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

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PRAYERS FOR



PEACE

## Peace Prayer Service

Thursday, August 17, 2017, 7:00 pm

Monthly on the 3rd Thursday

## New From the Ministry of Christian Education

  
FOOTSTEPS

August 20, 10 am

**Introducing Footsteps**  
— a new approach to  
help parents teach their  
children our faith

August 20, 11:15 am

**Introducing rightnow MEDIA—**  
You have to see it to believe it!  
**Please stay for LUNCH**



*Details on page 5*



Dear Friends,

2017 is my ninth year as your pastor – which means that 2018 will mark our tenth anniversary. I am not saying this to wax nostalgic; for me, it is an opportunity for us to see where we have been, where we have come, and where we are going. Recently, an unexpected opportunity presented itself through my work with the Pastoral Relations Committee. In conversations to find ways to improve my ministry in the church, we realized that we have never looked at my job description since I have been here. So, we thought it would be an easy task to pull it out of the files, brush it off, and update it. To our surprise, we found that there is no simple document marked ‘job description’.

There is the contract that I signed with you; it does have some comments, but it does not get into the details that a job description needs. We looked at documents that the UCC has provided; again, good information, but not a job description. I considered the Profile that you prepared when you were in the Search Process, after Rev. Feyen’s pastorate ended here. I made copies and gave a thick file to the members of the Pastoral Relations Committee. Then we came up with this idea.

Even if we had a perfect ‘job description’, what we would want to do is to see if that job description fits our ministry now. It is not difficult to write out a job description. We can brainstorm the duties that I have and put them in a list. The difficulty is prioritizing those jobs and the time that the Pastor has to do them. It is not that I can, or will, stop doing what I do. It is just that I am not sure what you expect me to do, especially at times when everything is coming at me at the same time. What do you expect me to put at the top of the list? I could sit in my office and create priorities. But because we are a congregational church and you are my bosses, I need to work with you and your expectations. In your view, to which should I give priority when my time is creating conflict: sermons and worship (priestly), visitation and counseling (pastoral), mission (prophetic) or church administration (property management)? For nine years we have all assumed that we agree on this. But do we? It is time to stop making such assumptions – which, in this case, will lead to conflict, trust me, - and do the work needed to find out just what we all think. So, we (the Pastoral Relation’s Committee and I) have decided that this Fall we will ask you to look at a list of the jobs that I do and then list them according to how you think I can best utilize the time that I have. We will then collate the responses and publish the results, using them to create an up-to-date job description. Then we will have a good idea of our understanding of my job, and how I use my time to do ministry. After this, maybe, we can look at your job description as a church member.

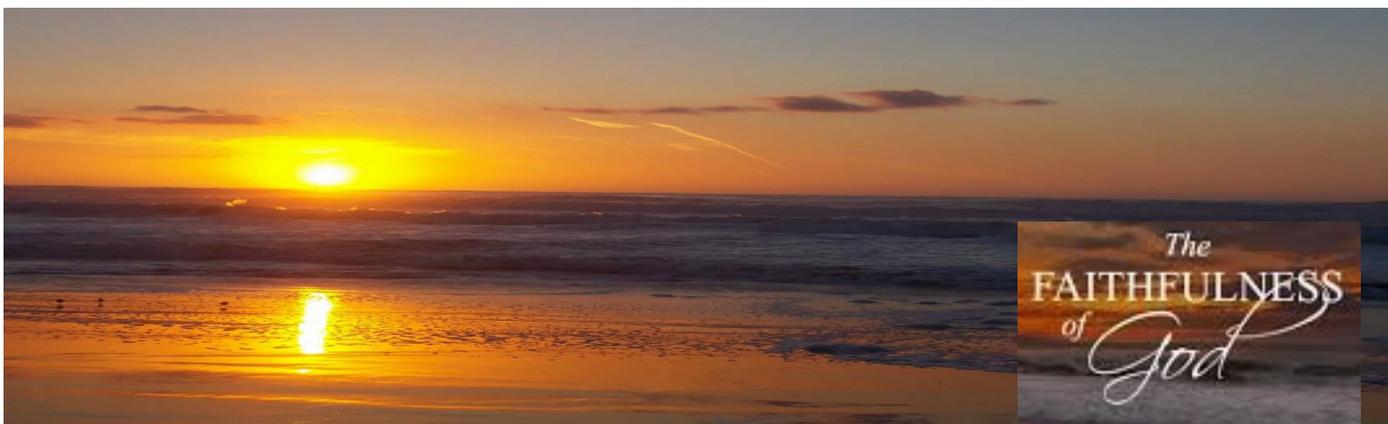
Rev Cope

## **TWO IMPORTANT NOTES :**

**Monthly Worship Services “Praying for Peace” will begin Thursday, August 17, at 7 pm, and will be held on the third Thursday of each month.**

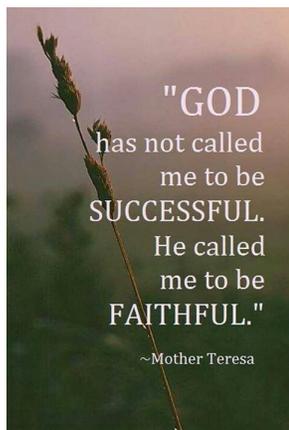
**Beginning Monday, August 14, at 10:30 am, I will be holding a Bible Study. The study will continue every month at this time on the second and fourth Mondays, and will meet in the Conference Room. We will be using the Ray VaanderLand series that I have been using in the Women’s Fellowship.**





### **Moving on in Faithfulness**

*A reporter asked Mother Teresa how she could go on working at such a hopeless task day after day and year after year. The people she cared for were very poor, and many of them so very ill. How could she continue with such dedication, knowing that all the poverty and illness might well still be there long after she's gone?*



*Her explanation was simple: "God hasn't called me to be successful. He's called me to be faithful." Her commitment was to the process, not the result; to the journey, not the destination; to the means, not the end; to the task itself, not the completion of it.*

*Our challenge, too, is to sensitize to greater purpose, even if we sense the job might never be finished.*

*Curious, isn't it, how this perspective fits into the "new humanity" that Jesus preached and taught about. A good perspective to keep in focus as we move on in our efforts of personal growth and development.*

**Blessings for the Journey...**

**Rev. Arn**



# Remember in Prayer

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

|   |   |
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| Betty Blair<br>Clare Oaks Rehab Center<br>825 Carillon Dr.<br>Bartlett, IL 60103        | Edna McCormick<br>Citadel Health Care Center<br>180 S. State Street, #242<br>Elgin, IL 60123-6429   |
| Ed Brandwein<br>Eastgate Manor<br>102 Eastgate Ct., #242<br>Algonquin, IL 60102         | Frances Newberg<br>Church Creek<br>1250 W. Center Rd, #415<br>Arlington Heights, IL 60005   |
| Louise Dahm<br>1005 South Rd.<br>Fox River Grove, IL 60021                              | Thea O'Connor<br>c/o Liberty Estates<br>2080 W. Navajo Dr. #341<br>Freeport, IL 61032   |
| Marge Hanley<br>808 Menominee Drive<br>Lake in the Hills, IL 60156                      | Helen Stauffer<br>Room 102<br>2406 Hartland Rd.<br>Woodstock, IL 60098  |
| Joyce Horn<br>Alden Terrace<br>803 Royal Dr.<br>McHenry, IL 60050                       | Claudette Treadwell<br>731 Longwood Dr.<br>Algonquin, IL 60102  |
| Erna Houdek<br>Valley Hi<br>2406 Hartland Rd.<br>Woodstock, IL 60098                    | Glen True<br>25 Lincoln Avenue<br>Dundee, IL 60118  |
| Betty Imhoff<br>731 Oceola Drive<br>Algonquin, IL 60102                                 | Mary Westerbeck<br>1601 W. Queen Creek Rd#143<br>Chandler, AZ 85248   |
| Claire Kent<br>865 Eineke Blvd.<br>Algonquin, IL 60102                                  | <b>Barbara Whitaker*</b><br><b>Fox Point Manor</b><br><b>3360 Charles Miller Rd</b><br><b>Memory Care Bldg #108</b><br><b>McHenry, IL 60050</b> |
| Donna Krueger<br>Sunrise Senior Living<br>790 N. Plum Grove Rd.<br>Schaumburg, IL 60173 | Ethel Yamashita<br>Sunrise Senior Living<br>790 N. Plum Grove Rd.<br>Schaumburg IL 60173  |

\*Indicates a change in information



**PRAY FOR OUR  
MILITARY**

**Cody Colbert**

**Richard Dowdle**

**Eric Hertel**

**John (Jay) Hogrewe**

**Jake Korbecki**

**Dominik Kneip**

**Owen Ritsema**

**Ben Sprouse**

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.**

**revcope.cca@gmail.com**

- ◆ 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 with?

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.*

## 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: **Francis Newberg, Thea O'Conner**. 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.

The following individuals were hospitalized in **July**:

No One



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



# Fall Kickoff

## FOOTSTEPS



**August 20, starts at 10 am**

**Introducing Footsteps**—a new approach to help parents teach their children our faith

Footsteps is a new program to equip parents to teach their faith to their children. We will do this by educating, making and marking steps along a pathway of faith. The tools of the journey we will use will include traditional and new milestones of celebration, state-of-the-art media and film for individual and group learning, and a new way to meet and teach about our faith.

**August 20, 11:15 am**

**Introducing rightnow MEDIA**—  
“It’s like the Christian Netflix of Bible Study”. You have to see it to believe it!



This is a customizable video library for every person in our church. Equip families. Resource groups. Develop leaders. Demonstrators will be on hand right after the service.



**August 20, 11:15 am**

**Please stay for LUNCH!**

There will be a cookout after the 10:00 am service . The **whole church is invited!** Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided- we ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, so we know how many tables to set up. The sheet also has places to sign up to help. If you can’t make it to church before August 20, please call the office and let us know you are coming. Footsteps and rightnow MEDIA are wonderful, big new approaches to our children, youth and adult studies. We are excited, so please invite anyone who may be interested in the future of Christian Education.



# 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 life. The following are our current group studies. Feel free to join us at any of the groups at any time!

## ADULT GROUPS AT CCA

### Weekly

**Tuesdays with the Pastor - Tuesdays, 4:30 pm – 6 pm**

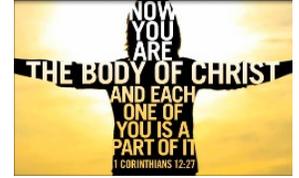
**Women's Fellowship - Wednesdays, 10 am -12 pm**

### Monthly

**Bibles and Brew – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm at Port Edward Restaurant**

**Men's Fellowship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 8 am – 9:30 am**

**Movies with Meaning – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 1 pm -3 pm**



**Praying for Peace—3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm, beginning August 17, 2017**

**Bible Study—2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 10:30 am, beginning August 14, 2017**

## THEMES FOR AUGUST

### Tuesdays with the Pastor

Viewing and Discussing the film, **The Shack**

Reading and Discussing the Book, **My Year of Living Biblically** by A.J. Jacobs

**Bibles and Brew** Series – **Elements of Faith: The Beatitudes** **August 10, 2017, 6:30 pm**

**Men's Fellowship** – Breakfast and Discussion **Saturday, August 12, 2017, 8:00 am**

**Movies with Meaning** **Hugo** **Saturday, August 12, 2017, 1-3 pm**



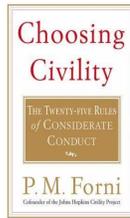
**Hugo** is a 2011 historical adventure drama film directed and co-produced by Martin Scorsese and adapted for the screen by John Logan. Based on Brian Selznick's book **The Invention of Hugo Cabret**, it is about a boy who lives alone in the Gare Montparnasse railway station in Paris in the 1930s. When it was released, Hugo received critical acclaim and received 11 Academy Award nominations (including Best Picture, more than any other film that year, and won five awards: Best Cinematography, Best Art Direction, Best Sound Mixing, Best Sound Editing and Best Visual Effects. It was also nominated for eight BAFTAs, winning two, and was nominated for three Golden Globe awards, earning Scorsese his third Golden Globe Award for Best Director.

**NEW! Bible Study**—Beginning Monday, **August 14, at 10:30 am**, Pastor will conduct a Bible Study (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays) in the Conference Room using the Ray VaanderLand series (formerly used in Women's Fellowship) **Israel's Mission: Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World—No. 13, in the series "That the World May Know"**

**NEW! "Praying for Peace"** Worship Services will begin on **Thursday, August 17, 7pm**, and will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month!



## The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct



*From Choosing Civility by P.F. Forni  
Every month in 2017 we list two of the 25 rules.*

### 16. Apologize Earnestly

*An apology followed by “but I . . .” has lost its ability to soften the heart. To be a true and sincere person, your actions must follow your words, and your words must follow your thoughts.*

Apologies should be thoughtfully conceived, clearly stated, and heart-felt. They need not be long and elaborate but should convey that we know exactly *what* we did that was wrong, that we understand the effects of our actions, and that we are not looking for excuses.

Apologizing is one thing; exculpating yourself is quite another: don't mix the two. In other words, apologies and excuses are two different things. Excuses are frequently used in place of real apologies by those who refuse to take responsibility for their actions.

Apologies don't always receive an immediate forgiveness nor should they. Forgiveness takes time, and involves seeing a change in action. Apologies should not be easier than the pain that resulted from the action that required the apology in the first place.

### 17. Being Civil to the World Around Us

We assume that choosing civility means how humans treat one another. Yet we are given the responsibility of more than creating a human community. We are called to be stewards of the entire world: plants, animals, insects, water, soil. We must treat nature with the same attitude as we treat each other.

*You carry Mother Earth within you. She is not outside of you. Mother Earth is not just your environment. In that insight of inter-being it is possible to have real communication with the Earth, which is the highest form of prayer.*

**Thich Nhat Hanh**

*We make the world we live in and shape our own environment.* **Orison Swett Marden**

*We won't have a society if we destroy our environment.*

**Margaret Mead**

*In a few decades, the relationship between the environment, resources and conflict may seem almost as obvious as the connection we see today between human rights, democracy and peace.* **Wangrii Maathi**

## Photographer(s) Wanted:



We need to get pictures of the great things we do here at CCA!  
Ideally we need several so the workload can be spread out.

If you are interested, contact the church office.

## 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 your own personal projects.

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

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.



**CWS Hygiene and School Kits**  
will be collected by the youth and children  
during the month of August

There is a full list of items that will be collected for these kits in the Narthex;  
or see any youth or child.





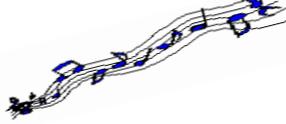
## SENIOR CHOIR RESUMES!

Whether you are a 'seasoned veteran or would like to join us for the first time, here are some details:

The Senior Choir rehearses on Wednesdays, beginning **August 30, 2017**, 7:30 - 9:00 pm. We sing three to four Sundays per month from September to May. In addition, we sing special services throughout the year on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday.

Membership is flexible. If you need to take off for any reason, just return when you can. We always love to see you! We always work 3 - 4 weeks ahead on material, so even if you have to miss, you won't get behind. The music, folder and robe are all furnished. All you have to do is show up and sing!

Our Senior Choir is an important asset to the church. Our stewardship is sharing our music.



It's fun because of the people involved. Its not a huge commitment, costs nothing, has led to many wonderful friendships and adds greatly to the worship experience.

We hope you will consider joining us for another great year of making music in worship.... the more the merrier!

**SAVE THE DATE: CCA will be heading to Jubilee Farms on October 7, 2017**



Watch for more details visit [JubileeFarmsClinton.com](http://JubileeFarmsClinton.com) for more information about them



## A Paddleboat Dinner Cruise

**September 16, 2017**  
mark your calendar!

**The Events Committee is arranging a Dinner Cruise on the Fox River. The boat is accessible, and everyone is welcome!**

The Cruise will leave from St. Charles. We will be organizing carpools closer to September.

Cost for the trip (including dinner and tip) is \$32.00 **To reserve your spot**, provide a **check payable to CCA by August 15, 2017.** **We have reserved only 30 spots for this event.**

**ONLY WAIT LIST SPOTS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE**

The Sign Up Sheet is on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall



## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, October, 15, 2017.**

This year our church will be hosting the annual Cardinal Cropwalk. The money that is raised in our walk will be used to feed the hungry locally, nationally and globally. There will be many opportunities to participate. We need walkers, pledgers, refreshments, set-up and take-down crew, registration people, an emergency car driver, and cheerleaders. Walkers can invite their friends, bring their dogs, ride their bikes or skate. Even hula-hoops are welcome! Let's have fun as we help!

If you can help in any way, please contact Barb Erion ([berion750@aol.com](mailto:berion750@aol.com) 847-658-8252).

Our event is only **2** months away... **Save the Date!**

## Calling all Artists!



**If you paint or draw or take artistic photographs, and would like to donate several of your works of art to fundraising for two local charities, you might like to join our art show.**

(A Faith in Action Project)

**What: Fine Art Show**

**When: Sunday, November 5**

**Where: Fellowship Hall**

**Charities: Turning Point & Home of the Sparrow**

Please contact Sandy Ferguson if you are interested:  
815-276-1299, [sbergferg@gmail.com](mailto:sbergferg@gmail.com)





Teen Faith in Action is working hard for the **CWS Blanket Fundraiser.**

Remember, a gift of just \$10 can blanket someone with love.

If you have not yet had a chance to submit your donation, please do so before the end of August!

Thank you!  
Teen Faith In Action



One of our shoppers at the recent rummage sale found a ring. If you are missing a ring and can describe it, please call the church office and we will try to reunite you with your ring.

Thank you,  
The Rummage Sale Team



### CARPET SQUARE FUNDRAISER!

Goal \$2500

Help us Raise \$2500 for new carpeting in the Choir Room. Each Square is \$25. Buy as many as you'd like! Sign up on the board in the Fellowship Hall. Make checks payable to CCA. (Cash is always welcome!)

### SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

If you work with children here at CCA and missed the last round of Safe Church Training, we need to connect with you!



Please call the Church Office (or speak directly with Michelle) to be part of the next round of training.

Please submit all items for the newsletter to the Church Office no later than the **15th of the month!**



## 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 of congress persons so that you may bend their ear on a regular basis about those issues that concern you!



## 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



## Tutoring Update

Technology literacy may be just as important for our non-native speakers as English language literacy. Schools communicate grades electronically, access to your medical records may require a visit to a secure website, driver's license renewal reminder's come in your email and keeping in touch with far away family may include using a social network site.

The Literacy Connection has provided everything needed to get started using technology with adult learners at:

<http://ww.elginliteracy.org/images/stories/pdf/lc-using-technology-adult-learners.pdf>.

If you feel you need to learn some of these skills yourself, you can learn along with your student.



25% off  
Shorts, Capri's, swim suits  
and cover-ups

no other discount/coupons apply

Heavenly Attic

307 South Main Algonquin

Tues - Fri 10 - 4 Sat 10 - 2

## 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 the missions of our church?

Please put your item into the mail slot marked: **Missions Bulletin Board.**

Please include your name



## Go the Extra Mile

**TUESDAYS WITH THE PASTOR study group** is challenging themselves and the congregation to “Go the Extra Mile, and Give More” whenever possible.

Towards this goal, we are choosing two items every month (shown in red) 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 can be left in the basket near the elevator.

**Instant Potatoes**



**Shower Curtains and/or Rods**

Please leave items for Home of the Sparrow in the basket in the coat room.



## Heavenly Attic Resale Shop

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.

307 South Main Street  
Algonquin, IL 60102

Hours: Tuesday thru Friday  
10am to 4pm

Saturday 10am to 2 pm



## 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*



## Literacy and ESL Tutoring

(English as a Second Language)

### Do You Wish To Tutor

You only need to be certified. You can do that by taking tutor training classes, available through:

>The **Literacy Connection of Elgin** [elginliteracy.org](http://elginliteracy.org)

(12 hours of free instruction, plus \$25 purchase of textbook)

**Note – They will then assign you to a learner in or south of Algonquin.**

>**McHenry County College** - classes will resume soon. See the Tutoring Display in Fellowship Hall or visit [mchenry.edu/volunteer](http://mchenry.edu/volunteer).

**Note—MCC has learners north and west of Algonquin.**

Brochures are available at the **Literacy Tutoring Display in Fellowship Hall** that explain more about the classes and tutor/learner assignments. Questions? Please talk to Pastor Cope or JoAnn Schindler.

**The Literacy Connection Websites:**  
[ElginLiteracy.org](http://ElginLiteracy.org) & [McHenry.edu/volunteer](http://McHenry.edu/volunteer)





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| 02 Dick Roggeveen   | 18 Charles Jolitz |
| 05 Jeff Jolitz      | 19 Maxx Carpenter |
| 05 Jay Scheske      | 19 Helen Stauffer |
| 05 Gary Tipps       | 19 Jayne Scheske  |
| 05 Greg Tipps       | 20 Dave Carris    |
| 08 Kristen Panzloff | 20 Steve Wilson   |
| 09 Leanna Smith     | 22 Patricia Thime |
| 13 Barbara Weitz    | 23 Loren Twarling |
| 16 Lore Ann Sprouse | 25 Warren Dahn    |
| 17 Janet Aggen      | 28 Kathy Kistler  |
| 17 Kay Boyer        | 29 Dave Aggen     |
| 17 Kurt Boyer       | 29 Sally Cope     |



CHIRBIRD



| Date  | Couple Names           |
|-------|------------------------|
| 08-10 | Neil & Donna Foss      |
| 08-10 | Jean & William Hertel  |
| 08-10 | Richard & Claire Kent  |
| 08-10 | Greg & Beverly Tipps   |
| 08-15 | Robert & Anna Benjamin |
| 08-21 | Dave & Joy McLaughlin  |
| 08-22 | Ron & Lynne Carlson    |
| 08-23 | Michael & Jo Linn Fack |
| 08-25 | David & Janet Aggen    |
| 08-25 | Bruce & Cathy Thorne   |
| 08-29 | Dan & Christie Drasler |
| 08-30 | Kim & Kathy Jamison    |
| 08-31 | Robert & Janet Kelley  |



**Donations Received  
in Memory of  
Bill Soto**

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| Dave & Janet Aggen                           | Lori Martens                        |
| Evan & Jane Broy<br>Rev. & Sally Cope        | Richard Noxon<br>Steven M. Sowa     |
| The Curtis Family<br>Donald & Marilyn Earley | Sound Imaging<br>(Michelle Tarosas) |
| Howard & Kathleen<br>Dittmann                | Martha Wallace                      |

Many People Will Walk  
in and Out of Your Life  
But only true Friends  
will Leave Footprints in your  
**Heart**

Thank you for all the cards  
and prayers during my recent  
surgery and hospitalizations.  
They were greatly appreciated,  
as were the visits.

Sincerely,  
Betty Maicke





| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|  <p><b>30</b> <b>BIRDHOUSE</b><br/>OFFERING - ReHome<br/>8:00 AM Worship Service<br/>9:00 AM Intergenerational Sunday School<br/>10:00 AM Worship Service<br/>11:15 AM Reiki Workshop<br/>11:15 AM Safe Church Trg</p>                                      | <p><b>31</b><br/>10:00 AM Tutoring<br/>10:30 AM SJA<br/>2:00 PM Baptism Committee<br/>7:00 PM Safe Church Training</p>  | <p><b>1</b><br/>9:00 AM Senior Ctr<br/>10:00 AM Tutoring<br/>1:30 PM Lego Robotics Summer Classes<br/>4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor<br/>5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>   | <p><b>2</b><br/>10:00 AM Women's Fellowship<br/>1:30 PM Visitation Committee<br/>5:00 PM Tutoring<br/>7:00 PM NA</p>  | <p><b>3</b><br/>9:30 AM Tutoring<br/>10:00 AM Yarn Works<br/>12:30 PM Staff Mtg<br/>5:30 PM Confirmation Class<br/>7:30 PM AA</p>  | <p><b>4</b></p>                                  | <p><b>5</b><br/>10:00 AM Crop Walk Committee Meeting</p>  |
|  <p><b>6</b> <b>PASS THE PIGS – FOOD PANTRY</b><br/>8:00 AM Worship Service<br/>9:00 AM Intergenerational Sunday School<br/>10:00 AM Worship Service<br/>11:15 AM ALL CHURCH CALENDAR MEETING<br/>11:15 AM Min of Missions</p>                               | <p><b>7</b><br/>10:00 AM Tutoring<br/>2:00 PM Min C Ed - to learn RightNowMEDIA<br/>6:30 PM Tutor Support Group Mtg</p> | <p><b>8</b><br/>8:30 AM Senior Ctr<br/>10:00 AM Tutoring<br/>4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor<br/>5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>  | <p><b>9</b><br/>10:00 AM Women's Fellowship<br/>1:00 PM Music &amp; Worship Committee<br/>5:00 PM Tutoring<br/>7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting<br/>7:00 PM NA<br/>7:00 PM Pre-school Board Mtg</p>  | <p><b>10</b><br/>9:30 AM Tutoring<br/>10:00 AM Yarn Works<br/>12:30 PM Staff Meeting<br/>5:30 PM Confirmation Class<br/>6:30 PM Bible &amp; Brew<br/>7:30 PM AA</p>          | <p><b>11</b><br/>Set up for Men's Fellowship</p> |  <p><b>12</b><br/>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast<br/>1:00 PM Movies with Meaning (Hugo)</p> |
| <p><b>13</b><br/><b>Fair Trade Sunday</b><br/><u>Last Sunday to turn in your Summer Reading Forms</u><br/>8:00 AM Worship Service<br/>8:45 AM Ministry of Trustees<br/>9:00 AM Intergenerational Sunday School<br/>10:00 AM Teen Faith in Action<br/>10:00 AM Worship Service- Reception of New Members<br/>11:15 AM Ministry of Finance</p> | <p><b>14</b><br/>10:00 AM Tutoring<br/>10:30 AM Bible Study</p>   |  <p><b>15</b><br/>8:30 AM Senior Ctr<br/>10:00 AM Tutoring<br/>4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor<br/>5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/>10:00 AM Women's Fellowship<br/>1:00 PM Pastoral Relations Committee<br/>4:00 PM Tutoring<br/>5:00 PM Church Growth<br/>7:00 PM NA</p>   | <p><b>17</b><br/>9:30 AM Tutoring<br/>10:00 AM Yarn Works<br/>12:30 PM Staff Meeting<br/>5:30 PM Confirmation Class<br/>7:00 PM Praying for Peace Service<br/>7:30 PM AA</p> | <p><b>18</b></p>                                 | <p><b>19</b></p>  |
| <p><b>20</b><br/>8:00 AM Worship Service<br/>9:00 AM Fall Kick-Off<br/>10:00 AM Worship Service<br/>11:15 AM Ministry of Christian Ed - COOKOUT (all are welcome!)<br/>11:15 AM How to Discuss Christian Values to High Schoolers</p>  | <p><b>21</b><br/>10:00 AM Tutoring</p>  | <p><b>22</b><br/>8:30 AM Senior Ctr<br/>10:00 AM Tutoring<br/>4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor<br/>5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>   |  <p><b>23</b><br/>9:00 AM Folding Team<br/>10:00 AM Women's Fellowship<br/>5:00 PM Algonquin Preschool MEET YOUR TEACHER NIGHT<br/>5:00 PM Tutoring<br/>7:00 PM NA</p> | <p><b>24</b><br/>9:30 AM Tutoring<br/>10:00 AM Yarn Works<br/>5:30 PM Confirmation Class<br/>7:00 PM Quilters<br/>7:30 PM AA</p>   | <p><b>25</b></p>                                 | <p><b>26</b></p>  |
| <p><b>27</b><br/>8:00 AM Worship Service<br/>9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E Hour<br/>10:00 AM Teen Faith in Action<br/>10:00 AM Worship Service<br/>11:15 AM Council Meeting</p>  | <p><b>28</b><br/>10:00 AM Tutoring<br/>10:30 AM Bible Study<br/>7:00 PM Ministry of Deacons</p>                         | <p><b>29</b><br/>8:30 AM Senior Ctr<br/>10:00 AM Tutoring<br/>4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor<br/>5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>   | <p><b>30</b><br/>10:00 AM Women's Fellowship<br/>5:00 PM Tutoring<br/>7:00 PM NA<br/>7:30 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>   | <p><b>31</b><br/>9:30 AM Tutoring<br/>10:00 AM Yarn Works<br/>5:30 PM Confirmation Class<br/>7:30 PM AA</p>  | <p><b>1</b></p>                                  | <p><b>2</b><br/>1:00 PM Movies with Meaning<br/><br/>Note, date is changed for September due to Wedding</p>   |





## Worship Assistants Schedule

| Date   | Ushers                      | Greeters       | Announcer        | Acolyte                    | Liturgist           |
|--------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Aug 6  | Ron Martens<br>Lori Martens | Sandy Ferguson | Michelle Tarosas | A.J. Albandia              | Pat Hemmingsen      |
| Aug 13 | Ron Martens<br>Dick Elke    | Sharon Stengel | Dave Aggen       | Scott & Abby<br>Kapusinski | Diane Scheske       |
| Aug 20 | Ron Martens<br>Dave Carris  | Sally Cope     | Sharon Stengel   | Macy & Ella Barham         | <i>No Liturgist</i> |
| Aug 27 | Ron Martens<br>Nidia Kulak  | Shirley Basler | Jen Jazwinski    | Madison Thornsberry        | Norm Stengel        |

*"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy." – Khalil Gibran*



| Date   | Nursery Staff     | Volunteer     |
|--------|-------------------|---------------|
| Aug 6  | Pam Elliott       | Peg Nesser    |
| Aug 13 | Brittany Mainiero | Marian Wilson |
| Aug 20 | Pam Elliott       | Betty Paldauf |
| Aug 27 | Brittany Mainiero | Nancy Kneip   |



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|------|---------------------------------------|
| 8/6  | Woertendyke Family                    |
| 8/16 | Scheske / Weitz Families              |
| 8/20 | Christian Ed<br>Fall Kickoff Luncheon |
| 8/27 | Reebel/Thime/Kreibich Families        |

*The new schedule for 2017-18 is posted in Fellowship Hall. If you cannot make your scheduled date or would like to volunteer for a Sunday, please contact the church office.*



### Treasurer Report

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

| As of June 30, 2017                |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Operating Fund Income</b> |              |
| Month of June                      | \$21,931.07  |
| YTD                                | \$125,039.64 |
| <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>    |              |
| Month of June                      | \$19,303.57  |
| YTD                                | \$123,223.25 |
| <b>Mortgage Balance</b>            |              |
|                                    | \$125,475.94 |



## Three Great Loves initiative launched to 'embody love and incarnate justice' to build a just world

Written by **Connie Larkman**

To follow God's call to build a just world for all as a united church, United Church of Christ General Minister and President John C. Dorhauer is calling the entire denomination to pull together under a new, shared mission — the Three Great Loves Initiative.

"What is Three Great Loves? It is a call to the love of children, to the love of neighbor, and to the love of creation," Dorhauer told the gathering on Saturday morning, July 1. "During the next biennium, we want to discover what an entire denomination committed to Three Great Loves can do to change the world."

Launching today at General Synod and continuing until the 2019 gathering in Milwaukee, Three Great Loves seeks to build on and amplify the sacred work UCC churches are already doing in their communities to care for children, reach out in welcome to their neighbors, and act as good stewards of the earth and all creation. Dorhauer invited participation around this shared mission, urging congregations and other ministerial settings to explore new ways to embrace those commitments with a clear intent and shared purpose in a dedicated call to action over the next two years.

"There will be three significant requests of you: three occasions in which we invite us all to participate as one in a collective effort," Dorhauer said. "Each of the Three Great Loves will have a dedicated call to action with three components: an invitation to give, an invitation to act, an invitation to connect."

He outlined three initiatives — in the winter of 2017, a denomination-wide drive to provide basic human needs items to shelters housing refugees or the homeless; next fall 2018, there will be a denomination-wide school supplies drive to address inequalities in our education systems, and at Synod in 2019, a sponsored 5K walk to raise money and awareness for the earth.



Over the course of the two years, on the Three Great Loves website, the national setting will be collecting stories from commitments to the love of children, the love of neighbor, the love

of creation, and how those ministries have had an impact. The UCC is also looking to lift up Three Great Loves Heroes, and will be taking nominations, looking for members who have made a difference in the world.

"Our hope is to be able to document 50 percent congregational participation by Synod 2019; to collect 3,000 stories from across the denomination about how we are building a Just World for All through love of children, love of neighbor, and love of creation; to collect 100 stories from other covenant partners, like our CHHSM agencies; and we want to name 300 Three Great Loves Heroes, asking you to nominate somebody who is working to care for children, for neighbor, and for creation."

He urged Synod participants to get started on this mission today, signing up in the exhibit hall to be part of the Three Great Loves online community.

"Three Great Loves is an invitation to act as one and to deepen our impact by pulling together in love, for justice, and with purpose," Dorhauer said "As disciples of the Risen Christ, we call ourselves to embody love and incarnate justice."

"Hey, United Church of Christ. The Holy Spirit is relying on you, and envisions a future in which you matter."



# 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](http://www.ucc.org).



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