

# Celebrating the Journey

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"Living Our Faith in Jesus Christ Through Acceptance, Service and Love."

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# THANKSGIVING

## Highlights for November

**Heritage Sunday** Honoring those with 25+ years of membership in this church—November 5 (pg5)

**Fine Art Show** November 5 (pg 5) 9:00 am—1:00 pm

**Hanging of the Greens** Preparing our Church for the Season of Advent, November 26 (pg15)

## Rev. Brian Cope

Dear Friends,

Have you given much thought concerning Thanksgiving and Christmas? Particularly, why does Thanksgiving fall before Christmas? It could be tradition. It is not because we observe actual historical dates. Scholars claim different dates for Jesus' birth, unanimously ruling out December. December in Israel is too cold for shepherds to have sheep in the fields overnight, and to have people travel to take a census. Luke tells us that Zechariah was serving in the Temple when he found out that Elizabeth was pregnant. Scholars, knowing why he was serving, can place that time as the middle of June. If Luke is correct, that Mary announced her own pregnancy to Elizabeth when she was six months pregnant, Jesus' birth would not have been at the end of December. We also know that the first Thanksgiving was held in October, and not in November.

The point that I want to consider is to look at the thematic connection between the two – the link of gratitude and giving. Thanksgiving is about gratitude; Christmas is about giving. From a logical point of view, I would think that Christmas should come before Thanksgiving, since giving comes before gratitude. Gratitude is defined as "the appreciation people feel when somebody has done something kind or helpful for them or when they recognize the good things and people they have in their lives." One author, Robert Emmons defines it as a sense of thankfulness and joy in response to receiving a gift, whether the gift be a tangible benefit from a specific other or a moment of peaceful bliss evoked by natural beauty" (**Making Grateful Kids, by Froh and Bono, 2014**). Froh and Bono point out that studies suggest that gratitude not only 'helps people form, maintain and strengthen supportive relationships, it also helps them feel connected to a caring community that values their contributions.'

It would seem, thematically, at least, that we would send a better message by celebrating Christmas first, then celebrating Thanksgiving. (If for no other reason than to end the two holidays as bookends to the great shopping season.) The joy of Christmas could then merge into a time of gratitude born out of the enhanced relationships that giving strengthens. Right now, when do we stop and take time to be grateful? How do we let those that we love know how much we appreciate them? By having Thanksgiving after Christmas, it would also help us avoid the 'great Christmas let-down'. Thanksgiving would give us an opportunity to reflect, not necessarily on what gifts we did or didn't get, but on the people who gave to us. It would give us an opportunity to teach our young the value of gratitude.

You might be thinking about now – what about God? How many people think about God, either at Thanksgiving or Christmas? I would ideally like to think that we all do, but in reality we do not. Take last year, when Christmas fell on a Sunday. Did we take the opportunity to celebrate the birth of the Son of God with all-day celebrations in the church? No – like so many other churches, we had to plan that Sunday so that it wouldn't get in the way of our at-home celebrations, which are not celebrations that focus on God. It is the same with Thanksgiving – when is the last time that you celebrated Thanksgiving Day at church? The best that we can hope for is that our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations flow **from** God **to** us since they will not ever be our celebrations **to** God. And if we accept that the holidays were given to us by God, then moving from the joy of giving to the deeper joy of gratitude would be a celebration worthy of God.

It is something to think about.

*Rev Cope*



## **Rev. Arn Schaper**

Someone has said that "Our lives are like tapestries of rich and royal hues—glimpses of ever changing patterns and colors..."

Every event of our lives contributes to the rich fabric of our own personal tapestry. Each life tapestry, as it is woven, is unique unto itself but complimentary to others. And interestingly, we need others' rich designs in the creation of our own.

We often do not have the foresight to understand the worth or value of a circumstance or happening at its beginning. But hindsight offers us clarity. And sometimes it is of value to focus on experiences that have failed to thrill us. In reflection, however, we might discover how we have come to benefit from them. And how, perhaps, they have contributed to some possible changes in life direction.

As our trust in God grows, the goodness of all of our experience grows as well. And it's OK to risk believing that "none of our experiences are meant for harm!"

Practicing gratitude can help us more fully appreciate what has been offered to us. Gratitude influences our attitude. It can soften our harsh exteriors and take the threat out of new experiences. We are then freer to respond with new hope, believing that for every hope dashed a new one can be realized, remembering the Apostle Paul's admonition to the Philippians: "In everything by prayer and .. gratitude let your lives be molded by God...."

Life is indeed a tapestry—the ongoing weaving of new threads and colors into the fabric of our lives.

Blessings for the Journey ... Arn



## **To change a culture, modify its language**

*On target. Bullet points. Ride Shotgun. Shoot from the hip. So funny, it slayed me. We killed it with that effort. Find the smoking gun. Just shoot me in the head. Shoot me now. Fish in a barrel. Locked and loaded.*

*How many gun metaphors will you use today? Gun violence is imbedded in our culture. Can we say it with descriptors that don't hurt us? It could even increase our clarity, because an overused, violent metaphor isn't always very clear, in spite of the shock it carries.*

*Instead of a swear jar, drop a coin in every time one of these comes out of your mouth,. Challenge your family and co-workers. When you have a fair amount of money, donate it to Sandy Hook Promise, or another gun safety organization.*

*Let's blow a hole in our violent language...er...let's be an example for peace through our language.*

*Anonymous*

# 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 #242 Elgin, IL 60123-6429
Ed Brandwein Eastgate Manor 101 Eastgate Ct. #242 Algonquin, IL 60102	Frances Newberg Church Creek 1250 W. Central Road #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 Rd. 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	Mary Westerbeck Gardens of Ocotillo Sr. Living 1601 W Queen Creek Rd. Unit 146 Chandler, AZ 85248
Betty Imhoff 731 Ocoela Drive Algonquin, IL 60102	Barbara Whitaker Fox Point Manor 3360 Charles Miller Rd. Memory Care Building #108 McHenry, IL 60050
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	

*Members who were hospitalized and/or entered into rehab during October. Keep these in your thoughts and prayers:*

*Ollie Lindgren, Pat Kramer,  
Dede Grey, Marge Hanley*

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Cody Colbert    Richard Dowdle    Eric Hertel  
John (Jay)    Jake Korbecki    Dominik Kneip  
Howgrew  
Joey Mann    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 or email him at  
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: **Ethel Yamashita and Betty Blair.** 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.



## *Heritage Sunday*

**Honoring those with 25+ years  
of Membership in this Church**

**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

at the 10:00 am service

*Join us as we honor our*

*Heritage of Membership*

*with those who have maintained*

*25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70+ years*

*of Commitment, Service & Devotion*

*to the Congregational*

*Church of Algonquin!*



***Fine Art Show  
Sunday November 5***

**9 am – 1 pm**

***Fellowship Hall***

*Invite your friends and family!!*

*Community is also invited!*

***Buy Beautiful Art  
and Contribute to Charity***

*All money from sales will be split between:*

***Home of the Sparrow  
and Turning Point***

**Artists are our own, CCA artists.**

**Questions? Contact the Church Office  
or Sandy Ferguson**

**This is a Faith in Action Project**



**Sunday, November 5, 2017—2:00 am**

**Set your clocks BACK one hour**

**If you don't, at least you won't be late for church!!!**

## 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!

### GROUP STUDIES AT CCA

#### Weekly

**Christian L.I.F.E. Hour—Sundays, 9:00 am—10:00 am**  
**Tuesdays with the Pastor—Tuesdays, 2:00 pm—3:30 pm NEW TIME**  
**Women's Fellowship—Wednesdays, 10:00 am—12 noon**



#### Monthly

**Bi-Monthly Bible Study—1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 10:00 am 11/6 & 11/20**  
**Praying for Peace Service—3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:00 pm 11/16**  
**Bible and Brew—Changes: 11/2 (for November) - New Location: Twisted Rose**  
**Men's Fellowship—2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 8:00 am—9:30 am 11/11**  
**Movies with Meaning—2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm 11/18 (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday this month!)**

### THEMES FOR NOVEMBER

**Tuesdays with the Pastor "Essentials of Faith"** . . . What are the essentials of our Christian Faith?



What are the things that we need to believe in order to have an authentic claim to be a follower of Jesus? Do you understand how to interpret the Bible? Can your belief hold up to others who interpret differently from you? Is your evangelical cousin a 'better' Christian than you are? What are the differences between UCC beliefs and Catholic, Baptist, or other Christian beliefs? This is what we will be exploring. **NEW TIME Starting 11/7 2:00—3:30 pm**

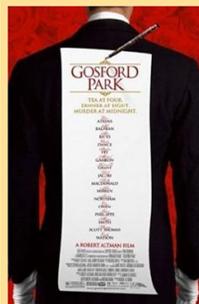
**Women's Fellowship** The very fact that the Living God is not mentioned once in Esther might seem strange, but it is no accident. As we go through our daily lives we do not always see the provident hand of our heavenly Father. By the time we get to the end of the ancient story of Esther we will see that as children of the Living God we are always kept in His Almighty care. The book of Esther teaches us that the Living God is hard at work in all the complexities of our lives even though He rules from the throne-room in the invisible creation! The six programs cover the ten chapters of Esther as follows: (1) The Abuse of Power (2) Esther: Married to Power (3) Haman: Corrupted by Power (4) Mordecai: Using the Power (5) Some Justice through Power (6) The Church under Divine Power.



**Bi-Weekly Monday Morning Bible Study** – going through the Bible with Ray Vander Laan

**Bible and Brew** - Essentials of Christian Faith **changed for November to 1st Thursday 11/2**

**Gosford Park** is a 2001 British mystery film directed by Robert Altman and written by Julian Fellowes (creator of *Downton Abbey*). The film stars an ensemble cast, which includes Helen Mirren and Maggie Smith. The story follows a party of wealthy Britons and an American, and their servants, who gather for a shooting weekend at Gosford Park, an English country house. A murder occurs after a dinner party, and the film goes on to present the subsequent investigation from the servants' and guests' perspectives.



**Movies with Meaning: Saturday, November 18, 2017, 1:00 pm**

*Downton Abbey* was originally planned as a spin-off of this movie.

The movie was nominated for 61 awards, winning among other awards, the Academy Award for Best Screenplay.

"WE ALL WISH FOR  
WORLD PEACE,



*but world peace will  
never be achieved unless we  
first establish peace within  
our own minds."*

GESHE KELSANG GYATSO  
TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

PRAYERS FOR  PEACE

Join us for our  
Praying for Peace Service

Thursday,  
November 16, 7:00 pm

Held on the 3rd Thursday each month

**BUNCO!** 

Don't miss out on all the fun!!!

Date: **Friday November 10**

Time: **7:00 pm**

Place: **Fellowship Hall**

**Bring \$5.00 and a snack to share**

RSVP: **Sign Up Sheet**

www.BUNCOPRIMBLES.com



Saturday, November 11, 2017  
8:00 am—9:30 am

This month **Dan Reebel** and **Art Nesser** are hosting!

Sign Up Sheet is in 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.



See our Best Selection **ever** of Fall Decorations at the

**Heavenly Attic Resale Shop**  
307 S. Main Street  
Algonquin, IL  
**847-854-4552**



**FAIR TRADE  
November 12** 

Stop by our table this month and see the Panzi bags. They are woven by women who are survivors of epidemic sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Panzi Hospital, a groundbreaking holistic healing center founded by Dr. Denis Mukwege, has treated tens of thousands of women in need. Beyond the medical, their work includes essential education and daycare.

The Project was created as a way to bring Congolese coffee to market in the United States while raising awareness about the plague of violence in the DRC. For every bag of Organic Congo Coffee sold, \$1 is donated to Panzi Hospital. Since 2011, the Congo Coffee Project has raised more than \$60,000!

You can read more about this in the article on our table, and buy a bag of Congo coffee and a Panzi bag!



## WOODSTOCK OPERA GROUP

**Friday, November 3**  
Meet 6pm at Double Yolk Café  
117 Van Buren, Woodstock

If you have not already purchased a season ticket, you may join us for any individual show by contacting the Woodstock Opera House box office directly 815-338-5300 or at [www.woodstockoperahouse.com](http://www.woodstockoperahouse.com) to purchase your ticket. Contact the Church Office, or Ann Venzon for more information.



**Friday, March 2**



**Friday, April 6**

## DEMENTIA LIVE WORKSHOP



There is an old saying, that you can't really understand the struggles someone is facing unless you've walked a mile in their shoes. But what if you are caring for a loved one with dementia? Is it possible to walk a mile in their shoes?

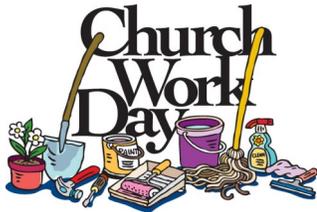
### DON'T MISS THIS WORKSHOP

**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

**11:15 am**

**Sign up in Fellowship Hall**

**Space is Limited**



**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 18**  
**9:00 am to noon**

Help us Clean Up Outside the Church  
Before Winter Begins!

Bring Your Work Gloves

Dress Warmly!



Every 67 seconds, someone in the US develops Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia. Some individuals are in the early stage of the disease, and their families are still recovering from the shock of the diagnosis. Others have been struggling with the disease for years; their families feeling exhausted and powerless to slow or halt its march of destruction through their lives.

To help family members and caregivers, Right at Home will be offering to our church, the DEMENTIA LIVE EXPERIENCE.

Please sign up on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Space will be limited.



**SAVE**  
*The*  
**DATE**

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

**Monday, November 13, 6:30 pm**

*"How to Discuss Christian Values with Teens"*

*Ministry of Christian Education*





## 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.

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*

**Be sure to view the letters these children have sent back to us at CCA. They are posted on the Missions Bulletin Board**



During **the month of July**, the **Teen Faith in Action group raised \$120 for Blankets**, allowing Church World Service to buy **12** blankets for those in need.

In August, thanks to the generosity of this church family, the youth assembled **35** school kits. Additionally, the children of our Shepherd University put together **9** Hygiene Kits.

We had a balance of **\$266** to send to CWS for their kits for emergency responses.



A special thank you to **Lois Carpenter** and **Nancy Kneip** for sewing beautiful school bags for our use in packing.



**Cropwalk 2017 was a great success!** A BIG thank you to the congregation for all of

their support for this event.

A HUGE thank you to the 10 walkers (and 2 little stroller riders) who braved the elements on Cropwalk Sunday. Thank you to ALL the people who sponsored those walkers with their donations and to those who donated water and snacks for the participants. We could not have had such a successful walk without all of you.

CCA raised **over \$2100** to fight hunger. This may be enough to win the coveted "Golden Shoe" trophy, a friendly competition between the participating churches.

Thanks again to all! Barb Erion



# 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 \$35 purchase of textbook)

**\*\*Note Training Dates \*\***

**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's websites:  
[elginliteracy.org](http://elginliteracy.org) & [mchenry.edu/volunteer](http://mchenry.edu/volunteer)

## Current Tutor Training Calendar:

10/28 & 11/4 9:30 am — 4:30 pm  
Congregational Church of Algonquin

**Call 847-742-6565 for registration details**



Do you make purchases through Amazon? Would you like to support The Elgin Literacy Connection? Here is a painless way to support this mission: Simply go to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) to make your purchases.

Amazon created this site in 2013, dedicating a portion of the purchase price to a charity of your choice. You will need to select The Literacy Connection of Elgin through the search box.

Items on this site are the same price and quality as on Amazon, so making the donation is no cost to you.

Think "smile" next time you shop with Amazon!



## Tutoring Update

Our tutors are making a difference!

Here is just one story:

(The author of this story is learning English. This is in her own words)

**Mirian** is a good example of the positive impact that Literacy Connection has. She came to the United States about three years ago from Venezuela. She is a widow, retired, and pensioned from her native country. Mirian is a loving grandma, who came to the United States without any basic knowledge of English...She wanted to continue her education in this country and be able to communicate with other people. Mirian refused to continue being isolated from her surroundings.

Mirian started to work at a nursing home in the laundry department. "Sometimes I did not know that my manager calls me for the intercom," she recalled. She could not understand and did not respond to her manager through the intercom. Even when the residents from the nursing home came to her department looking for some extra liners, she needs to guess it in order to provide the items for them.

Mirian never gave up. She tried to learn English by herself often she ask her granddaughters to translate for her the cartoons, the movies, or the news. Her persistence to improve day by day brought her to Literacy Connection of Elgin in Elgin, Illinois.

Author—Judy

*About the Author*

*Judy is from Mexico. She was not the sharpest child, but she is persistent. She started to learn English in elementary school. Judy was a commuter phone operator, caregiver, babysitter, office assistant, package handler; she is a daughter, mother, wife, worker, student, volunteer, leader, supervisor, and manager. She would like to be a teacher assistant, a college step stone for her children, and an owner of a company. Judy works in the twilight shift during the week, she attends English 101 and ESL 10 during mornings, and on Fridays she volunteers at her child's school as a Teacher Parent Assistant. Judy took her General Education Development proficiency in Spanish, and the Constitution test years ago. She also attended a literacy program in Palatine. Even though she sometimes feels tired and stressful, she does not give up, and takes a big deep breath and gets up from the chair to continue her journey.*

**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?



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

Please include your name

**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!

**Heavenly Attic Volunteer Appreciation**



**Pie Night!!**

**Hope to see all our  
volunteers there!**

**Monday, November 6,  
7:00 pm**

**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.

**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*

**Have you given to the Food Pantry  
or Home of the Sparrow lately?**

**Go the Extra Mile and Give More!**

*We have been challenging ourselves to do just that—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, a women and childrens shelter.*



**Peanut Butter**  
**Items for the Food Pantry may  
be left in the basket near the  
elevator.**

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



**Glass Cleaner & Post It Pads**

*...“Truly I tell you, whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me” Matthew 25:45*



**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.

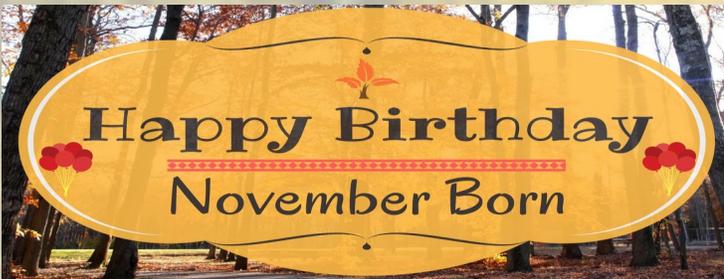
*307 South Main Street  
Algonquin, IL 60102  
Phone: 847-854-4552*

**Hours: Tuesday thru Friday  
10am to 4pm  
Saturday 10am to 2 pm**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 01 Shirley Basler  | 11 Nancy Kneip        |
| 02 Erna Houdak     | 12 Joy McLaughlin     |
| 02 Billy Hellyer   | 13 Oliver Lindgren    |
| 03 Ian Wilson      | 14 Kim Jamison        |
| 04 Larry Venzon    | 18 Pat Voegeli        |
| 04 Patrick Sprouse | 22 Dena Pelletreau    |
| 05 Jolinn Fack     | 23 Jordan Guenther    |
| 08 Karen Guenther  | 26 Kenneth Hemmingsen |
| 10 Rick Stauffer   | 30 Chris Wodziak      |



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| 11/04 | Michelle & Nate Bockrath  |
| 11/6  | Steve & Pam Strack        |
| 11/16 | John & Pam Novak          |
| 11/16 | Bob & Alice Woertendyke   |
| 11/19 | Kurt & Kay Boyer          |
| 11/21 | Richard & Lore Sprouse    |
| 11/21 | Chris & Constance Wodziak |
| 11/24 | Kevin & Tina McMahon      |



**“Living our faith in Jesus Christ through acceptance, service and love”**



**As of September 30, 2017**

**Total Operating Fund Income**

Month of Sept.	\$17,588.34
YTD	\$181,2526.71

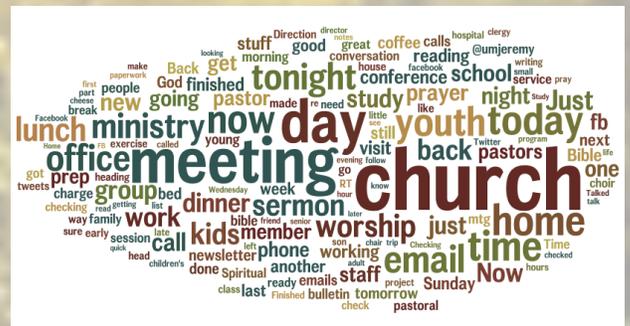
**Total Operating Expenses**

Month of Sept.	\$19,747.47
YTD	\$189.486.32

**Mortgage Balance**

\$122,786.15

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



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017**

**Vote on Budget  
Meeting after the 10:00 am Service**



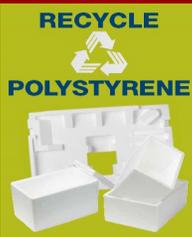
**Please submit all items for the December newsletter to the church office no later than noon on Wednesday, November 15!**

**Items submitted after the 15<sup>th</sup> may not be included in the December edition.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 <b>FIFTH SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM Worship Svc 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E. Hour 10:00 AM Worship - Choir 11:15 AM Council Meeting-Reports/Budget Approval 3:00 PM Chicagoland Quartet-Plus Jazz Concert</p>	<p>30 10:00 AM Social Justice Advocates 12:00 PM Publicity</p>	<p>31 9:00 AM Senior Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>	<p>1 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 1:30 PM Visit. Com. 5:00 PM Confirmation Class 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Mtg 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:00 PM Tutoring 6:30 PM Bible &amp; Brew Twisted Rose 7:30 PM AA </p>	<p>3 6:00 PM Woodstock Opera Group "SHREK THE MUSICAL" </p>	<p>4 <b>Snug Hugs Yarn Works Outing</b> Set up-Heritage Sunday 9:30 AM -4:30 pm Literacy Connection Tutor Training Course (2 of 2)</p>
<p>5 <b>HERITAGE SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM Set up for Art Show 8:00 AM Worship Svc 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E. Hour 9:00 AM FineArt Show 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr Choir</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM Publicity 6:30 PM Tutor Support 7:00 PM H Attic Vol. Appreciation Pie Night! 7:00 PM Swim Team</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Senior Cntr 10:00 AM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 2:00 PM Tues w/ Pas New Time! 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Mtg 6:45 PM Worship &amp; Music Committee 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM PS Board Meeting 7:30 PM Sr Choir</p>	<p>9 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Quilters 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>10 Set up for Men's Fellowship 7:00 PM BUNCO </p>	<p>11 8:00 AM Men's Bkfst </p>
<p>12 <b>FAIR TRADE</b> 8:00 AM Worship Svc 8:45 AM Min Trustees 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E. Hour 10:00 AM Worship Svc 11:15 AM Min Finance 11:15 AM Min Mission 11:15 AM Funeral Committee (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>13 12:00 PM Publicity 6:30 PM Footsteps Workshop - "How to Discuss Christian Values with Teens"</p>	<p>14 9:00 AM Senior Cntr 10:00 AM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 2:00 PM Tues w/ Pas New Time! 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>	<p>15  10:00 Women's Fellowship 1:00 PM Past'l Rel. Committee 4:00 PM Tutoring 5:00 PM Ch Growth 5:00 PM Confir Class 6:00 PM Staff Mtg 7:00 PM BS Tr 151 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir</p>	<p>16 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:00 PM Newsletter Committee 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Praying for Peace Service 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>17 </p>	<p>18 8:30 AM Dementia LIVE Set up. 9:00 AM OUTSIDE CLEAN UP DAY 1:00 PM Movies with Meaning</p>
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<p>26 8:00 AM Worship Svc 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E. Hour 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr. Choir 11:15 AM Hanging of the Greens</p>	<p>27 12:00 PM Publicity 7:00 PM Ministry of Deacons</p>	<p>28 9:00 AM Senior Cntr 10:00 AM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 2:00 PM Tues w/ Pas New Time! 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>	<p>29  10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Conf Class 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Mtg 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir</p>	<p>30 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 12:30 PM Christmas Caroling </p>

## Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Announcer	Acolyte	Liturgist
11/5	Ron Martens	Dave Carris	Sally Cope	Madison Thornsberry	Pat Hemmingsen
11/12	Ron Martens Dave Carris	Sandy Ferguson	Jen Jazwinski	Nolan Pocijewski	Robert Woertendyke
11/19	Ron Marten	Lynn Brown	Michelle Tarosas	Macy & Ella Barham	Ann Armato
11/26	Ron Martens Nidia Kulack	Lois Carpenter	Sharon Stengel	AJ Albandia	Sally Cope



Thank you to these wonderful volunteers who will be taking our Styrofoam donations to the Village Public Works Recycling Area.

Date	Volunteer
11/5	George Roby
11/12	Lori Martens
11/19	Art Nesser
11/26	Sue Kreibich



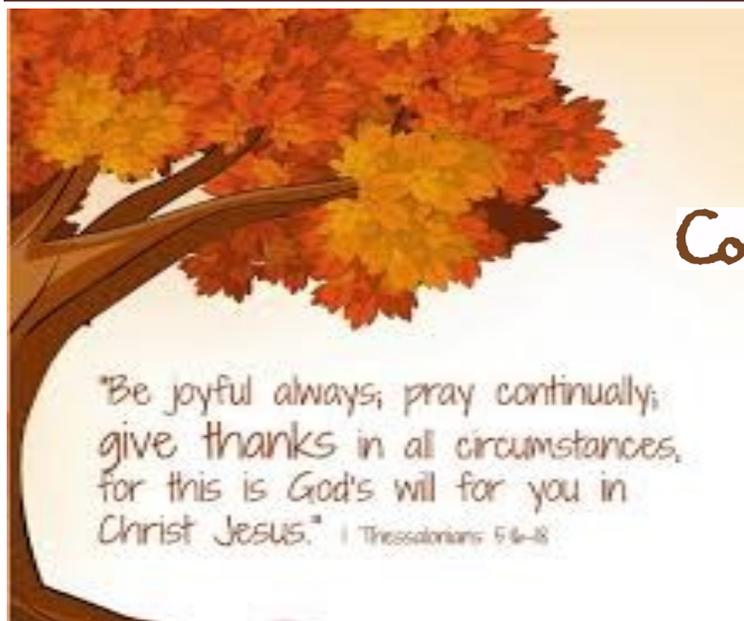
Date	Nursery Staff	Volunteer
11/5	Brittany Mainiero	JoAnn Schindler
11/12	Pam Elliott	Peg Nesser
11/19	Brittany Mainiero	Cory Kirkpatrick
11/26	Pam Elliott	Peg Schwab



**Meets Every Sunday  
9:00 am**  
**November Teacher: Karen Guenther**

### Weekly Assistants

**11/5 Kim Carney**  
**11/12 Karen Thornsberry**  
**11/19 Kim Carney**  
**11/26 Wynn Ann Roggeveen**



## Coffee Hour

**11/5 Ministry of Deacons**  
**11/12 Roggeveen Family**  
**11/19 Confirmation Class**  
**11/26 Noxon / Hess / Wallace Families**



*The 2017-18 Schedule 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.*

# Tis The Season for Poinsettias 2017



Christmas

Poinsettias can be ordered through Monday, December 4, 2017.

Cost per plant is \$11.00.

Please indicate if your poinsettia is given in Honor or in Memory of a loved one (and provide their name) Poinsettias will arrive in time for the Cantata (December 17), and will be left in the Sanctuary through Sunday, December 31. Those wishing to take their plants with them, may do so after the Christmas Eve Worship Services. A list of poinsettia donors and honorees will be included with the Christmas Eve Worship Bulletin. Please return this slip with payment to the Church Office. Order forms are also available in the Welcome Center.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Red Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ # White Plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One: In Memory of / In Honor of List Honorees Name(s) below: \_\_\_\_\_

(Select) I will pick up / donate my plant to the church Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ CheckCash



## Sunday, November 26

Join us after the 10 AM service to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Everyone is welcome to Join the fun!

Let's get in the Christmas Spirit together.

### Calling all bakers!

It's time to prepare for the **Annual Women's Fellowship Cookie Sale** two **Sundays, December 10 & 17**

We sell them on a mix-and-match basis, so that people can buy them for their holiday parties.

Sign up to donate cookies in Fellowship Hall. Cookies must be delivered no later than Saturday, December 9.



Want to give a very special gift to someone this Christmas?

Join us for an Afternoon of Christmas Caroling Saturday, December 2 12:30 pm

It will be the most satisfying and happy afternoon you will spend during this holiday season. Not a singer? That's ok.. You have a voice!

Sign up in Fellowship Hall



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Teri Franklin

## About CCA and the UCC

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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