

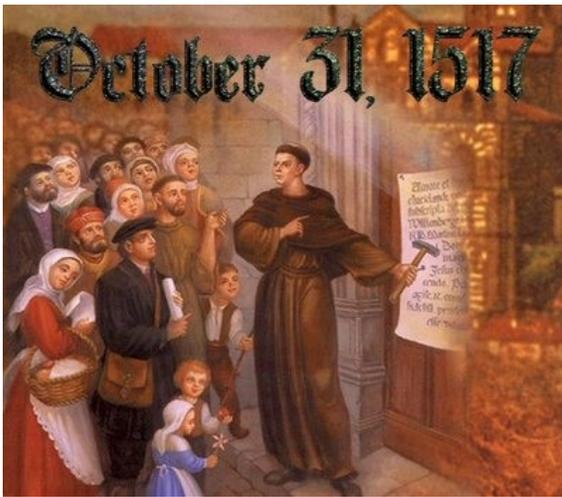
Celebrating the Journey

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

October 2017

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Rev. Brian Cope

Dear Friends,

There would never have been a Reformation if the question of how we are saved was not at the core of everyone's life. Martin Luther couldn't have accomplished it alone, nor with the help of princes and emperors. For too long, the Church had scared people into giving them the power that they held by claiming to have the very power of heaven and hell. The Bible was kept away from the common folk, so that the only ones who held the scriptural answers to the question of how we are saved in the eyes of God were the

ones who held the exclusive right to read the Bible. To keep power, it was in the best interest of the popes, bishops and clergy to keep the masses ignorant.

Martin Luther was successful in exposing the corruption at the heart of this usurped power, but we can assume that it would have happened through someone else if Luther had not been the vehicle. The Reformation was not about splitting the Church, nor about theological issues such as communion or indulgences. It was about power. Despite Luther, the pope, or the emperor, the Reformation would prove to be about the liberation of the masses from the slavery they were held in by the Church and the State. The Reformation was certainly made possible by the printing press. Luther's words could not have caused the changes that they did without the printing press spreading them around. The printing press was nothing if people could not read. Thus, the success of the Reformation was dependent upon the growing and evolving freedom of education. In fact, perhaps the critical outgrowth of the Reformation was the formation of schools.

But it didn't stop there. Education empowered the people to understand their own relationship to the world around them. The ideas that formed democracy came directly out of the Reformation (despite Luther, Calvin, or any of the other Reformers who would have been appalled at the American Revolution.)

Today, so few people know this history. Turn on a computer, go to Google, and you can still find arguments from church leaders criticizing Luther and arguing that the Reformation was wrong. They will engage in detailed theological arguments, as if the only crucial point of the Reformation was what happens in Communion. It is not, no matter what people tell you!

Indeed, we should celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation today. If we lose sight of what God brought about through the Reformation, we will not be able to stand up against the voices of tyranny that made the Reformation necessary in the first place. The world is always on the brink of losing the Gospel of Jesus' message; the powers of this world will always gladly drown it out and substitute their own voice. It is happening now, and it will continue to happen. Take, for instance, the voice in the modern world that wants us to believe that the Christian Church has lost its place in today's world. How many of us find it too easy to accept that? Why, because you don't see the same faces in the pews that you have in the past? Once we accept the siren voice that tells us that we are irrelevant, then we lose sight of one of the central, if not THE central, claims of the Reformation: The Church's relevance is completely unimportant in the world. It is the relevancy of the Gospel that is crucial. And the Gospel has not lost its power over the voice of human beings.

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Rev. Arn Schaper

It's About Change

We might find the following quote by Martin Van Buren interesting. In 1829, before he became President, as governor of the State of New York, Van Buren was interested in protecting the state's large canal transportation, including the east-west Erie Canal. He wrote this to the White House:



“The Canal System is being threatened by the spread of a new form of transportation known as “railroads.” As you may well know, railroad carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 mph by engines which, in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speeds...”

Before we respond too vigorously to Mr. Van Buren, it might be well to pause and ponder for a moment our own skill (or lack of it) at managing change. Our faith tradition supports the belief that our God is a major agent of change—true challenge for the GOOD!

Whether it be change in our own lives, or change in our society's way of doing things, it is very easy to become more a part of the problem than part of the solution. While our culture does not invite much time for self-reflection, anytime is an OK time for genuine introspection.

What do you think was intended in the words of the ancients when the following statement was recorded? ‘BEHOLD, I AM DOING A NEW THING.’ (Revelation 21:5)

Blessings for the Journey....Arn

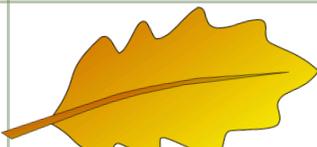
Rev. Brian Cope (continued from page 2)

But celebrating the Reformation does not mean parties, or even worship services. It means thinking. For instance, we should take this opportunity to study a fundamental issue that came from the Reformation: the doctrine of the separation of Church and State. This is an issue that I hear in the media, as well as on Sunday morning. I propose that we meet after church and open this dialogue—what does the separation of Church and State mean today? Is it a Reformation issue? It IS if you place it in the right context. The authors of the Constitution may have not seen it in the writings of the Reformers, such as Luther. But then, Luther would not have framed it as they have. He would have asked instead, should there be a separation between the Gospel of Christ and the State? Think about that. I hope you can see how it changes the whole discussion.

Brian Cope

Remember in Prayer

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

Betty Blair Clare Oaks Rehab Center 825 Carillon Dr. Bartlett, IL 60103	Edna McCormick 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 Oceola 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	

We are thankful to mention that during the Month of September, none of our members were reported to have been hospitalized or placed into a rehab center.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



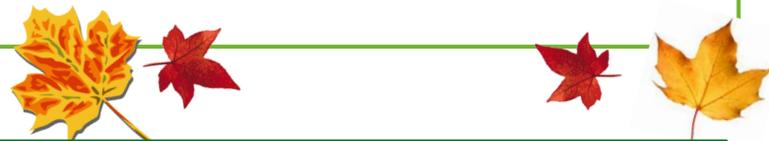
Cody Colbert Richard Dowdle Eric Hertel
John (Jay) Hogrewe Jake Korbecki Dominik Kneip
Joey Mann Owen Ritsema Ben Sprouse

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: **Barbara Whitaker and Mary Westerbeck** You will find their addresses on this page. Let them know that they are a part of our family and that they are missed and thought about.

Our Group Studies Come in a Variety of Sizes!

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

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Worship Services 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Christian Learning Is For Everyone (L.I.F.E) Hour 9:00 am – 10:00 am
Shep U—Teen Faith in Action—Adult Bible Study

GROUP STUDIES AT CCA

Weekly

Christian L.I.F.E. Hour—Sundays 9:00 am—10:00 am
Tuesdays with the Pastor—Tuesdays, 4:30 pm—6:00 pm
Women's Fellowship—Wednesdays, 10:00 am—12 noon

Monthly

Bi-Monthly Bible Study—1st & 3rd Mondays at 10:00 am **10/2 & 10/16**
Praying for Peace Service—3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm **10/19**
Bible and Brew—2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm at Port Edward Restaurant **10/12**
Men's Fellowship—2nd Saturday, 8:00 am—9:30 am **10/14**
Movies with Meaning—2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm **10/14**

THEMES FOR OCTOBER

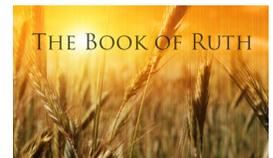
Bi-Monthly Bible Study—"Going through the Bible" with Ray Vander Laan

Tuesdays with the Pastor—we will be looking at the "The Essentials of our Christian Faith"
(an expansion of the study we have been following in Bible and Brew)

Women's Fellowship—7 part video study "The Book of Ruth"

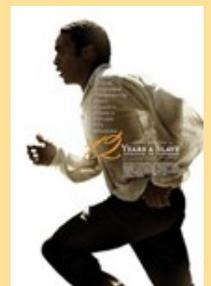
Bible and Brew—Series "Elements of Faith: Sermon on the Mount"

Movie with Meaning:



Based on an incredible true story of one man's fight for survival and freedom. In the pre-Civil War United States, Solomon Northup, a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery. Facing cruelty personified by a malevolent slave owner, as well as unexpected kindnesses, Solomon struggles not only to stay alive, but to retain his dignity. In the twelfth year of his unforgettable odyssey, Solomon's chance meeting with a Canadian abolitionist will forever alter his life.

12 Years a Slave October 14, 1:00 pm



THE EVENTS COMMITTEE

WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR FIRST PADDLE-BOAT DINNER CRUISE

This September event was just wonderful.

- ◆ It was a beautiful day.
- ◆ The food was very good.
- ◆ It was overwhelmingly a great success!

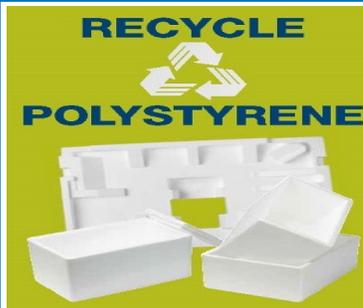
We will definitely plan another cruise next year—maybe a little later in September so we can see the fall colors!

Thanks for your attendance and fellowship.



Ladies Bunco Night! Friday, October 13

**7:00 pm
Sign up in
Fellowship Hall**



Styrofoam is now being accepted in our Recycling Area (Coat Room just off the Narthex).

Volunteers will take your donations weekly to Public Works in Algonquin.

So bring on the Styrofoam!

Better yet, sign up to help those volunteers keep the program going!



I would like to thank this wonderful congregation and staff for all the prayers, love and support that you have shown over the last 9 months, getting me through my surgeries and recovery.

I thank you, too, for your patience as I get used to playing with my "new hand." You are all truly a gift from God.

With love and thanks, Bev Tipps



The Prayer Shawl Saga continues....

Dear Ladies of the Fellowship

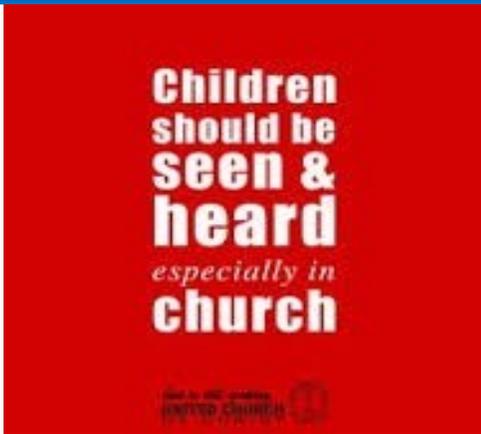
A dear friend of mine will be traveling to England this winter. Her brother is a minister outside of London. My friend loves your "concept" and intends to share it with his congregation. She will make one and bring it with her.

Acts of love are meant to be shared. Your incredible, wearable ART needs to be in hospitals, nursing homes, and churches to comfort those in need. I like the expression "to pay it forward", but this shawl goes a step further...to "Pray it Forward".

Speaking from personal experience, this is a gift which has your talents and compassion and God's love all over it! Love cannot be contained; see what seeds you have planted!

Much gratitude and God's Blessings!

Kathleen Montgomery (friend of Peg Nesser)



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.



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



You Are Cordially Invited to Attend A Free Medicare Seminar

Congregational Church of Algonquin

October 1, 2017 at 11:15am

The following topics will be discussed:

INSURANCE PROTECTION:

PREScription PLANS

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT VS MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

MEDICARE/MEDICAID (WHAT IT DOES AND DOES NOT COVER)

NEED LONG TERM CARE?

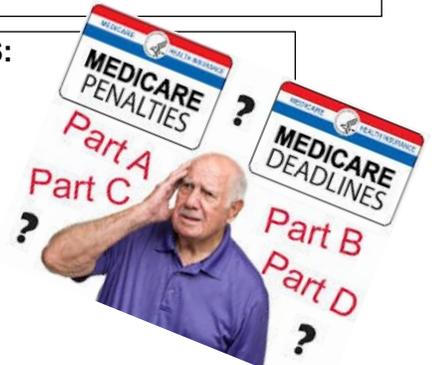
MEDICARE CHANGES:

PART A, B, C, D

DEDUCTIBLES

COPAYS

MA PLANS



This presentation will be offered by the Ministry of Christian Education and Bankers Life!

FOOTSTEPS



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Monday, October 2, 6:30 pm

"How to Teach Christian Values to Elementary School-Age Children"

Monday, October 16, 6:30 pm

"How to Teach Christian Values to Middle School-Age Children"

Monday, November 13, 6:30 pm

"How to Discuss Christian Values with Teens"

Ministry of Christian Education

FAIR TRADE SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

If you are looking for the best treat to give to the trick-or-treaters who will soon be ringing your doorbell, consider the Equal Exchange mini chocolate bars.



This is our sixth year to offer candy that supports cocoa farmer co-ops. It also provides organic, great-tasting bars that are individually wrapped and ready to drop into pillow cases and pumpkins.

And don't forget your favorite chocolate lovers who deserve the best (like yourself!).

Happy Halloween.

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

Missions Sunday & Fair

October 8, 2017

Meet the Missions we Supported in 2016-2017

In 2017-18 we will find ways to support the three Loves:



Love of Children
Love of Neighbor
Love of Creation



Annual Dedication of all Volunteers of the Church

Ministry of Missions



Jubilee Farms, UCC, has invited us to share in their ministry. This is an opportunity for **a different type of mission!** Spend a Saturday on the farm: working, learning, and enjoying God's good creation.

Jubilee Farms United Church of Christ is the first farm church in the country within the UCC. Located in Clinton, IL, their sole mission is to feed their neighbors, regardless of their ability to pay. Some local churches bought shares of the harvest to give to those in need, joining others who buy shares to support the church and enjoy for themselves. **Sign-up Sheet in Fellowship Hall.**

When: **October 7, 2017—Carpool leaves at 7:15 am**

What to bring: Gardening Gloves, Sack Lunch, Water. Please wear appropriate shoes. We will be doing whatever work is seasonally appropriate with alpacas, sheep, chickens, or vegetable crops, and learning about chemical-free farming.

We will stop for dinner after we head home (around 4pm).

For questions, see Nancy Kneip, or call the church office at 847-658-5308.





JOIN US AS WE WELCOME

Jordi Bosch

Open Arms Ministry

Lima, Peru

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Jordi Bosch is the pastor/director of Open Arms Ministry (Brazos Abiertos) in Lima, Peru. Brazos Abiertos is a ministry devoted to the restoration of families in one of the extreme poor areas of Lima.

Many families suffer from a distorted image of the family; rejection, neglect, abuse, and divorce. People's self-image is extremely low. Brazos Abiertos teaches them the victory offered by Jesus and various important values, such as children's programs (preschool, homework assistance and Bible Club), as well as a variety of programs for teens, adults, and the elderly.

Please join us in welcoming Jordi to CCA on Sunday, October 15 when he will give testimony about the reality of Jehovah Jireh (God provides)!



www.brazosabiertos.net



CCA is hosting the
2017 Annual
Cardunal* **Crop Hunger Walk!**
*Carpentersville-Dundee-Algonquin
(A Church World Service Mission)

Sunday, October 15
Registration: 12:45-1:00pm
Step-Off: 1:30 pm

It's not too late! We are **still recruiting walkers** for the Crop Hunger Walk, taking place right here at CCA on Sunday, October 15 at 12:45 pm. Please join us!

Since this year's walk is taking place at our church, we are **looking for people to help** set up tables outside and take them down after the event. Also needed are snacks and water for participants.

To donate online:

www.crophungerwalk.org/cardunal

In space to search "Find a Walker or Team" - type in Congregational Church of Algonquin. Click on the church name to get to our list of all the people from our church that have registered as walkers.

Select a walker's name to donate and that person will be credited for the donation. It's that easy! Call The Church Office if you need any assistance.

If you can help in any of these areas, please contact Barb Erion or the church office

There are extra envelopes in the church office.

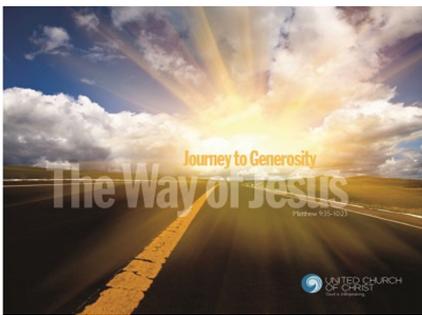
Thank you for your past and present support of the Cardunal Crop Hunger Walk.

COUNTRY WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday, October 15, 2017



*Please join us as we celebrate
the Heritage of Southern Gospel Music
and the love of gathering together
with neighbors and friends in worship.
Join in the spirit by wearing your country duds!
Jeans, plaid shirts, boots, and cowboy hats are welcome!
Grab a friend and come on down!*

There will be no 8:00 am worship service on the 15th.



“You shall love the Lord your God with all our heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.” Matthew 22:37

STEWARDSHIP: Loving God and loving neighbor. We have an opportunity in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead to make commitments—both material and symbolic—to help this congregation love God and love neighbor.

Please join us for **Commitment Sunday on October 22, 2017**, as we offer our estimate of giving and continue our stewardship journey.

CHICAGOLAND QUARTET-PLUS JAZZ CONCERT



October 29, 2017

3:00 pm

Right here in our Sanctuary!

to the beat of favorites from the 40's through the 60's. The best part is that it is free. (There will be a freewill offering taken to benefit Turning Point.) Turning Point is a domestic violence agency with a mission to confront violence against women and children.



OCTOBER EVENTS CONTINUE



MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE NEARS OPENING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. (NOVEMBER 2017)

Three blocks south of the U.S. Capital and two blocks from the National Mall in Washington, D.C., the **Museum of the Bible** is readying for a November grand opening. The scope of the undertaking is unprecedented. The 430,000 square foot facility—one of the five largest of D.C.’s more than 200 museums—will be a multimedia experience allowing guests to explore and learn about the Bible’s history, stories and impact.

It will provide a scholarly and engaging presentation of the Bible, and will feature world-class interactive, audiovisual exhibits, special effects, and live theatre, along with art galleries, research labs, and 800-1200 artifacts at any one time. Among many technologically advanced adventures awaiting guests will be a simulated walk through the parted Red Sea, as if with Moses and the Israelites when God was delivering them from the hand of the Egyptians.

The museum project, the vision of Hobby Lobby president, Steve Green, has been nearly a decade in the making. The museum is presenting the entire Bible and wants to be welcoming to people of all faiths, as well as non-believers. For believers, church groups and otherwise, there will be a wealth of opportunity to grow in faith, providing a potential impetus of widespread spiritual renewal. (Go to www.museumofthebible.org for more information and captivating photos!)

WOODSTOCK OPERA GROUP

is getting organized for 2017-2018



Friday, October 6

Meet 6pm at Double Yolk Café
117 Van Buren, Woodstock

Friday, November 3

Friday, March 2

Friday, April 6

All shows start 8:00 pm at the Woodstock Opera House. We will meet for dinner prior to each show at a restaurant near the theatre. The seats that are reserved for our group are on the even side, Rows E & F.

Share this information and invite a friend. Ann will email the list of participants prior to the first show to facilitate car pools. Contact Ann Venzon or the church office (**847-658-5308**) for more information.

If for some reason you will not be purchasing a season ticket, you may join us for any individual show by calling the Woodstock Opera House box office directly **815-338-5300** or by visiting www.woodstockoperahouse.com to purchase your ticket.



Fine Art Show
Sunday November 5
(Heritage Sunday)
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.
It's not too late to contribute
paintings, drawings, or artistic photography.*

**Contact the church office
or Sandy Ferguson**

This is a Faith in Action Project

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?

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 19, 2017

11:15 am

Sign up in Fellowship Hall

Space is Limited

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.

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
(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. **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 & mchenry.edu/volunteer



Tutoring Update New training dates

October:

Tuesday and Thursdays (4 sessions)
October 5*, 12, 17, & 24
6:00pm-9:00pm

Gail Borden Public Library
270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/PrmEjsU86i82>

November: 2 Saturday Sessions
October 28* & November 4
9:30am -4:30 pm

Congregational Church of Algonquin
109 Washington, Algonquin, IL

*The first hour of this session is an orientation.

Learn more with no obligation.

Course Materials and Costs

Tutor training is free, but there is a \$35 fee to cover the textbook, LITSTART: Strategies for Adult Literacy and ESL Tutors, and other handouts.

Cash or check made payable to **The Literacy Connection** is collected at the first meeting.



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 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!



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 mis-
sion?

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!



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

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.

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 Women and Children Shelter.



Pancake Mix & Syrup

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

Batteries (AAA, C, D, 9V)

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
Phone: 847-854-4552

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

United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.



How Would You Prioritize the Different Jobs of the Minister?

Recently, when asked to share a copy of his job description with the Pastoral Relations Committee, the Pastor discovered that there was no single job description. There were four different ones, not including the Pastor's contract that he signed when he was called nine years ago.

In looking at them together, we saw that altogether they were overwhelming, and that even if we could come up with one workable description, who decides what parts of the description should hold the highest priority? Even if the average weekly hours range between 50 and 60 per week, priorities need to be assigned. All of us in the church probably have our own opinions on what should be given priority.

We decided to ask you for help. You will receive a list of 10 categories that comprise the Pastor's ministry. We are asking you to rank these categories according to the priority you think the minister should give them. You will have room to comment if you like, but you won't need to. We will hand out the Pastoral Priority Sheets on the second and third Sundays of October. We are asking that they be returned by the third Sunday. You can contact the church office for a copy after the first of the month. Then, we will share the results in December's Newsletter, and use those results to plan the Pastor's ministry in 2018.

The Pastoral Relations Committee





Birthdays



03 Hailee Pocijewski	20 Stephen Beatty
07 Daniyel Carpenter	20 John Feltes
08 Jean Hertel	22 Nancy Reebel
09 John Elliott	24 Dan Reebel
10 Alyssa Kirkpatrick	26 Hanna Pocijewski
10 Tina McMahon	28 John Novak
10 Robert Soukup	29 Ken Thime
17 Sharon Stengel	31 Stephanie Barham
	31 Jessica Kapusinski

Anniversaries



03	Jeff & Amanda Jolitz
03	Tony & Michelle Tarosas
04	Jack & Jane Arnold
04	Art & Peg Nesser
06	Jim & Pepi Carroll
06	Robert & Kristin Panzloff
06	Joe & Karen Thornsberry
08	Brian & Sally Cope
11	Kevin & Jennifer Gray
16	Larry & Ann Venzon
18	Dick & Wynn Ann Roggeveen
22	Bill & Lisa Kemper
23	Keith & Cory Kirkpatrick
24	Harold & Cherry Knautz



Treasurer's

As of August 31, 2017

Total Operating Fund Income

Month of July	17,008.40
YTD	\$163,938.37

Total Operating Expenses

Month of July	\$18,689.86
YTD	\$169,738.85

Mortgage Balance

\$123,680.76

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PASS THE PIGS 8:00 AM Worship Srvc 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E. Hr (Shep U / Teen FIA / Adult Studies) 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr. Choir 11:15 AM Medicare Sem. 11:15 AM Min Missions	2 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM Publicity 6:30 PM How to Teach Christian Values to Elementary-Age Children 7:00 PM Trails Swim Team	3 9:00 AM Sr Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tues w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts	4 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 pm Conf. Class 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir	5 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA	6 6:00 PM Woodstock Opera Group 	7 7:00 AM Jubilee Farms  10:00 Crop Hunger Walk Planning Committee
8 FAIR TRADE MISSIONS SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship Srvc 8:45 AM Trustees Mtg 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E. Hr (Shep U / Teen FIA / Adult Study) 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr. Choir 11:15 AM Min Finance 11:15 AM Min C Ed 11:15 AM Missions Fair	9 10:00 AM Social Justice Advocates 12:00 PM Publicity	10 9:00 AM Sr Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts	11 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Mtg 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM Preschool Board Mtg 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 4:00 PM Tutoring 6:30 PM Bible and Brew  7:30 PM AA	13 Set up for Men's Fellowship 5:00 PM Algonquin Preschool - FAMILY FUN NIGHT 7:00 PM BUNCO NIGHT 	14 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast  1:00 PM Movies w/ Meaning
15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE No 8:00 AM Service! 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E. Hr (Shep U / Teen FIA / Adult Study) 10:00 AM Country Worship Service  12:45 PM CROP WALK 	16 10:00 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM Publicity 2:00 PM Newsletter Com. 6:30 PM How to Teach Christian Values to Middle School-Age Children	17 9:00 AM Sr Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 1:30 PM HA Bd Mtg 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts 5:30 PM BS Tr151 Fall Court of Honor	18 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 1:00 PM Past Rel. 4:00 PM Tutoring 5:00 PM Church Growth 5:00 PM Conf Class 6:00 PM Staff Mtg 7:00 PM BS Tr151 Leadership 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir	19 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Praying for Peace  7:30 PM AA	20	21
22 COMMITMENT SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E. Hour (Shep U/Teen FIA/Adult Study) 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sr. Choir 11:15 AM Council Mtg-Budget only	23 12:00 PM Publicity 7:00 PM Ministry of Deacons	24 9:00 AM Senior Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts	 25 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Mtg 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	26 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Quilters 7:30 PM AA	27	28 9:00 AM Village Shredding Event for Residents 9:30-4:30 TUTOR TRAINING 10:00 AM Peace Pole Painting Project
29 BIRDHOUSE 8:00 AM Worship Srvc 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E. Hr (Shep U/Teen FIA/Adult Study) 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr. Choir 11:15 AM Council Mtg Reports Only (Budget Approval) 3:00 PM Jazz Concert	 30 12:00 PM Publicity	31 9:00 AM Sr Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts	1 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 1:30 PM Visit Com 5:00 PM Confir CI 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Mtg 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	2 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA	3 6:00 PM Woodstock Opera Group SHREK THE MUSICAL	4 9:30-4:30 TUTOR TRAINING

Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Announcer	Acolyte	Liturgist
10/1	Ron Martens Lori Martens	Lynn Brown	Jen Jazwinski	Madison Thorns- berry	Dick Elke
10/8	Ron Martens Dave Carris	Lois Carpenter	Sally Cope	Nolan Pocijewski	Lynn Brown
10/15	Ron Martens	Sandy Ferguson	Michelle Tarosas	AJ Albandia	Betty Paldauf
10/22	Ron Martens	Nidia Kulack	Sharon Stengel	Scott & Abby Kapusinski	Shirley Basler
10/29	Ron Martens	Ed Turk	Dave Aggen	Nolan Pocijewski	Bill Hellyer



Date	Nursery Staff	Volunteer
10/1	Pam Elliott	Carol Roby
10/8	Brittany Mainiero	Assistant Needed
10/15	Pam Elliott	Janet Kelley
10/22	Brittany Mainiero	Assistant Needed
10/29	Pam Elliott	Assistant Needed



**Meets Every Sunday
9:00 am**

Teacher for October: Karen Guenther

Weekly Assistants

- 10/1 Kim Carney**
- 10/8 Barb Schmidt**
- 10/15 Kim Carney**
- 10/22 Wynn Ann Roggeveen**
- 10/29 Stephanie Twarling**

Coffee Hour

- 10/1 Hellyer Family**
- 10/8 Cope Family**
- 10/15 Wilson / Schindler Families**
- 10/22 Elke / Lindgren Families**
- 10/29 Kulack / Aggen / D Brown 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.*



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





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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