

# Celebrating the Journey

May 2018

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

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**The Men's Fellowship Welcomes  
The Women of CCA to the Annual  
*May Breakfast Fellowship***

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 8:00 am

**Guest Speaker: Don Purn  
will give a presentation about the  
wild life visitors of Towne Park  
Sign up in Fellowship Hall!**



## Rev. Cope

Dear Friends,

Did you know that churches are believed to have, like human beings, life cycles? I thought it would be interesting to share this theory (and I do claim it to be a theory, not a well-entrenched principle!)

According to the theory, congregations experience Birth, Vitality, Equilibrium, Decline, and finally Death. The movement from one stage to the next is determined, not by congregational numbers as much as by the establishment of friendships within the congregation. The theory is that within the Birth and Vitality stages, “friendship networks have not yet solidified, allowing for easy acceptance of new members.” In the Equilibrium stage, “Enough new members join to replace those who leave or die. Enough money is contributed to meet the annual budget, including modest increases required to maintain ongoing programs. Facilities are more or less adequate for the needs of the church, and debt, if any, is low. Members are generally satisfied with the way things are, and they don’t see the need to change much about the church’s programs. Conflict tends to be low. Ministers come and go, but the church survives each transition, so long as the new pastor doesn’t try to rock the boat by introducing too many new ideas.” As church members move further away from the excitement of the founding stages, “Structure and ritual serve to perpetuate former experiences. Germinal experiences become recalled experiences. Bureaucracy, characterized by an expanding hierarchical leadership structure, increasingly replaces grassroots leadership and decision-making. Routine sets in . . .” Eventually this routine leads to decline, and ultimately, death. (Quotes: *From Birth to Death: Exploring the Life Cycle of the Church*. [Alban.org](http://Alban.org)).

The above theory is restated in many ways by many different religion and sociological experts. However, I want to argue a point that seems to go unnoticed in these studies and theories: because of the Resurrection, we should not see ourselves within ‘life-cycles’. I know that it is all too easy to talk of the reality of aging and death (whether it is of the individual or a church). And yet, we exist because of our belief in God’s gift of eternal life. Our purpose as a church is to spread the good news of that eternal life. Therefore, perhaps we should stop thinking of ourselves and our mission as mortal and limited and think of it in terms of eternity.

Recently I received word that a church that I served has announced that its building has been put up for auction. I was sad and a little angry until a friend who had attended the church when I was pastor there reminded me that over the years, many people had been changed and taken the Word of God out into the world from that building. (He didn’t say it in exactly these words, but I know that is what he meant.) In other words, he didn’t see the congregation as dying at all.

The birth of a congregation is like dropping a rock into a flowing river. The rock affects the flow of the river as long as it stays where it is dropped. You may even say that the rock becomes a part of the river. But if you take the rock out of the river, it does not stop the river from flowing. (continued on pg 3)

## Time for Renewal

The persistent author who wrote the letter to the Hebrews wrote it during a period of great change and disruption. He reminded his readers that they were not the first to feel such uncertainty in the midst of change. There was, of course, Noah, whose world was upset by a flood. Then Abraham, who pioneered to a new land not knowing where he and his family were going.

Then Joseph, whose life was one change after another. The recital went on and on to include Moses, David, Samuel and more.

If there are any absolutes in life, they are about change. Change has happened in every age with seemingly rock solid principles and values being challenged in one way or another. The challenge contained in the letter to the Hebrews was to be as stable as possible, always seeking out resources for renewal. Someone recently reaffirmed the idea that in any time of uncertainty it is very important to prepare for and envision renewal. Renewal comes to those who keep the “can do” spirit of the past as well as the “will do” spirit for the future.

All of this has direct relevance to our church family – keeping the “can do” and the “will do” spirits in place as we anticipate new leadership for our church. Whitehead once wrote: “The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and then to preserve change amid order.”

The energy of living always makes it a process, and we are inevitably caught up in its flow. The challenge is always to help direct that flow as much as possible ... or as Paul has so aptly written: “I press on toward the goal of the higher calling of Christ...”

*Blessings for the Journey ....*

*Rev. Arn*

### **Continued from Page 2-Rev Cope Article**

A congregation is born into the flow of the Church; the death of a congregation is removing it from the flow of the Church. In other words, the Church has not stopped because the church I served in Paducah, Kentucky is being auctioned off.

Congregations are springboards for the movement of the Resurrection. Along the way, they can be stopping grounds for friends, family and social groups, but they should never lose sight of the fact that they exist for the mission of the Gospel. We are the rock in the river; the river is the Church. As we move about, and as we plan our work, we should always keep this in mind. When new people stop with us we should receive them enthusiastically; when old friends move on, we should celebrate the next phase in our journey. And we should always remember that the journey that we celebrate is the journey of the river – not the stasis of the rock.

**Rev. Cope**

## 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 AND FELLOWSHIP AT CCA

#### Weekly

**Christian L.I.F.E. Hour**—Sundays, 9:00 am—10:00 am  
(Shepherd University & Adult Studies meet at this time )  
**Tuesdays with the Pastor**—Tuesdays, 4:30—6:00 pm

**Adult Studies May 13, 20, 27**  
**Meeting May 15, 22 & 29**

#### Bi-Monthly

**Monday Bible Study**—1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 10:00 am—  
**Teen Faith in Action**, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 10:15am

**May 21 only**  
**May 13 & 27**

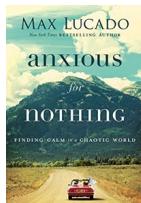
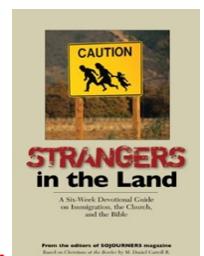
#### Monthly

**Bible and Brew**—2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm  
**Men's Fellowship Breakfast** —2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 8:00 am  
**Movies with Meaning**—2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday monthly  
**Women's Fellowship**—2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays monthly

**May 24**  
**May 12**  
**No Movies with Meaning in May**  
**May 23 only**

### THEMES FOR MAY

**Christian LIFE Hour Adult Sunday School, meets Sundays at 9:00 am**—A six-week devotional on immigration, the church, and the Bible, by the editors of Sojourner's Magazine. Every Christian is an “undocumented foreigner”; in the world, but not of it. How does this inform the church’s voice in the contemporary battle over U.S. immigration laws? With Strangers in the Land, you’ll never view immigration the same way again. **Adult Studies will not meet on May 6.**



**Tuesdays with the Pastor** - We are starting a new study, Anxious for Nothing—Finding Calm in a Chaotic World (Max Lucado) **NOTE: we have returned to our 4:30 pm start time on Tuesdays. We will not meet on May 1 and 8.**

**Bi-Monthly Monday Morning Bible Study** – We will be working with Going Through the Bible with Ray Van der Laan (Vol. 3), The Life and Ministry of the Messiah. In the third part of the series, “That the World May Know,” we “journey back to the time of Jesus, marvel at the magnificence of Herod’s palace, scramble among the ruins of Qumran, and wonder at the simplicity and wisdom of Jesus’ parables. Discover how the events of Jesus’ day impacted his life, ministry and communication.” **We will not meet on May 7.**



## 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	May S. Lehnert The Fountains 965 N. Brighton Cir West Apt. #124 Crystal Lake, IL 60114
Ed Brandwein Eastgate Manor 101 Eastgate Ct. #242 Algonquin, IL 60102	Ollie Lindgren 1735 Heather Dr. Algonquin, IL 60102
Louise Dahm 1005 South Rd. Fox River Grove, IL 60021	Edna McCormick Citadel Health Care Center 180 S. State Street #242 Elgin, IL 60123-6429
Dede & Gary Gray 2001 W. Algonquin Rd #3416 Algonquin, IL 60102	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 Valley Hi Nursing Home—Rm 105 2406 Hartland Rd. Woodstock, IL 60098
Joyce Horn Alden Terrace of McHenry 803 Royal Dr., Room 203 McHenry, IL 60050-4209	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	

**Members who were hospitalized and/or entered into rehab during April:**

**Sally Cope and Elsie Fry.**

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Cody Colbert	Richard Dowdle	Eric Hertel
John (Jay) Hogreve	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*

**Would you like a visit from Rev. Cope?**

**Call the church office at  
847-658-5308 or email him at  
[revcope.cca@gmail.com](mailto: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: **Edna**

**McCormick & Thea O'Connor.** 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.

**Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. - I John 4:11**



When doing your Spring Cleaning, don't forget to bring your unwanted treasures to the ...

### **Heavenly Attic Resale Shop**

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

Hours: T, W, Th, & F 10am—4pm and Sat. 10am—2pm

**Heavenly Attic is a great place to shop for your new spring wardrobe at our low, low prices.**



**On behalf of the Ministry of Trustees, A Great Big Thank You! to everyone who contributed in any way to the installation of the new carpeting in our church's choir room.**

**We are positive that the commercial carpeting chosen is both attractive and durable, and will last many years to come. Should you want to see the results of YOUR efforts, please come by and take a look. I'm sure you will be pleased.**

**Bob Benjamin, Chair, Trustees**

**The Church Office  
Will be CLOSED on  
Monday, May 28  
for Memorial Day**



**Friday, May 11, 7:00 pm**  
\$5.00—bring a dessert or appetizer to share  
Sign Up in Fellowship Hall  
Come Join Us



### **HERE'S HOW IT WORKS!**

Each person who attends Bunco puts \$5 into a basket when they arrive. At the end of the night, the high scorer and most bunco winners decide which donation option will receive the total funds collected that night.

Donation options are: CCA Emergency Fund, Food Pantry (LITH-Algonquin), Heavenly Attic, Home of the Sparrow, PADS, CCA Youth Programs, Turning Point)

**Thank you for the Chocolate Basket**

**from Chocolate Fest!**



It was fun to receive the call that we had won one of the drawings, and it was such a treat to enjoy all of the chocolate and goodies.

We had been walking by from the Algonquin Egg Hunt that morning, and saw the Chocolate Fest sign. We are glad that we checked it out!

Thank you!      Dan & Cassie Sumpter

**Please share our events on Facebook.** It is a completely **free** way to promote the happenings at our great church. If you need help with Social Media, contact the church office. We will set you up with a tutor for a customized, easy-to-understand lesson.





## FAIR TRADE - May 13

Frankie Pondolph, February 1, 2018

Categories: Action Alert

Tagged: tea

In June 2017, a strike spread across Darjeeling, India, and a conflict closed the entire region of India for 104 days. Last summer in India there was a fight over identity, sovereignty, and Independence, and it was a movement to separate Darjeeling and surrounding areas from the State of West Bengal in order to create an independent new state.

Caught in the middle were tea gardens, workers, and small farmers—including Potong, a long-term partner of Equal Exchange. Potong is a tea garden that is collectively run by its workers—one of the very few examples of an alternative to the traditional top-down plantation model. Potong has 350 workers and a total-community size of approximately 2000 people.

The shutdown of the region and of the entire tea sector means that the farmers and families at Potong made a small fraction of their normal income during harvest season—about 40% of the previous year. With winter in full swing, the tea bushes were dormant and there was no leaf to sell.

**Here's a note from our partner Tea Promoter India (TPI):** “The regional shut down affected the entire population. Most vulnerable were the daily wage earners in tea gardens, and also those connected with the tourism industry like cooks, drivers, waiters, etc., all of whom had to bear the brunt, with prices going up sharply. This long shutdown was the first time anything like this happened in the 150 years of the Tea Industry. The new harvest is starting now, around the end of March 2018. TPI worked closely with the Potong Tea Workers Welfare Committee (PTTWC) to negotiate through these winter months. TPI is grateful to their long term partner, Equal Exchange, for promptly coming forward and extending their full support to the PTTWC & TPI model, including adding a premium of \$30,000 to an existing pre-order.”

The role of Equal Exchange with their suppliers is much more than simply purchasing. These excerpts from an article from Equal Exchange showcases one more way they help. When we support Equal Exchange, we support this community in India, as one example.

Thank you for your continued, sustaining purchases.





## Pottery Event

June 22

The Events Committee is pleased to bring you this wonderful opportunity to work with our hands and create something special.

Our local vendor, Hand Made on Main, will come to CCA and will guide us through the process.

There will be snacks and lots of fellowship for this event.

The cost (including snacks) is \$20.00 per person.

**Sign up in Fellowship Hall.**



## Jazz Consortium Big Band

June 10, 2018 5pm

Dury Nellie's Pub/Restaurant

180 N. Smith St., Palatine, IL.

Our group will meet for dinner at 5 pm in the front dining room. We will move to the concert hall to hear the band at 6:30 pm.

Cover commences 6:30  
\$10 cash adults, \$5 students 17 & under.

**Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.**

The Jazz Consortium will be celebrating its 7th anniversary at Dury Nellie's!

Raffles and Treats  
The Buffalo Grove High School Jazz Band 1 returns to open for the Jazz Consortium

Buffalo Grove  
at 6:00 pm

Jazz  
Consortium  
6:30-9:00 pm



During the Month of April, contributions were made to the Congregational Church of Algonquin

Name of Donor

Lori Martens

The Donald Chally Trust

Diane G. Schwelle

In Memory of

Don Chally

Don Chally

Frances Newberg

## Go the Extra Mile and Give More!

We have been challenging ourselves to do just that. Towards this goal, we post monthly some of the needs of the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry, TLS Veterans, and other groups serving the needs of our community.

WE  
NEED  
YOUR  
HELP

### VARIOUS DONATION BOXES AND BINS ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH

**Bucket Brigade**—we have committed to providing 25 each of these:

- ♦ 50 oz bottles of laundry soap
- ♦ 100 ft. clothesline (either a single 100 ft. or two 50 ft. lengths)

We need these collected by June 24

**WISHING WELL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**Bottle Caps and Lids**—there is a very specific list for this collection.

Be sure all items are CLEAN and free of debris—no labels

**BOX IN COATROOM with detailed list**

Christian Materials (Please donate used Bibles, Study Guides, Sunday School Materials, etc.) for “Love Packages”

**BOX IN THE LIBRARY ACROSS FROM PASTOR’S OFFICE**

This is an on-going program



**There is a bin for  
these items in the  
coatroom. Thank  
you for your help!**

Canned Meats	Nuts	Peanut Butter
Beef Jerky	Canned Fish/Chicken	Crackers w/Cheese or Peanut Butter
Sardines	Toilet Paper	Paper Towels
Hats	Gas Cards	Protein Bars
Gloves	Hygiene Items (shampoo, razors, soap)	

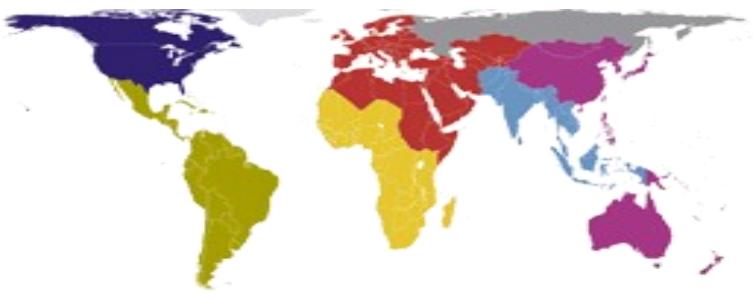
### Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Food Pantry

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

**Suggested for May: Canned Fruits**



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



## Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program

**Help us to continue sponsoring  
these 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 can. **You may also 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

Letters from the children are posted on the Missions Bulletin Board

**BE THE CHURCH**  
Protect the environment. Care for the poor.  
**Forgive often. Reject racism.**  
**Fight for the powerless.**  
Share earthly and spiritual resources.  
Embrace diversity. Love God. Enjoy this life.



## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

The Strengthen the Church Offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of the UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating A Just World for All by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to Be the Church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Our congregation will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018.



**Strengthen the Church Offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.**



**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  
Ministry of Missions



**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**

Watch for more information during the month of May. The Ministry of Missions is working on plans for ministry opportunities in our "Love of Neighbor" campaign.

If you would like to be part of this planning phase, join us at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Ministry of Missions Meeting.



**LOVE OF NEIGHBOR**

**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!

**Yarn Works**

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

*New people are always welcome!*



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

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

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

**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**

No matter their mental health challenge.

No matter their immigration status.

No matter their sexual orientation.

No matter their economic status.

No matter their gender identity.

No matter their disability.

No matter their religion.

No matter their race.

**Love your neighbor. No exceptions.**



# 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). Call to register: 847-742-6565

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

### Current Tutor 2018 Training Calendar:

Gail Bordon Public Library  
270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120

Thursday, May 3 & Friday, May 4

Thursday, May 10 & Friday, May 11

**9:30 am to 12:30 pm each session**

The first hour of this session is an orientation. Learn more with no obligation. There is a \$35.00 fee to help cover the cost of materials, and a background check.

Call to register: 847-742-6565

>**McHenry County College** - Volunteer tutor training is a blend of online lessons and face-to-face sessions. Volunteer trainees complete lessons online and then meet with the program coordinator in group sessions for discussion questions and further information. MCC also offers many developmental courses for existing tutors. visit [mchenry.edu/volunteer](http://mchenry.edu/volunteer).

**Note**—MCC receives requests for tutors in various areas. Volunteers can teach throughout the county in a variety of locations, including all public libraries in McHenry County, many churches, and on the MCC campus.

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 or visit the websites for either of these agencies:  
[elginliteracy.org](http://elginliteracy.org) & [mchenry.edu/volunteer](http://mchenry.edu/volunteer)



## Tutoring Update

JoAnn Schindler  
Ministry of Missions

"Literacy is the ability to read, write, speak, compute, and use technology at a level that enables an individual to reach his or her full potential as a parent, employee, and community member."

Elgin Literacy Connection

## Tutoring Update

Many of the people who benefit from literacy tutoring are from Mexico, our neighbor to the south. Much like any neighbor, we borrow from one another, which is partially how Mother's Day began being celebrated in Mexico in 1922. It has evolved into a much-celebrated day due to the influence of the Catholic Church and government politics. Both worked to enhance the importance of motherhood and family in that country.

The occasion has taken a religious tone with many cards for mom picturing the Virgin Mary and child. On May 10<sup>th</sup> every year in Mexico, mothers are awakened with song either by their children or hired Mariachi bands. After breakfast most families attend mass, and then, as in the U.S., the rest of the day is about pampering mom and all female relatives.

In addition, it is customary for the children to plan skits or other entertainment for their mom. If May 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a school day the schools plan Mother's Day programs. This year Mother's Day in Mexico falls on a Thursday.

So, to all mothers out there, no matter on which date you celebrate, a very happy Mother's Day, or Dia de las Madres.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Lynn Carlson

5/5 April Venzon

5/7 Gavin DeLeon 5/22 Jen Jazwinski

5/7 Cory Kirkpatrick 5/22 Bruce Thorne

5/8 Joey Mann 5/23 Eric Hertel

5/9 Brittany Mainiero 5/23 Abigail Kapusinski

5/9 Diane Scheske 5/23 Wendy O'Laughlin

5/10 Rita Whitney 5/23 Ben Spouse

5/11 Ed Brandwein 5/25 Marge Hanley

5/13 Edna McCormick 5/25 Tucker Tarosas

5/15 Nancy Blackman 5/25 Stephanie Twarling

5/16 JoAnn Schindler 5/26 Ryan Tarosas

5/18 Scott Kapusinski 5/28 Andrew Spouse

5/21 Barb Erion 5/30 Carol Haug

5/21 Sandra Lindgren 5/30 Beverly Tipps

5/21 Kate O'Laughlin 5/31 Joan Ryckman



## May Anniversaries

5/19 Russ & Lynn Brown

5/21 Ed & Donna Church



## Treasurer's Report March 31, 2018

### Total Operating Fund Income

Month of March \$21,832.50

YTD \$70,573.71

### Total Operating Expenses

Month of March \$18,804.08

YTD \$61,529.49

### Mortgage Balance

Mortgage was paid off in Dec. 2017, to Home State Bank. New Balance reflects amount removed from Endowment fund to pay off mortgage.

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



Please submit all items for the May Newsletter to the church office no later than noon, Tuesday, May 15!

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

# Thank

# You

A REALLY BIG THANK YOU

to all who helped serve the

homeless through PADS this season.

We will serve next in October.

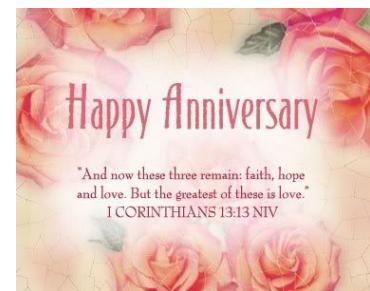
We will ALWAYS be collecting socks and small umbrellas that can get delivered to a central location for pickup by clients. Any other donations will be requested as needed.

Bring all donations for PADS to the coatroom.

I can't say thank you enough! Wynn Ann Roggeveen

A quick note to say thank you for the many thoughts and prayers that came my way during my recent medical adventure. I have been back at work for a month and continue to feel your love and support every day. I never knew a job could be such an incredible blessing!

Teri Franklin



## Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Announcer	Acolyte	Liturgist
5/6	Ron Martens Dick Elke	Sandy Ferguson	Sharon Stengel	Nolan Pociejewski	Liz Albandia
5/13	Ron Martens Nidia Kulack	Lois Carpenter	Dave Aggen	AJ Albandia	Pat Hemmingsen
5/20	Ron Martens Lori Martens	Donna Brown	Jen Jazwinski	Madison Thornsberry	Ed Turk
5/27	Ron Martens Bob Benjamin	Ed Turk	Sally Cope	Scott & Abby Kapusinski	Ann Armato

### Styrofoam Recycling



Week Beginning	Volunteer
5/6	Sue Kreibich
5/13	Dick Elke
5/20	George Roby
5/27	Lori Martens



Childcare provided each Sunday  
during worship service  
from 9:45-11:15

Date	Nursery Staff	Volunteer
5/6	Peggy Schwab	Wynn Ann Roggeveen
5/13	Pam Elliott	Sue Kreibich
5/20	Brittany Mainiero	Peg Nesser
5/27	Peggy Schwab	Kristin Panzloff

We follow "Safe Church" Standards

## Coffee Hour

- 5/6 Social Justice Advocates
- 5/12 Confirmation Class
- 5/20 Boyer & Loacker Families
- 5/27 Drasler & Wright 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.



## Shep U

Meets Every Sunday  
at 9:00 am

May Teacher: Karen Guenther

### Weekly Assistants

- 5/6 Karen Thornsberry
- 5/13 Kim Carney
- 5/20 Liz Albandia

*Shep U will then be ended for the  
school year, returning in August!*

The new Coffee Fellowship Hour Roster is  
being prepared for  
July 2018 through June 2019.

It will be sent out to everyone whose name  
appears on that roster.

Be sure to advise the office of any  
changes to be made.

The 2018-2019 Coffee Fellowship Roster will  
be posted in Fellowship Hall in May!

If you wish to serve in one of the  
volunteer positions, just call the  
church office and we will  
connect you to the right people!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 5th Sunday  8:00 am Worship Service 9:00 am Christian L.I.F.E. Hr (Shep U only) 10:00 am Worship Service-Sr. Choir	30  8:00 am Worship Service 9:00 am Christian L.I.F.E. Hr (Shep U only) 10:00 am Worship Service-Sr. Choir	1  10:00 am Tutoring 12:00 pm Tutoring 3:00 pm Tutoring 4:30 pm Tuesdays with the Pastor 5:00 pm, WWMA 6:30 pm BS Tr 151 New Scouts	2  1:30 pm Visitation Committee 6:00 pm Worship Coord Tm 7:00 pm NA 7:30 pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	3  9:30 am Tutoring 10:00 am Yarn Works 7:30 pm AA	4	5
6 First Sunday Food Pantry Offering  8:00 am Worship Service 9:00 am Christian L.I.F.E. Hr (Shep U only this week) 10:00 am Worship Service 11:15 am Ministry of Missions	7  10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 am Trails Swim Team	8  10:00 am Tutoring 12:00 pm Tutoring 3:00 pm Tutoring 4:30 pm Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 pm Westwind Martial Arts 6:30 pm BS Trp 151 New Scouts	9  6:45 pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting 7:00 pm NA 7:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting 7:30 pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	10  9:30 am Tutoring 10:00 am Yarn Works 7:30 pm AA	11  Set up for Men's Fellowship 7:00 pm BUNCO	12  8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast—Annual Invitation to the Women
13 Fair Trade Sunday  8:00 am Worship Service 8:45 am Ministry of Trustees 9:00 am Christian L.I.F.E. Hr (Shep U/Adult Study) 10:00 am Worship Service-Sr. Choir 10:15 am Teen Faith in Action 11:15 am Ministry of Finance	14  4:00 pm Tutoring 6:00 pm Tutor Support Dinner	15  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  10:00 am Tutoring 12:00 pm Tutoring 3:00 pm Tutoring 4:30 pm Tuesdays w/ Pastor 6:30 pm BS Trp 151 New Scouts Program	16  6:00 pm Worship Coordination Team 7:00 pm BS Tr 151 Leadership Mtg 7:00 pm NA 7:30 pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	17  9:30 am Tutoring 10:00 am Yarn Works 12:30 pm Prayer Team 2:00 pm Newsletter Committee 7:00 pm Peace Service 7:30 pm AA	18	19  9:30 am Training: Spiritual Life Teams 10:00 am Frances Newberg Memorial Service
20 PENTECOST  Receive Strengthen the Church Offering  8:00 am Worship Service 9:00 am Christian L.I.F.E. Hour (Shep U/Adult Study) 10:00 am Shep U to the Park 10:00 am Worship Service-Senior Choir LAST SUNDAY 11:15 am Min Christian Ed	21  10:00 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Tutoring 7:00 pm Footsteps-Elementary 7:00 pm Min Deacons	22  10:00 am Tutoring 12:00 pm Tutoring 3:00 pm Tutoring 4:30 pm Tuesdays with the Pastor 6:30 pm BS Tr 151 - New Scouts	23  10:00 am Women's Fellowship 1:00 pm Pastoral Rel. Com 6:00 pm Worship Coord Team 7:00 pm NA	24  9:30 am Tutoring 10:00 am Yarn Works 6:30 pm Bible & Brew 7:00 pm Quilters 7:30 pm AA	25	26
27  8:00 am Worship Service 9:00 am Christian L.I.F.E. Hour (Shep U/Adult Study) 10:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Teen Faith in Action	28 OFFICE CLOSED  	29  10:00 am Tutoring 12:00 pm Tutoring 3:00 pm Tutoring 4:30 pm Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 pm Westwind Martial Arts 6:30 pm BS Tr 151 New Scouts	30 Folding Team  6:00 pm Worship Coord Team 7:00 pm NA	31  9:30 am Tutoring 10:00 am Yarn Works 7:30 pm AA	1	2



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## 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 worshiping in its current sanctuary since 1868.

The church is located a block east of Main Street 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 denominations 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.

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