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

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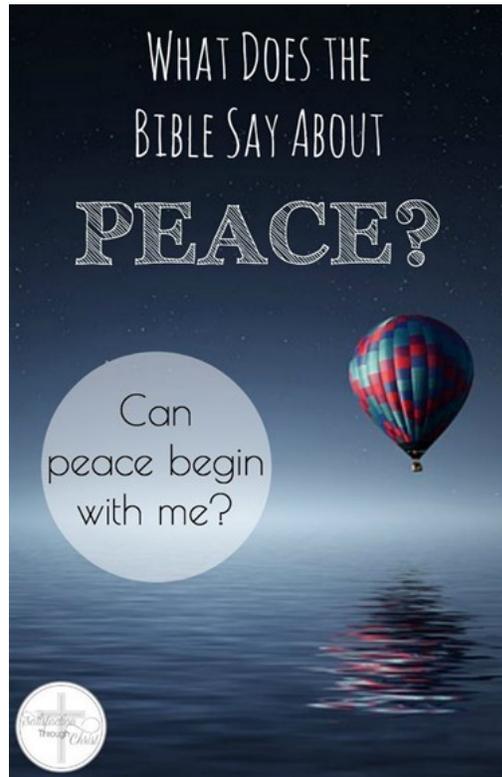
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FUN FOR THE SUMMER 2017

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY STUDY



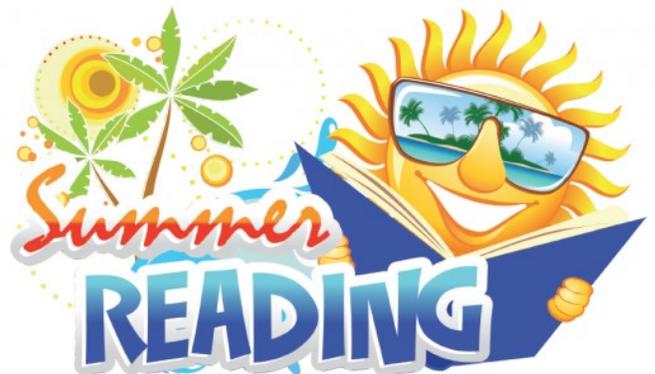
Weekly at 9:00 am
June 11 – August 13

Join Us to Study
the Concept of
Peace,

Practice the
Concept of Peace,
and Have
Lots of Fun!

**Summer
Reading
Program
(for all ages)**

**Begins
June 11, 2017**



Watch for Rules and Contest Information

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Rev. Brian Cope

Dear Friends,

When the Ecumenical Movement began at the beginning of the 20th century, the work towards unity was almost immediately split, not by doctrine or culture, but by the purpose of the movement itself. There were those involved who saw this purpose to be a place where churches could discuss the theological differences between themselves and find places of collective agreement. Others saw that the purpose was to find ways churches could work together to serve the world and its poor, despite their theological differences. The first group called themselves the Faith and Order Movement; the second group, the Life and Work movement.

Besides highlighting an interesting irony in the Christian Church (that we cannot work for unity without splitting), I bring this up because the split itself is very much alive today in almost every church and congregation. We can reach agreements on the sacraments, but we are lousy at being disciples. What does it mean to be a disciple – is it an inner transformation of the individual brought about by repentance and witnessed through an invigorated passion for evangelism and witness, or is it a passionate, prophetic presence to change the wrong in the world?

For a long time in the United Church of Christ, discipleship has been seen through the glasses of Life and Work. We have seen our purpose as prophetic in nature – to speak the ‘word of truth to power’ and to stand up for the marginalized and outcast. The denomination has been proud that it is a Progressive word of faith, and understands its focus led by such comments as peace and justice. It is not that the denomination ignores Faith and Order – it only sees theology and bible study as tools (Important tools to be sure) to serve the Life and Work agenda.

In the process of following Life and Work, we have become enmeshed in world politics (it is unavoidable if you are going to be a prophet!). Often, members of congregations who did not feel called to prophetic ministry or were not capable for various reasons began to feel left out – in a way, felt marginalized themselves. Gradually, they felt that they needed to go somewhere else or move into the shadows of the church. On the other hand, some have come into the church with the belief that the Gospel demands little or nothing of them in terms of faith and morality as long as they are protesting in the community. In either instance, we are sending the wrong message

We, as a denomination and as faithful Christians, need to grasp that Faith and Order and Life and Work are not mutually exclusive but need to work together. We cannot go to help serve the world if we do not know why we are following Jesus in the first place. We will receive our energy for a prophetic ministry only when we understand what our commitment to God through Christ is. If we charge into the world without wrestling with God first, our work will be fruitless. But if we attend bible Study and worship and think that we have met the requirements of being a Christian, then we are equally mistaken. In other words, before we can serve as disciples we must be disciples. The Twelve were not sent into the world until they received the teaching of the Rabbi. At the same time, the disciples did not sit at the feet of the Rabbi and then go home when his lesson was over. God neither needs crusaders or self-satisfied readers. He needs disciples.

Rev. Cope



Dear Friends,

Considering a Culture of Peace ... During the last two Sundays in April, when I was present to conduct worship, my meditations focused on two aspects of Peace—Kindness and Love. I presented a diagram comparing a Culture of War & Violence and a Culture of Peace & Non-Violence. This diagram is a result of the United Nations combining the approaches taken by two important UN Resolutions: “The PROGRAMME OF ACTION on a Culture of Peace” in 1999; and the 1998 UN Resolution on the “CULTURE OF PEACE”. Several of you requested this diagram, so I provide it here for you:

| CULTURE OF WAR & VIOLENCE | CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE |
|--|--|
| Belief in Power that is Based on Force | Education for a Culture of Peace |
| Having an Enemy | Understanding, Tolerance and Solidarity |
| Authoritarian Governance | Democratic Participation |
| Secrecy and Propaganda | Free Flow of Information |
| Armament | Disarmament |
| Exploitation of People | Human Rights |
| Exploitation of Nature | Sustainable Development |
| Male Domination | Equality of Women and Men |

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:

| | |
|---|---|
| Betty Blair Clare Oaks Rehab Center 825 Carillon Dr. Bartlett, IL 60103 | Edna McCormick Citadel Health Care Center 180 S. State Street, Rm 142 Elgin, IL 60123-6429 |
| Ed Brandwein 102 Eastgate Ct., Apt. 242 Algonquin, IL 60102 | Frances Newberg Church Creek 1250 West Central Road Apt 415 Arlington Heights, IL 60005 |
| Louise Dahm 1005 South Rd. Fox River Grove, IL 60021 | Thea O'Connor c/o Liberty Estates 2080 W. Navajo Dr. #341 Freeport, IL 61032 |
| Marge Hanley 808 Menominee Drive Lake in the Hills, IL 60156 | Helen Stauffer Room 102 2406 Hartland Road Woodstock, IL 60098 |
| Joyce Horn Alden Terrace 803 Royal Dr. McHenry, IL 60050 | Claudette Treadwell 731 Longwood Dr. Algonquin, IL 60102 |
| Erna Houdek Valley Hi 2406 Hartland Rd. Woodstock, IL 60098 | Glen True Polo Rehab & Health Care 703 E. Buffalo St Polo, IL 61064 |
| Betty Imhoff 731 Oceola Drive Algonquin, IL 60102 | Mary Westerbeck 1601 W. Queen Creek Rd #143 Chandler, AZ 85248 |
| Claire Kent 865 Eineke Blvd Algonquin, IL 60102 | Barb Whitaker Sunrise Assisted Living 751 Terra Cotta Avenue Crystal Lake, IL 60014 |
| Donna Krueger Sunrise Senior Living 790 N. Plum Grove Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173 | Ethel Yamashita Sunrise Senior Living 790 N. Plum Grove Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173 |
| | Updated, New Address! |

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

Debbie Carris
Louise Dahm
Mandy Jolitz

Betty Maike
Pat Kramer
Bill Soto



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: **Betty Imhoff and Claire Kent.** 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.



JUNE 4

MEMBER CARE

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 any of the groups at any time!



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.

Faith, Fun & Friendship

Womens Fellowship

Wednesdays at 10 am
Conference Room

Women's Fellowship continues with

Israel's Mission – Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World.

Ray Vander Laan takes you through Israel and into Jordan to place the lessons of scripture in the historical context in a way that invites you to live in the Bible as you learn to apply the lessons in your own life.

Volunteers Needed

Heavenly Attic Resale Shop

We are looking for someone to help out

Wednesday and Thursday Afternoons (1-3pm)

Call the church office 847-658-5308

Let us show you just how easy it is to run our cash register!



RUMMAGE SALE



Time to start going through your house and garage to donate to our **Giant Rummage Sale**. You may start to bring in your treasures on **Sunday, June 18**, and place them in the basement fellowship hall. Volunteer help will be needed all week, July 9-15.

THE SALE WILL BE JULY 13-15, 2017

9:00 AM TO NOON DAILY

PLEASE NO TVS OR COMPUTERS



Join us in a relaxed atmosphere—get a drink, order some food, and be a part of an exciting discussion about the Bible. **Thursday, June 22, 2017, 6:30 pm**

Port Edward Restaurant, Algonquin

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.

CWS Blankets and Tools Offering will be received during the month of July



Sponsored by Teen Faith in Action

Contributions to CWS Blankets and Tools offering means Church World Service will be ready to help families around the world recover from disaster and displacement, and build viable, sustainable lives and communities.

Just look how you can make a difference:

\$10 can provide one blanket, sourced locally—watch for the teens to show you how much one blanket can help.

\$50 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by a tornado or other disaster, or it can provide 100 chicks, helping families find their way from need to nourishment with a self-propagating food source.

\$100 can provide tools for such trades as carpentry, plumbing and tailoring for refugees, asylum-seekers and survivors of trafficking who have skills but lack the necessary tools.

\$110 can provide emergency food packages for a family of five for one month.

\$200 can provide 20 mosquito nets to help keep families safe from the bite of mosquitos and the illnesses they bring.

\$225 can provide gardening tools and materials to build three small raised beds for vegetables.



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
BLANKETS+**

Watch for your youth in Worship to share more information about Church World Service.



June 6

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.

Movies with Meaning

Saturday, June 10, 1pm



After the success of *Finding Nemo*, Pixar Studios turned from the sea to outer space, for a parable, a story with a lot of heart (and very little words) and an optimistic vision of our future. The official story line is simple: in the distant future, a small waste-collecting robot inadvertently embarks on a space journey that will ultimately decide the fate of mankind.

The film won many awards, including the Golden Globe and Academy Award for Best Full-Length Animation.



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 a local charity, you might like to join our art show. (A Faith in Action Project)

**What
When
Where**

**Fine Art Show
September or October, 2017
Fellowship Hall**

Please contact the church office
or Sandy Ferguson

Choosing Civility

THE TWENTY-FIVE RULES
of CONSIDERATE
CONDUCT

P. M. Forni
Cofounder of the Johns Hopkins Civility Project

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.

12 Be Agreeable

If you would be loved, love and be lovable.

Benjamin Franklin

This rule could better be worded, “Don’t be disagreeable.” The intention of the rule is for us to live in such a way that we do not go out of our way to be disagreeable with the people that we are around. The rules to accomplish this are simple and straightforward: listen to the person talking to you; try to see the situation from another point of view so that you are not stuck forcing your own point of view on every subject (this means allowing for the fact that you are not always right, and the other people are not always wrong); try to keep the conversation and/or situation calm, even when there is disagreement; show others that you are capable and willing to compromise. Finally, choose your battles. Stand up for what is important to you, but let go what is not.

#13 Respect and Appreciate Silence and Quiet

Let us be silent – so we may hear the whispers of the gods.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Like number 12, this a rule that asks us to think of the effect that we have on others. We are all aware that we live in a world beset by noise pollution, and that we become inured to the effect of that noise pollution. But to be civil, we must always be aware of the noise that we produce and if it negatively affects people around us, even if such a noise would not bother us. Hearing loss, stress, and high blood pressure are among the consequences of noise pollution. The motto of the Noise Pollution Clearing House is “Good neighbors keep their noise to themselves.” Its director, Les Blomberg, has said, “Our soundscape is like our landscape in that noise is to that soundscape as litter is to the landscape, and . . . we’ve really cluttered up our soundscape and its time to start cleaning it up.”

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.

For June



Canned Meats
(Tuna, Salmon, Chicken)



Floor Lamps

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.

Fair Trade Sunday, June 11, 2017



Thank you for your patience in changing to the first Sunday in both April and May. We will be back to the 2nd Sunday from now on. If that is too long to wait, let us know and we might be able to get you what you want earlier.

In June we will have teas to sample, including a new Rooibos Vanilla. Hot or iced, our Fair Trade teas are delicious! As the weather heats up, think of icing your coffee, too.

We won't be ordering chocolates again until October, but we do have a good stock of our favorites. No one needs to go without!

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



Heavenly Attic Resale Shop

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

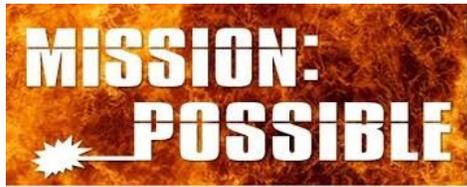
Hours: Tuesday thru Friday
10am to 4pm

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.



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



A Tale of Love in Action



Bob Benjamin volunteers for the Food Pantry

In Bob's words.....

A couple of years ago, I started working as a volunteer at the Algonquin LiTH Interfaith Food Pantry. I soon gravitated to food retrieval, which entails going to various providers in the local area and transporting the food that they donate. I especially enjoy interfacing with the different departments at each store. Upon returning to the Pantry, we unload what we have gathered and help in the process of sorting, stocking, and managing inventory.

The mission work that our Food Pantry provides to the many needy families in our neighborhood, especially the children, is a very rewarding undertaking, and I believe it is our duty as Christians to make every effort to provide this service to the best of our ability. My wife and I have never had to go hungry. It is hard to imagine how difficult it must be for a family with innocent children to not have enough food on the table for everyone. The Pantry is a valuable resource for them and I'm very glad to help.



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

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



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!

It is my hope and desire that our church will continue to support our local Food Pantry with donations of food, money, and especially people, so that they can continue their mission to provide temporary access to food for families living within the boundaries of Algonquin and Lake in the Hills.

Ministry of Missions





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 Tutor (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** (12 hours of free instruction plus \$25 purchase of textbook) **Note – They will then assign you to a learner in, south or east of Algonquin.** Website: elginliteracy.org

>**McHenry County College** – classes will resume soon. See the Tutoring Display in Fellowship Hall or visit mchenry.edu/volunteer. MCC has learners north and west of Algonquin. Website: mchenry.edu/volunteer

Brochures are available at the **Literacy Tutoring Display in Fellowship Hall** that explain more about the classes and tutor/learner assignments. Questions?

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

On Sunday, June 4, 2017, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Christian church. On this Sunday, we will also participate in one of four special denominational offerings, Strengthen the Church. The "Strengthen the Church Offering" supports pastoral and lay leadership development and helps to grow youth and young adult ministries within conferences. It provides money to seed new churches that bring hope to people on the margins who wouldn't set foot in church otherwise, and helps established churches to begin projects working with refugees and immigrants. It also helps fund creative ideas experimenting with new ways in which Christian millennials are gathering.



Ministry of Missions

Tutoring Update



June means school is just about out for the summer. Teachers and kids need that chunk of time to recharge for the next year. Unlike school, tutoring goes on all year round, but for just an hour a week. It is the small doses of learning over a longer time that lead to literacy.

The Tutor Support Group plans on meeting: **Monday evening on June 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm** to share food and support. If you have been thinking about becoming a tutor, this is the group with which to talk.



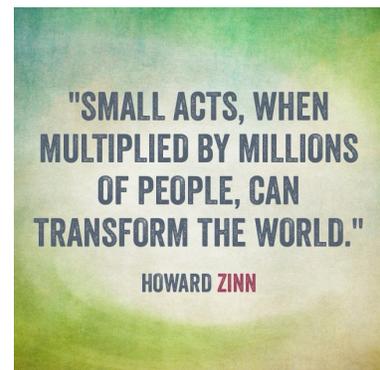
June

Community Building to Prevent Crime

**How can we work together
with the community to prevent crime?**

“To Promote Nonviolence”

Vision Statement for 2017
Ministry of Missions



Pastor's Message for June

General Safety Tips you should always follow, whether you live in a big city or a small town.

By Peter Shankman

<https://www.shankman.com/how-to-avoid-being-a-victim-anywhere-any-time/>

Don't develop a pattern of behavior.

- A pattern is what allows bad guys to plan an attack or ambush. It allows them to track your comings and goings
- Vary the times you come and go.
- Vary your routes

Know your surroundings

- Beware of what is *normal* in your neighborhood...or anyplace you frequent.

Knowing what is normal allows you to notice the changes. Noticing changes makes you more aware of potential dangers. Those changes will cue you as to when something unexpected might be about to happen

We have a "gut" for a reason. 99.9% of the time, going against it is bad form.

The number one clue that something isn't right will more than likely come from inside of you. Your gut – That "something doesn't seem ok here" feeling you get in your stomach. **Don't ignore it!** There's a reason we have those feelings. They're ingrained from primal instincts, from millions of years ago, when we'd turn around and find a Tyrannosaurus Rex walking behind us, sizing us up for lunch. **DO NOT IGNORE YOUR GUT.** If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. Trust your gut. You have it for a reason.

Situational Awareness is your best friend. Not using it turns your surroundings into your worst enemy.

- If you are reading a book, or your phone or your laptop in a public area, the following things are happening:
- You're focused almost entirely on whatever you're doing, and not on your surroundings.
- You're not holding onto your device with any level of strength – Rather, you're just resting it on your hands. You can't fling birds or turn pages if you're grasping onto a device, so you don't do it. Instead, you just rest it there, just waiting for someone to grab it and run off the train at the next open stop.
- This isn't limited to transportation. Using your phone while walking down the street is just as bad – It's so easy for someone going the other way to focus on your device, grab it, and be in a running start while you're still like "What the hell just happened?" The thief is already ten feet away *and running* by the time you turn around and even realize what's going on. Good luck catching up and getting your device back.

In the end, I know we're not going to stop using our

devices in public places. That would defeat the entire purpose of the device. What we *can* do, though, is at least be more aware of our surroundings when we do it. Can we look up for a second after every level and just assess our situation? That's not that hard to do.

Have your keys in your hands

Whether going to your car, work or apartment, have your keys in your hand before you approach the door. This allows you quicker access through the door and avoids the major distraction of fumbling for keys as you reach the door. An attack is most likely to occur when you stop at a door and try to find your keys. Your head will be down and you will neither be looking around or listen for unusual sounds (like steps coming your way). Attacking a victim at this time also has the advantage of gaining access to whatever you were about to enter. Also, being hit with a large set of keys can often discourage an attack and holding the keys between your fingers and punching someone with them can make them very unhappy.

Small things we should all do, but rarely do.

- Wherever you are, a small powerful flashlight is one of the most important things you can have. Even with something as innocent as a power outage, think of all the places you'll be on any given day that have no outside windows to let in light...hallways, stairs, elevators. A flashlight will always allow you to find your way to a safer place.
- In that same vein, don't fall into the movie plot setup of investigating noises in the dark...that is why you have a cell phone and know how to call 911 (or just walk away)
- A whistle or other noisemaker is your friend. Attach a small whistle onto your keychain. There. Now it's always there. Do NOT be afraid to use it to attract attention.

Instead of yelling "HELP" when something goes wrong, yell "FIRE!" [People are more likely to respond to "Fire" than to "help."](#)

Have a buddy system

This means letting someone know when you are doing something different or going someplace you haven't been before... Also, when you plan to return.

Don't look like a Victim

- Victims of violent crimes like a mugging or robbery call attention to themselves by either being oblivious to their surroundings (defenseless) or by looking helpless (unable to defend themselves).
- Walk down a street with your head up and looking around. Don't hug either side of the sidewalk...especially not the inside where you have to pass close to doorways

Rev. Brian Cope

**Refuse
To Be A Victim.®**



Congregational Church of Algonquin Senior Choir



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the choir who has generously given of your time and talent to help make our worship special. Your stewardship from week to week is important to the musical life of our church family and is truly appreciated.

Accompanists: Bev Tipps, Clay Corso

Sopranos: Sandra Ferguson, Carol Haug, Genie McCully, Karen Parker, Judy Stauffer, Michelle Tarosas.

Altos: Kathy Brandt, Dian Granath, Jennifer Jazwinski, Ellen Lamarre, Betty Paldauf, Nancy Reebel, Diane Scheske, Sharon Stengel, Barb Weitz

Tenors: Dave Aggen, Ed Church, Steve Guenther, Rick Stauffer

Basses: Gary Parker, Mark San Hamel, Joe Scheske, Gary Tipps



Also, thank you to our cantata soloists, instrumentalists and Dixieland Band members who have enhanced our performances throughout the past year: Narrator Rev. Brian Cope, Clay Corso, Sarah Inendino, Tim Koll, Mark Sorlie, Debbie Knowles, Joe Varhula, Gary Parker, and Bryan Tipps. Thank you all for a great year, and God bless your service and your continued dedication.

Finally, thanks to the Music, Memorial, Endowment and other committees who so readily support the music program of this church. Our success is the result of an entire church family coming together to support God's mission of music for our church. Thanks to all of you!



Senior Choir Director: Greg Tipps



Treasurer Report



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

| As of April 30, 2017 | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Operating Fund Income | |
| Month of April | \$26,696.88 |
| YTD | \$88,379.00 |
| Total Operating Expenses | |
| Month of April | \$26,962.28 |
| YTD | \$84,850.93 |
| Mortgage Balance | |
| | \$127,255.44 |



MEMORIALS
RECEIVED BY CCA
DURING THE MONTH OF
MAY WERE AS FOLLOWS

| Received from | In Memory of |
|---|-------------------|
| Janet Chankin | Ron Reed |
| Dennis & Nancy Kneip Jim & Ann Klis | Clarence St. John |
| Brian & Sally Cope Barbara Soda Peri & Beverly Arnold | Adeline Bartlett |
| Bev, Janice, Jackie Fish & Donna Bigger | |



SAVE THE DATES, NOTES, ETC.

June

IRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 6/2 | Patricia Hemmingsen |
| 6/7 | Nancy Ekstrom |
| 6/8 | Howard Dittmann |
| 6/9 | Art Nesser |
| 6/10 | Sandra Ferguson, / Jackson Scheske |
| 6/15 | Marion Anderson |
| 6/17 | Debbie Carris, Wynn Ann Roggeveen |
| 6/21 | June Garand, Eric Kapusinski |
| 6/23 | Norm Stengel |
| 6/25 | Michael Fack |
| 6/26 | Lori Martens, Barbara Whitaker |
| 6/27 | June Casterton |
| 6/28 | Donna Krueger |
| 6/30 | Laura Wright |



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6/12 Scott & Kathy Phillips

6/15 Gary & Karen Parker

6/16 Jim & Barb Erion
Rob & Rhonda Feltes

6/19 Eric & Denise Jensen
Martin & Carol Leider

6/23 Gary & Dede Gray
Norm & Sharon Stengel

6/25 Oliver & Sandra Lindgren
Mark & Beth Pocijewski
Benjamin & Maria Sprouse

6/27 Dave & Debbie Carris
Steve & Karen Guenther



THANK you

Dear Congregational Church: I want to thank you for the opportunity to receive the scholarship from the Church. I am very excited to start Augustana College in the Fall. The Church is very important to me, and I am thankful for all of you that go out of your way to ask me how I am, and take time to treat me as part of your family. I see when a baby is baptized in this church that its members treat that baby as a new family member. Thank you for supporting me. The church is a very comfortable place for me and I love being part of it.

Sincerely, Maxx Carpenter

Thank You

A special thanks to my church family for prayers, meals, visits and concerns during my recent illness.

You are the greatest and helped me realize how beautiful my world is! Sincerely,
Pat Kramer

THANK YOU

To Rev. Cope and all who helped to make my mother, Adeline Bartlett's, Memorial Service a lovely and memorable celebration of her 101 years.

Thank you all!
Christie Drasler

Dear Church Women

Once in a blue moon a gift comes along that is soulful, a labor of love, and crafted by true artisans.

My prayer shawl is such a treasure. It was made with love and truly touched my heart.

When it rests upon my shoulders & covers my heart, I feel connected to all of you—to Peggy—and to God's healing love & mercy. It reminds me, I am not alone.

My prayer shawl is a tangible, hands on blessing! You women are a conduit for God's creative & compassionate energies. You are doing God's Work. I am humbled and honored to wear it.

What a lovely concept & creation. You have woven love, warmth, and joy for many of us who are about a quart low!

Thank you—thank you!! I love my prayer shawl. It reflects God's Blessings—your time, talents & skills—Peggy's generosity—and my gratitude.

Kathleen Montgomery

The **ALL CHURCH CALENDAR MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, August 6, 11:15 am.** Dates needed for Committees and Events should be submitted to the Church Office at your earliest convenience.

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| <p>28 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E Hr 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Shepherd U 10:00 AM Teen FIA</p> | <p>29  MEMORIAL DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>30 9:00 AM Sr Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p> | <p>31 9:00 AM Newsletter Folding 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM NA</p> | <p>1 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 12:30 PM Staff Mtg 2:30 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3 10:00 am Faith in Action Brunch Mtg</p> |
| <p>4 Pass the Pigs Strengthen the Church - Offering Received 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E Hr 10:00 AM Worship 11:15 AM Congregational Meeting</p> | <p>5:30 AM Algonquin Preschool (APS) Summer Session 6:30 pm Tutor Support Group 7:00 PM Trails Swim Team Board Meeting</p> | <p>6 7:30 AM APS Summer Session 9:00 AM Sr Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tues w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind MA 6:30 PM Boy Scout Pack 151 Cleanup Night (storage)</p> | <p>7 7:30 AM APS Summer Session 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM NA</p> | <p>8 7:30 AM APS Summer Session 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 12:30 PM Staff Mtg 2:30 PM Tutoring 6:30 pm Bible & Brew </p> | <p>9 7:30 AM APS Summer Session Set up for Men's Fellowship</p> | <p>10  8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 1:00 PM Movies w Meaning </p> |
| <p>11 Fair Trade Sunday 8:00 AM Worship 8:45 AM Min Trustees 9:00 AM Intergen'l SS 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Teen FIA 11:15 AM Min Finance 11:15 AM Min Missions</p> | <p>12 7:30 AM Algonquin Preschool (APS) Summer Session 11:30 am Social Justice Advocates</p> | <p>13 7:30 AM APS Summer Session 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p> | <p>14 7:30 AM APS Summer Session 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM PS Board Mtg.</p> | <p>15 7:30 AM APS Summer Session 9:30 AM Tutoring 12:30 PM Staff Mtg 2:30 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA</p> | <p>16 7:30 AM APS Summer Session </p> | <p>17 12:00 PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Ockerlund) - Boy Scout Troop 155</p> |
| <p>18 Father's Day 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Intergen'l SS 10:00 AM Worship BEGIN TO BRING IN ITEMS FOR RUMMAGE SALE</p> | <p>19 7:00 PM Trails Swim Team</p> | <p>20 9:00 AM Sr Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind MA</p> | <p>21 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 1:00 PM Pastoral Relations Committee 4:00 PM Tutoring 5:00 PM Church Growth 7:00 PM NA</p> | <p>22 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 12:30 pm Staff Mtg 2:30 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Quilters 7:30 PM AA</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> |
| <p>25 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Intergen'er'l SS 10:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Teen FIA 11:15 AM Ministry of Christian Ed</p> | <p>26 7:00 PM Ministry of Deacons</p> | <p>27 9:00 AM Sr Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p> | <p>28 9:00 AM Newsletter Folding 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM NA</p> | <p>29 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 12:30 PM Staff Mtg 2:30 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>1</p> |

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

- 6/4 Scott Kapusinski
- 6/11 Macy & Ella Barham
- 6/18 Madison Thornsberry / Abby Kapusinski
- 6/25 Nolan Pocijewski



- 6/4 Thime / Kriebach Families
- 6/11 Venzon Family
- 6/18 Albandia/Barham Families
- 6/25 Blackman / L Twarling Families



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



- 6/4 Sharon Stengel
- 6/11 Dave Aggen
- 6/18 Jen Jazwinski
- 6/25 Sally Cope

USHERS AND GREETERS

| Date | Ushers | | Greeter |
|------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 6/4 | Ron Martens | Dick Elke | Donna Brown |
| 6/11 | Ron Martens | Ed Turk | Lynn Brown |
| 6/18 | Ron Martens | Lori Martens | Sally Cope |
| 6/25 | Ron Martens | Dave Carris | Lois Carpenter |

- 6/4 Sally Cope
- 6/11 Bill Hellyer
- 6/18 Wynn Ann Roggeveen
- 6/25 Dick Elke

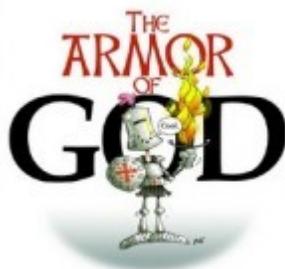


NURSERY

| Date | Nursery Staff | Volunteer |
|------|-------------------|------------------|
| 6/4 | Brittany Mainiero | |
| 6/11 | Pam Elliott | Kathleen Sanders |
| 6/18 | Brittany Mainiero | Peg Schwab |
| 6/25 | Pam Elliott | Sue Kriebich |

PRAYER WARRIORS WANTED!

Would you like to be part of our 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.

SHEP U HAS COMPLETED ITS SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE JOIN THE SUMMER INTER-GENERATIONAL STUDIES, WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS June 13—August 13, 2017 9:00 am

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 Friday, June 16th!



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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