In April, our sale will be held on the first Sunday, April 2nd, instead of the 9th. This will also be the last time to request chocolate bars until fall because of added shipping charges during the heat of the summer. But we have stocked up on the favorites to get us through. We will continue to carry teas and coffees, as usual, and the very popular local honey.

Some questions have been raised about the 10% we add to the prices of all items. This goes to cover the coffee we serve whenever there is a gathering of the whole church, as well as markdowns we occasionally must make on products approaching the "best by" freshness dates. If this excess builds up, the Ministry of Missions would designate where this can go.

The purchases we make from Equal Exchange support growers around the world. Thank you for supporting this ministry!



Help us sponsor two children in India!

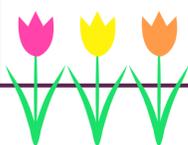
Our church sponsors two children at King's Matriculation School at the Family Village Farm near Vellore, India. Their families cannot afford to send them to school, and our gifts cover tuition and lunch for them each school day.

Sheeba is a hard-working girl whose favorite subjects are math and English. Velmurugan is an energetic, attentive boy who is cheerful and highly motivated. Their pictures are on the Missions Bulletin Board in the hallway outside of the office.

While the members of the Faith in Action group contribute to the sponsorship fees (\$20 per child per month), we are asking the whole congregation to participate with us. There is **a can on the desk in the narthex**, and anyone who would like to help us is encouraged to drop a few dollars or even your loose change into the box. **Or you may write a check** payable to CCA and designate it for "Child Sponsorship."

If you would prefer to help in another way, we need people willing to write to the children. If you are interested, please see Rev Cope.

We sponsor the children through the United Church of Christ Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program. All of the money that we raise goes directly to the support of the children; there are no administrative fees.



Faith in Action



Tutoring Update

By the Literacy Connection
New tutor training has been scheduled for 2017.
You may choose from two different classes:

April

Mondays, April 3*, 10, 17, 24

Fox River Valley Public Library

555 Barrington Ave, East Dundee, IL 60118

5:30-8:30 p.m.

May

Mondays and Wednesdays,

May 8*, 10, 15, & 17

Gail Borden Public Library

270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120

6-9 p.m.

*The first hour of this session is an orientation.

Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. To register, complete the online form <http://elginliteracy.org/how-to-help/become-a-tutor>, call 847-742-6565, or email info@elginliteracy.org with your full name, address, phone number, and the course date you plan to attend. You will receive a confirmation email within a couple of days.

There is a \$25 fee to cover the textbook, LITSTART: Strategies for Adult Literacy and ESL Tutors, materials and a background check. Cash or a check made payable to The Literacy Connection is collected at the first course meeting.



Thank you to our loving congregation for the prayers, cards, visits and encouragement to Ron during his lengthy stay at the nursing home. We are so grateful for your many acts of kindness and support since his passing. All of this has enriched our faith and our lives so much. The generous contributions to his memorial will always be cherished.

Bobbie & Emily Reed

Voices Addressing our Culture of Violence and How We Can Confront It

“Our culture – our violent culture – is driven by the will to dominate. We know this spirit because we can often feel it within ourselves. At the individual level, it's the smug satisfaction we feel when we get things done our way. This same spirit of domination is writ large in militarism. Imbued with the spirit of domination, the primary purpose of the Pentagon is not to defend our shores but to have dominance over the world. That is why we have more than 700 military bases outside of our borders. Likewise the purpose of our very large corporations and banks is to dominate the world's market places. American racism is born of the will to dominate – that is, to maintain white supremacy. Sexism ensures male dominance. Extreme wealth is not just good fortune and is certainly not due to divine providence. It is to allow the economically strong to wield power over the poor, who are economically weak. The problems we face are not technical. They are diseases of the spirit.” (Tom F. Driver, 2013)

Americans do not only engage in violence, they are also entertained by it. . . Violence runs through American society like an electric current offering instant pleasure from all sources of the culture, whether it be the nightly news and Hollywood fanfare or television series that glorify serial killers. Popular culture not only trades in violence as entertainment, it also delivers violence to a society addicted to an endless barrage of sensations, the lure of instant gratification, and a pleasure principle steeped in graphic and extreme images of human suffering, mayhem, and torture. Violence is now represented without the need for either subtlety or critical examination. Relieved of the pedagogical necessity to instruct, violence is split from its moral significance, just as it becomes more plentiful and lurid to infuse the pleasure quotient with more shocks. Americans now live in “a

culture of the immediate” that functions “as an escape from the past” and a view of the future as one of menace, insecurity, and potential violence. In an age of cruel precarity and uncertainty, the present becomes the only register of hope, politics, and survival. Americans now “look to the future with worry and suspicion and cling to the present with the anguish of those who are afraid of losing what they have,” all the while considering those deemed “other” as a threat to their security. Under such circumstances, trust and mutual respect disappear, democratic public spheres wither, and democracy becomes a cover for false promises and the swindle of fulfillment. Another consequence is the merging of pleasure and cruelty in the most barbarous spectacles of violence.

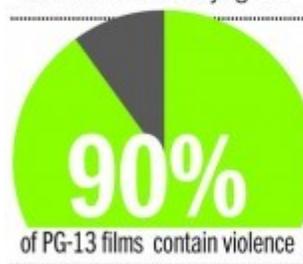
Pervasive media violence

200,000

number of violent acts that the average young person will have viewed on television by age 18

8

age at which children can discriminate between fantasy and reality, making younger children far more susceptible to cartoon violence



of PG-13 films contain violence

SOURCES: American Academy of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh Office of Child Development

DESERET NEWS GRAPHIC

In a world in which nothing matters but a survival-of-the-fittest ethos, pleasure and gratification slide into boredom, shielding a pornography of violence from any sense of moral and public accountability. (Henry A Giroux, 2015)

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Voices Addressing our Culture of Violence and How We Can Confront It

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It doesn't have to be this way. It wasn't always this way. We can turn away from violence; we can build communities of greater peace. It begins with a clear conviction: respect for life. Respect for life is not just a slogan or a program; it is a fundamental moral principle flowing from our teaching on the dignity of the human person. It is an approach to life that values people over things. Respect for life must guide the choices we make as individuals and as a society: what we do and won't do, what we value and consume, whom we admire and whose example we follow, what we support and what we oppose. Respect for human life is the starting point for confronting a culture of violence. (The United States Conference of Bishops of the Catholic Church, 1994)

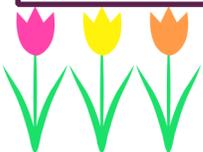
The fact that violence affects us all is the antidote to violence. The antidote begins with a hard look at one's character, 'what you do when no one is looking at you,' and 'how you treat your enemies – finding forgiveness and turning away from notions of vengeance.' In a society that is captivated by violence and readily consumes it through television, movies, and video games, the development of a strong character is the best defense against our natural, aggressive tendencies. (Ozzie Jones, speaking to a group of High School students in Massachusetts)

Ultimately, we can only confront our culture of violence by confronting ourselves – how do we promote violence, even passively? We cannot work against the culture of violence until we understand how we contribute to the culture of violence. We need to be able to discern not only our own private life but the life of our church. Gandhi once wrote: “The only people on earth who do not see



Christ and His teachings as nonviolence are Christians.” If we are to teach non-violence we must live non-violence. In his article “Christian Responses to the Nazi State in Germany”, Carl Scovil wrote: “the ability of the German pastors to op-

pose the state depended not so much on their courage as on their ability to perceive the issues at stake. The sin that preceded what we called cowardice was confusion. The virtue that preceded what we called courage was clarity.” Walter Wink wrote: “Just as military training can control and discipline the instinct of flight and its corresponding emotion of fear, even more can training in non-violence control and discipline to equally elemental capacity for aggression and its corresponding emotion of anger. . . Nonviolence is not a fringe concern. It is the essence of the gospel. Therefore Jesus’ nonviolent followers should not be called pacifists, but simply Christians.”



APRIL—*Discerning* Ways to Address the Culture of Violence

Programs and Projects to Overcome Our Culture of Violence

The culture of violence in the world is not new, though many of us grow more concerned that people—especially youth—are becoming desensitized, even accepting, of trends in our culture such as:

Violence in movies and on TV shows	Violent video games/age appropriateness
Physical bullying at school or in the home	Cyberbullying using social media
Music, especially rap, approving violence	“Mean girl” attacks on self-esteem
Harassment due to race or ethnicity	Violent costumes at parties or Halloween

On the facing page, Rev. Cope explores our tendencies to accept or participate in these symptoms of violence in our everyday lives and offers ways to become more aware of their effects by developing our critical thinking skills.

Ministry of Missions



MISSION: POSSIBLE

A Tale of Love in Action



Ann Armato (right) with Nancy Kneip at Fair Trade table

Several years ago, Ann Armato heard Nancy Kneip talk to our Faith in Action group about labor exploitation in the global coffee industry. Forced labor, child labor and extremely low wages are prevalent, as well as deforestation in what were previously shade coffee fields. She decided she could make a difference by helping Nancy sell fair-traded products from a company called Equal Exchange. Sale of these products gives small farmers and co-ops consistent, good prices for their crops.

This mission has become a regular and popular event in our church on the second Sunday of each month. The wide range of products from Equal Exchange includes coffees, teas, nuts, dried fruits, jams and delicious chocolate bars.

Ann says, "This is our fourth year. The congregation has embraced the project and continues to support it. Some even place special orders. Sales continue to be strong.

Equal Exchange also works with farmers and co-ops to enhance production without chemical fertilizers or pesticides. Most items are organic. To view the entire product line, visit: <http://equalexchangeproducts.com>. The Ministry of Missions



We have the opportunity to take a Dinner Cruise on the Fox River sponsored by the Events Committee. Mark your calendar for September 16th. The cruise will leave from St. Charles, and we will be organizing carpools closer to September.

The cost for the trip will be \$31.10, including dinner and tip. The boat is accessible and everyone is welcome.



One Great HOUR OF SHARING

On April 9, Palm Sunday, Phyllis Richards (from UCC headquarters in Cleveland) will be our guest speaker.

She will share good news of how OGHS funds are used to do God's works.

In the midst of suffering, where is God? He is here! YOU ARE HERE! Your support through One



Great Hour of Sharing enables the United Church of Christ, along with other partnering organizations and individuals, to reach people and communities affected by disaster, displacement and poverty. God created us to love Him and one another. When God's love abides in us, we are moved to respond with our own material goods to the needs of other members of God's family. Matthew's gospel reveals our responsibility: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Bring your OGHS donation envelope on Sunday, April 9. Extra envelopes are available on the Greeter's Desk in the Narthex.

Discernment is the ability to see things for what they REALLY are and not for what you WANT them to be.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE ANNUAL CELEBRATION

June 9 & 10, 2017



Elmhurst College
Frick Center
190 Prospect St.
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Panel Discussion
Friday Afternoon.

Friday worship led by
Nayiri Karjian

Saturday worship led by
Jeanne Santucci Murawski

Registration materials will be sent Spring 2017!

Each church shall bring one (1) adult delegate and one (1) youth delegate.
Churches with 800 or more members shall have one (1) additional adult delegate and one (1) additional youth delegate. Youth delegates need only pay for their meals, the meeting and lodging (i.e. Youth Lock-In) are free.



Two Children were joyfully welcomed into Baptism at CCA during the month of March:

Baptized 3/12/17 Parents
Hunter Aaron Pitz Michael & Mary Pitz
born 5/29/2016

Baptized 3/19/17 Mother
Aaron Lucas Cade Aidee Gonzalez
born 7/15/2015

Are you stuck in an endless cycle of living paycheck to paycheck?

Are you tired of fighting with your loved ones?

Or are you simply tired of struggling to survive every pay period?

**WELCOME TO
THE FINANCIAL MATRIX...**
But there IS a way out!

Learn to apply the 47 financial principles, escape the MATRIX and start living your life purpose that God has given you!



MONEY IS A GIFT. IT HAS A SPECIFIC USE. THIS MEANS THAT YOU HAVE A STEWARDSHIP. YOU ARE TO USE YOUR MONEY FOR SOMETHING THAT MATTERS, FOR YOUR FAMILY AND BEYOND.

Do you know the purpose that God has given you?

If not, come find out while you learn to

control your money instead of continuing to have it control you.

Contact Brittany for an information pack about the Free Class in May

224.800.9671 (leave voicemail) or blueorchidhwc@gmail.com (re: free class)

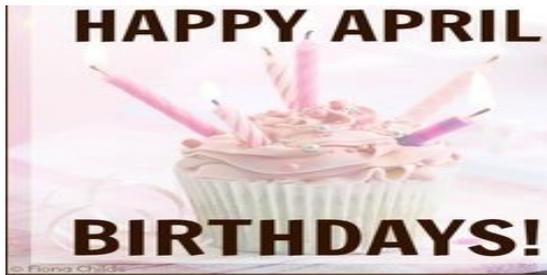


A Donation was made to CCA from Jana Sinn and Doug Sinn in memory of their mother, Marilyn Carlson Sinn

An bouquet of Hawaiian Lillies was displayed on the altar at CCA on March 19 by Mrs. Ethel Yoshimasu

in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Toussaint & their daughter, Barbara, (her college roommate)





TREASURER'S REPORT		As of February 28, 2017	
		Total Operating Fund Income	
	Month of February		\$20,209.75
	YTD		\$38,593.00
		Total Operating Expenses	
	Month of February		\$15,794.32
	YTD		\$39,953.87
		Mortgage Balance	
		\$129,056.56	

If you would like a copy of the entire monthly Treasurer's Report, please contact the church office.




THANK YOU...

To our wonderful family, we would once again like to thank everyone for all their thoughts, prayers and help sent our way. We are overwhelmed at all the generosity shown us. Bob's recovery is coming along. He is back at work, but very sore, due to the nature of his job. He is continuing to get stronger every day. We are very blessed to be part of such an amazing family that we have through our church.

With deepest thanks. Janet and Bob Kelley

A Note from Rev. Cope—

My service to you is one of the most important parts of my ministry. To make an appointment with me, it is best to call or text me (use my cell # 224-535-1778) or email me at revcope.cca@gmail.com. You can stop in the office—if I am not in a meeting, come in. So many people say they do not want to interrupt me. If the door to my office is open, you will not interrupt me. That is a promise!



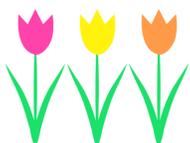
Please submit all items for the newsletter to the church office no later than the 15th of the month!



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| 02 Pam Elliott | 03 Carol Roby |
| Jodi Hogrewe | 04 Katie Tarosas |
| 05 Patty Beatty | 06 Denise Jensen |
| Gerald Voegeli | |
| 08 Dave McLaughlin | 10 Dennis Kneip |
| 13 Cathy Thorne | 14 Betty Paldauf |
| Dave Treadwell | |
| 21 Thea O'Connor | 23 Bob Benjamin |
| 24 Denise Ekstrom | 25 Barbara Field |
| 26 Lauren Stengel | 27 Barbara Schmidt |
| | Karen Thornsberry |
| 28 Bonnie Soukup | 30 Jackie Alexander |
| Bryan Tipps | Timothy Sprouse |



- 04/02 Patrick & Wynn Van Holleran
- 04/02 Gary & Eva Tipps
- 04/10 Bryan Tipps & Mariann Solorio-Tipps
- 04/17 Ann & Michael Armato
- 04/20 Charles & Sherry Parker
- 04/21 Whitey & Patricia Hemmingsen
- 04/30 Jay & Jacqueline Scheske





PRAYER WARRIORS WANTED!

Would you like to be part of a newly forming prayer team? Its purpose is to expand beyond the church's present Prayer Chain list to handle more immediate concerns and issues of the day. If you have questions, please contact Barb Weitz and let her know that you are interested. The plans are to put new technology to use to engage this prayer team.

The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct

From Choosing Civility by P.F. Forni

Every month in 2017 we will list two of the 25 rules.

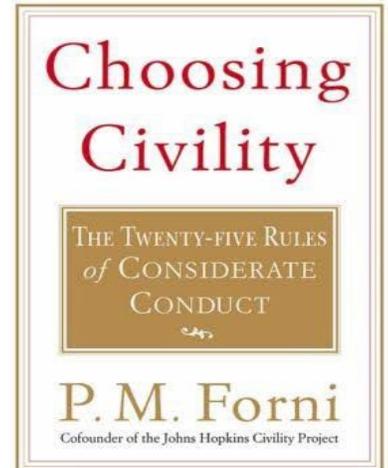
Rules 8 and 9

Rule 8 – Accept and Give Praise

A compliment is a gift, one we are expected to acknowledge with a simple 'Thank you.' Instead, most of us respond to a compliment with humility. We do not want to appear egotistical. And yet if we accept the praise as a gift, we will not step into egotism. We should also extend such gifts to others. Praise encourages us to continue to do good; it makes us aware that we are indeed doing good work, and praise nurtures self-esteem. As Mark Twain once said, "I can live for two months on a good compliment."

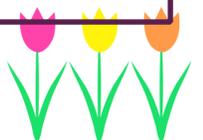
Rule 9 – Respect even a 'Subtle' No

Respecting the 'No' of another is one of the most elementary and significant rules of respect. Learn to recognize a 'No' when it's not stated in the most explicit of ways. Be sensitive to body language. Do not hear a 'No' as a rejection of yourself. It is not a threat to your self-image.

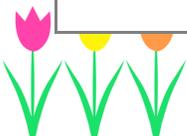


We will be presenting

The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 13, 7:30 pm
There are no parts to memorize, you just need to hold still for a few brief moments. There will be one rehearsal to learn your place and get your costume fitted on April 11th at 7pm. This meaningful service is a tradition at CCA and a great way to remember what Christ was experiencing during his last hours with his followers. Please sign up today on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1  8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:30 AM INSIDE CLEANUP 1:00 PM Movies with Meaning
2 Fair Trade Sunday 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E Hr 10:00 AM Worship Service-Senior Choir 11:15 Pew Shepherds Mtg	3 10:00 AM Social Justice Advocates	4 ELECTION DAY 2:30 pm Tutoring 4:30 pm Tuesdays with Pastor 5:00 Westwind Martial Arts Academy 6:45 Troop 151	5 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Handbell Practice 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Senior Choir	6 Set-up for Chocolate Fest 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA	7 Set-up for Chocolate Fest	8 CHOCOLATE FEST 10 am—3pm 
9 PALM SUNDAY OGHS offering received Guest Speaker 8:00 AM Worship Service 8:45 AM Min Trustees 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E 9:00 AM Confirmation Class 10:00 AM Shepherd U 10:00 AM Teen FIA 10:00 AM Worship Service-Senior Choir 11:15 AM Min Finance 11:15 AM Holy Week Set-up	10 7:00 PM Trails Swim Team	11 9:00 AM Senior Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 6:45 PM Boy Scout Troop 151 7:00 PM Practice for Last Supper	12 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Handbell Practice 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting 7:30 PM Senior Choir	13  9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service	14  7:30 PM Good Friday Service	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 9:00 AM Easter Set-up 10:00 AM EASTER EGG HUNT & More 
16  EASTER SUNDAY 8:00AM Worship Service 10:00AM Worship Service-Senior Choir	17 7:00 PM Min Deacons	18 9:00 AM Sr Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 1:30 PM Heavenly Attic Board Meeting 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tues w/Pastor 5:00 PM Troop 151 Court of Honor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Art Academy 6:45 PM Boy Scout Troop 151	19 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 1:00 PM Pastoral Relations Committee 5:00 PM Church Growth 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Senior Choir	20 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA	21 7:00 PM BUNCO 	22
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PALM SUNDAY

We Remember Christ's Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem on
Sunday, April 9, 8am & 10am

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

We Share in Christ's Last Supper
 with a Dramatic Living Last Supper
Thursday, April 13, 7:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

A Meditative Service Reflecting on Christ's Crucifixion
Friday, April 14, 7:30pm

EASTER EGG HUNT

A Family Fun Event with Crafts, Stories & an Egg Hunt
 (Please call to register)
Saturday, April 15, 10:00 am

EASTER SERVICES

He is Risen!! Come Celebrate with Us
Sunday, April 16, 8am & 10am

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE



4/2	Macy & Ella Barham
4/9 Palm Sunday	Madison Thornsberry Abby Kapusinski
4/16 EASTER	Nolan Pocijewski
4/23	AJ Albandia
4/30	Scott Kapusinski



April 2	Sharon Stengel
April 9	Dave Aggen
April 16	Jen Jazwinski
April 23	Sally Cope
April 30	Michelle Tarosas

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- 4/2 Wilson
- 4/9 Sigrist / S.Twarling
- 4/16 Novak
- 4/23 Pitz/Hemmingsen
- 4/30 Guenther



If you cannot make your scheduled date, please contact the church office.

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	Ushers	Greeter
4/2	Ron Martens Dave Carris	Donna Brown
4/09	Ron Martens Bob Benjamin	Sally Cope
4/16	Ron Martens Ed Turk	Sally Cope
4/23	Ron Martens Lori Mertens	Lynn Brown
4/30	Ron Martens Dick Elke	Lois Carpenter



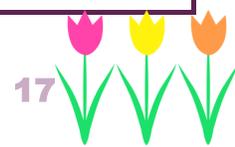
4/2	Shirley Basler
4/9	Dick Elke
4/16 EASTER	Andrew Brown 8 AM and 10 AM
4/23	John Novak
4/30	Sharon Stengel



Date	Nursery Staff	Volunteer
4/2	Pam Elliott	Barb Schmidt
4/9	Brittany Mainiero	Constance Wodziak
4/16	Pam Elliott	Kathleen Sanders
4/23	Brittany Mainiero	Marian Wilson
4/30	Pam Elliott	JoAnn Schindler



April 9	Karen Guenther & Alice Woertendyke
April 23	Karen Guenther & Carol Roby



About CCA and the UCC

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The Congregational Church of Algonquin is a congregation affiliated with the United Church of Christ. It is one of the oldest churches in McHenry County. Members have been worshipping in its current sanctuary since 1868.

The church is located a block east of Main Street (Route 31) and a block south of Algonquin Road (Route 62) in downtown Algonquin.

The United Church of Christ is a denomination with over 1.4 million members in nearly 6,000 congregations. The UCC was founded in

1957 by uniting several different Christian traditions. From the beginning we were a church that affirmed the ideal that Christians did not always have to agree to live together in communion. Our motto - "*that they may all be one*" - is Jesus' prayer for the unity of the church. The UCC is one of the most diverse Christian churches in the U.S.

Affirming that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church, the UCC claims as its own the faith of the historic church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of

Protestant reformers. Yet the UCC also affirms the responsibility of each generation and community to make faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God. It looks to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world.

For more information about the United Church of Christ, go to www.ucc.org.

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