

Celebrating the Journey

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

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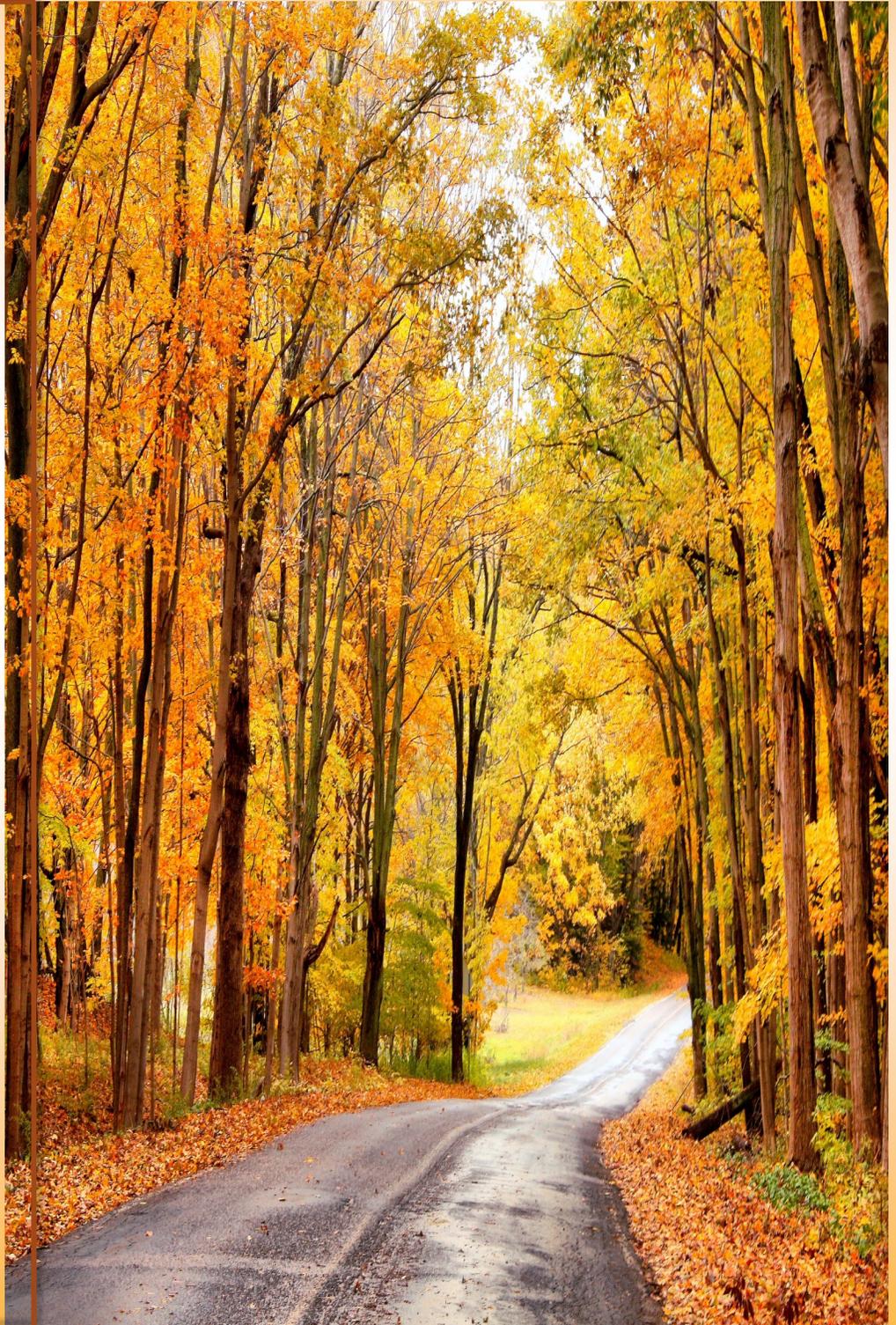
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Rev. Brian Cope

Friends,

The concept of the separation of church and state upholds the freedom of your faith. It does not curtail it. As a US Senator and the President of the Southern Baptist Convention wrote in Time magazine in January of this year:

“Unlike many places in the world, our government is not prohibited from referencing or accommodating religion, nor is the government compelled to scrub all religious references from the public square. Rather, the First Amendment ensures both that the government does not show preference to a certain religion and that the government does not take away an individual’s ability to exercise religion. In other words, the church should not rule over the state, and the state cannot rule over the church. Religion is too important to be a government program or a political pageant.”

While these two wrote about the First Amendment from the side of the government and public debate, it is also true on the other side of the ‘coin’. The First Amendment cannot curtail the voice of the faithful from expressing their political opinions in the process of living out their faith. The real question of faith and politics for the church does not rest upon the government’s role (all the government can control in the church is its tax-exempt status.)

Does your faith put restrictions on your political life? This is the real question. Should the Catholic Church be allowed to tell its parishioners to only vote for candidates who support the overturn of Roe v Wade? Should the evangelical church pass out “report cards” of political candidates and how well those candidates vote for social and moral issues that reflect the evangelical values?

As a member of the UCC, you may find such instructions by denominations to be repugnant; after all, we believe that the authority of faith rests in the congregation, not the denomination. We don’t want Cleveland telling us who we should vote for. And yet, we cannot believe that our faith is completely uninterested in our political philosophy. Yes we are free. But this is a freedom that God grants us; not a freedom guaranteed by the Constitution. If we lived in North Korea, we would still be free in God’s eyes. But freedom doesn’t come to us on its own. It is accompanied by responsibility. Free choices carry consequences, and it is our responsibility not only to be aware of those consequences but to accept the responsibility for them (whether they affect us directly or not at all.) We can choose freely in ignorance or we can choose freely aware of what will happen through our choices. After either choice we are still bound by the responsibility of that choice. If you vote and your candidate is elected, you are bound to the responsibilities of that choice. If you choose not to vote, then as Plato wrote: “you end up being governed by your inferiors.” Gandhi said: “those who say that religion has nothing to do with politics do not know what religion is.” In other words, vote, so that you have some control over the responsibility of your actions. Don’t vote, and you will still have responsibility for the outcome – you will just have given up your choice. As I was made aware recently, there are a surprising number of elections in this country that are decided by 1, 2, 3, and 4 votes.

Your church is strongly suggesting that you vote. We are not telling you how to vote, although we urge you to use the values that we uphold as Christians to inform your vote. We will not give you a report card, nor threaten you if you vote against the teachings of Christ. Before you cast your vote or decide to stay home on election day, be aware that there are consequences for whatever we do. You and I are responsible for those consequences, not because we are Americans but because we are Christians. It is God who holds us responsible.

Rev. Cope

Rev. Arn Schaper

By definition “ecology” is the mutual relationship among organisms, between them and their environment. It is not merely the surroundings or the environment, but the total climate of the environment PLUS all the living organisms and their response to it. The implication is that when there is a balance or harmony in the mutual relationship between creature and environment, conditions are optimum for the human spirit to maximize its possibilities.



What is the job of the soul? The simplest answer is that the job of the soul is simply “to soul” ... at least to soar, to reach out, and to stretch. My own life experience tells me that there is something deep in the recesses of my being that wants to stretch its being, that wants to borrow wings at times and fly, that wants to be lifted...

Ecology, interestingly, comes from the Greek word “oikos”, which means household, and is the root word from which we derive the word “ecumenical.” When that balance or harmony is real between my environment and me, I know that I belong. Something within me insists that even the universe knows me by my name; even the wind and the rain know my name, and I am not anonymous. My insatiable yearning to know where and to whom I belong is satisfied. I need the sense that it is I—self—integrity—whatever I may be called—that is valued, not the mirrored reflection of how I come across or appear on the surface...

But that harmony is easily eroded, most obviously when there is separation (or alienation) of the creature from his environment. I cannot last long in separation. I like to hear biologists talk about the idea of interdependence as part of ecology. For instance, take an illustration of lichen, which is simply a combination of algae and fungus that can grow almost anywhere, even where nothing else will grow. When cultured separately in a laboratory, it will not survive long. It is as though it knows something about the other that helps each to be more than it ever could be separately. There may be, in this simple illustration, a hint of the supreme design for our relationships with others. The ancient Apostle Paul referred to it as “the Colony of Heaven.”

To stay in touch with the energy of the universe which pervades all of life, to keep the balance and harmony with the environment is no small thing. Life has a delicacy which is routinely most vulnerable. The words of a commencement speaker at Kent State sum up well the intent of this column:

“There is an ecology of the human spirit vulnerable to erosion by the careless and the calculating. A powerful healing force is at our command. It is the awareness, yet only dimly set, that we depend on one another; and the magic word is “Trust.”

Blessings for the Journey... Rev. Arn

Remember in Prayer

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

Betty Blair Clare Oaks Rehab Center 825 Carillon Dr. Bartlett, IL 60103	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
Joyce Horn Alden Terrace of McHenry 803 Royal Dr., Room 203 McHenry, IL 60050-4209	Helen Stauffer Valley Hi Nursing Home—Rm 105 2406 Hartland Rd. Woodstock, IL 60098
Erna Houdek Valley Hi 2406 Hartland Rd. Woodstock, IL 60098	Claudette Treadwell 731 Longwood Dr. Algonquin, IL 60102
Betty Imhoff 731 Oceola Drive Algonquin, IL 60102	Mary Westerbeck Gardens of Ocotillo Sr. Living 1601 W Queen Creek Rd. Unit 146 Chandler, AZ 85248
Claire Kent 865 Eineke Blvd Algonquin, IL 60102	Barbara Whitaker Fox Point Manor 3360 Charles Miller Rd. Memory Care Building #108 McHenry, IL 60050
Donna Krueger Sunrise Senior Living 790 N. Plum Grove Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173	Ethel Yamashita Sunrise Senior Living 790 N. Plum Grove Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173
	Valoyce Williams 2001 W. Algonquin Road, Apt 2013 Algonquin, IL 60102

Members who were hospitalized and/or entered into rehab during September: **Verna Loacker, Valoyce Williams, Sandy Ferguson, Mike Armato, Lore Sprouse.** Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

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.

LOVE OF NEIGHBOR



Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. - 1 John 4:11

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:

Louise Dahm and Gary & Dede Gray

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 any of the groups at any time.



GROUP STUDIES AND FELLOWSHIP AT CCA

Weekly

Christian L.I.F.E. Hour—Sundays, 9:00—9:45 am
Tuesdays with the Pastor—Tuesdays, 4:30—6:00 pm

Bi-Monthly

Monday Bible Study—1st and 3rd Mondays, 10:00 am **October 15 & 22**
Women's Fellowship—2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 10:00 am **October 10 & 24**
Teen Faith in Action—2nd and 4th Sundays, 10:15am **October 14 & 28**

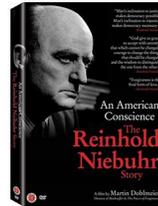
Monthly

Confirmation Classes—1st Wednesday, 5:00—6:30 pm **October 3**
Bible and Brew—2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm **October 11**
Women's Bunco—2nd Friday, 6:30 pm **October 12**
Men's Breakfast Fellowship—2nd Saturday, 8:00 am **October 12**
Movies with Meaning—2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm **October 20**
3rd Saturday this month due to Paddleboat Outing
Peace Service—3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm **October 18**

CHRISTIAN L.I.F.E. HOUR

Sundays at 9:00 am

Based upon the documentary—
*An American Conscience,
 The Reinhold Niebuhr Story*

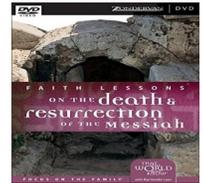


A study of the thought and impact of Reinhold Niebuhr, one of the greatest theologians of the 20th Century, and a member of the United Church of Christ. Niebuhr was pivotal not only in theology, but in politics as well.

Our study will focus upon the importance of his thought on the world today.



Monday Morning Bible Study—*That the World May Know, Volume 4—The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah.* by Ray Vander Laan. In this part of the series, “being a follower of Jesus does not mean staying away from evil. It means confronting it—face to face—just like Jesus did, every single day, and through his resurrection.” Learn how confronting evil can be loudly proclaiming the name of Jesus or quietly caring for someone in need.



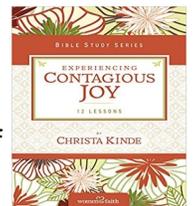
Tuesdays with the Pastor—*Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes*— What was clear to the original readers of



Scripture is not always clear to us. Because of the cultural distance between the biblical world and our contemporary setting, we often bring modern Western biases to the text. For example: When Western readers hear Paul exhorting women to “dress modestly,” we automatically think in terms of sexual modesty. But most women in that culture would never wear racy clothing. The context suggests that Paul is likely more concerned about *economic* modesty—that Christian women not flaunt their wealth through expensive clothes, braided hair and gold jewelry.

Biblical scholars Brandon O'Brien and Randy Richards shed light on the ways that Western readers often misunderstand the cultural dynamics of the Bible. They identify nine key areas where modern Westerners have significantly different assumptions about what might be going on in a text. Getting beyond our own cultural assumptions is increasingly important for being Christians in our interconnected and globalized world. Learn to read Scripture as a member of the global body of Christ.

Women's Fellowship Bible Study—*Experiencing Contagious Joy*, by Christa Kinde. Joy has a way of working its way from the inside out. When our lives are filled with joy, the symptoms are unmistakable. A twinkle in the eye, a ready smile, a skip in our step, a song in the heart. Joy lends a glow to the face and a lift to the voice. It is also the birthright of every believer. But rainy days have a way of distracting us from that fact. In this study, readers will take a careful look at this uniquely Christian characteristic and discover they have every reason to be joyful.



Questions About Faith?

Bible and Brew— Do you have questions about your faith, the Bible, the church or Christianity? Write them down and bring them to the study. For October, we will have a free-wheeling discussion about some of the questions we have always had—questions that don't always seem to get answered.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall

Men's Breakfast Fellowship



Saturday
October 13
8:00 am

Movies with Meaning!



SPOTLIGHT

Saturday, October 20

1:00 pm

SPOTLIGHT tells the riveting, true story of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Boston Globe investigation that would rock the city and cause a crisis in one of the world's oldest and most trusted institutions. When the newspaper's tenacious "spotlight" team of reporters delves into allegations of abuse in the Catholic Church, their year-long investigation uncovers a decades-long cover-up at the highest levels of Boston's religious, legal, and government establishment, touching off a wave of revelations around the world. Directed by Academy Award nominee Tom McCarthy, SPOTLIGHT is a tense, investigative, dramatic thriller, tracing the steps to one of the biggest cover-ups in modern times.

Women's Bunco is Back!

Friday, October 12, 6:30 pm

Everyone is welcome.



Bring \$5 and a snack to share

The winners get to chose which charitable organization we donate to for the evening.

There's even a prize for the biggest loser!



MISSION POSSIBLE,

A Tale of Love in Action, has returned!

After two years, the Ministry of Missions' column that features you, the congregation, and your missions in the community is back!

If you weren't the subject of this column in previous years, your turn will come to tell us what you do for others because of your love for God.

Sandy Ferguson

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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.



FIRE DRILL We have scheduled a fire drill during the 10am Worship Service on October 28. In order to make sure that we all know how to survive an emergency that requires evacuation of the building, we will have our first-ever fire drill.

We do not want to surprise you. We want you to know exactly what to do in the event of an emergency.

If you are someone with special needs (i.e., you have difficulty with stairs or hearing) please contact Robert Benjamin to make sure that we are aware of your needs.

On October 28, members of the Fire Department will be here to observe how we evacuate, and to offer us suggestions for improvements. We are preparing for this drill, or in the event, God forbid, an actual emergency occurs. You will receive all the instructions that you need on the day of the drill.

The Emergency Preparedness Response Team



All Church Work Day

Saturday, November 3

9:00 am - ?

The Ministry of Trustees is ready for our Fall Cleanup!
We have jobs for all abilities and skills, so please join us.

Many hands make the work light.

Public
Action to
Deliver
Shelter

PADS HOMELESS SHELTER

The homeless issue is prevalent all year. Our church's service to PADS begins in October. We are always looking for: new socks, lightly used men's sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves and boots. The collection bin will be placed in the coatroom.

We will also be packing lunches on November 1. Items we will need are:

Snack Packs, Crackers, Snack Bars, Chips, Lunch Meat or Cheese, Bread.

Maybe you would like to help with the lunch packing!

Sign up in Fellowship Hall, or talk to Wynn Ann Roggeveen for more information.

Go the Extra Mile and Give More!

We have been challenging ourselves to do just that. Towards this goal, we post monthly the needs of a few of the groups which we are currently working with to serve the needs of our community.

VARIOUS DONATION BOXES AND BINS ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH!



In the Multi-Bin Area in the Coatroom

- Pop Tabs
- Inkjet Toner Cartridges
- Eye Glasses

Please note we can no longer take batteries as we have nowhere to take them. Most alkaline batteries can be thrown into the regular trash.

Also in the Coatroom

- Styrofoam—picked up weekly by our volunteers
- Plastic Grocery Bags—T-shirt style bags (no newspaper or other plastic bags)
These are used by the Heavenly Attic and ALITH Food Pantry
- Donations for PADS—on the shelves you face as you enter the coatroom
- Donations for TLS Veterans (see below)



Beside the Elevator 2 carts

- Donations for Food Pantry (note monthly request)
- Donations for the Heavenly Attic Resale Shop

Christian Materials Wanted:

Your donation of used Bibles, Study Guides, Sunday School Materials, etc. for “**Love Packages**” to distribute in areas of need.

We have sent 6 boxes of materials to support this mission since we began this collection in May, 2018.

USE THE COLLECTION BOX

LOCATED IN THE LIBRARY



Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Food Pantry

Suggested for October —
Protein Rich Foods: Peanut Butter and Canned Beans
Also: Pancake Mix and Syrup

Items for the Food Pantry may be left in the cart on the main floor, near the elevator.



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

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| 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) | |

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. See schedule below.

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 & mchenry.edu/volunteer

The Literacy Connection Tutor Training

Course Schedule and Registration Volunteer Tutor Training is offered several times per year at a variety of locations. You must start with Part A, and it must be completed in person. Additional information about on-line training options are provided at that session.

Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. To register: (1) by phone at 847-742-6565, (2) online at <http://elginliteracy.org/how-to-help/become-a-tutor>, or (3) email info@elginliteracy.org with your full name, address, phone number, and the course date you plan to attend. You will receive a confirmation email within a couple of days.

Course Materials and Cost There is a \$35 fee to cover materials and a background check, and can be paid by cash or a check made payable to **The Literacy Connection**. Payment is collected at the first course meeting.

The schedule below shows the volunteer tutor training offered by the **Literacy Connection at Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin—847-742-6565.**

The Literacy Connection
Tutor Training Schedule
for September through November is
posted at the Literacy Table in Fellowship Hall

info@elginliteracy.org
www.elginliteracy.org

Tutoring Update

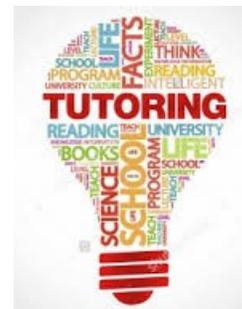


I like to plan ahead, so with my new student in hand, we went through the calendar to plan our Wednesday sessions. He noticed that Halloween falls on Wednesday this year, and immediately assumed there would be no class that day. He made this decision, not because he had young children to take Trick or Treating, or wanted to pass out candy, but because he wanted to be home to set up for Dia de los Muertos.

This is a three-day family celebration of the dead, beginning on October 31. It is celebrated in many Spanish-speaking countries, as well as parts of Texas, California and Arizona, dating back to pre-Columbian times. On October 31, the children make a “children’s altar” to invite the *angelitos* (spirits of dead children) to come back for a visit. November 1 is All Saints Day, when the adult spirits will come to visit. November 2 is All Souls Day, when families go to the cemetery to decorate the graves and tombs of their relatives. The three-day fiesta is filled with marigolds, the flowers of the dead; *pan de muerto* (bread of the dead); sugar skulls, cardboard skeletons, tissue paper decorations, fruit and nuts, incense, and other traditional foods and decorations. Marigolds are used because it is believed that their color and scent will guide the souls home.

So there will be no English lessons on October 31 for my student. He will be observing an age-old tradition, and I’ll be passing out candy, while thinking of the *angelitos*.

JoAnn Schindler



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



MISSION: POSSIBLE

A Tale of Love in Action



Dave Aggen loves gardening at the Food Pantry

We are at our best when a mission that we perform for someone else involves doing something that we love to do. Dave Aggen has loved to garden since he first learned the basic skills at the last remaining farm in Chicago when he was a teenager. Now he has an opportunity to “dig in the dirt” for others at the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Food Pantry’s large, productive garden.

The garden produces a wide variety of fresh vegetables for families in the area. Eight volunteers work in the “raised beds” every Tuesday and Thursday all season long.

Dave also does a variety of other jobs at The Pantry such as working in the back room (receiving), stocking shelves, checking expiration dates, etc. In addition, he sometimes pitches in at the Heavenly Attic. He says, “being retired has given me the time to volunteer that was not possible when I was working as a teacher and coach.”

Sandy Ferguson for the Ministry of Missions



Call 847-854-1904 or visit www.alith-foodpantry.org/



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. You may place donated items for Heavenly Attic in the marked cart by the elevator on the main floor.

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

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



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. What would YOU like to get started on?

Thursdays at 10:00 am Fellowship Hall

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

NEIGHBORS IN NEED 2018

If Scripture Commands "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself," then ... Who is My Neighbor?

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.



Receiving Neighbors in Need Offering Sunday, October 7

Feed My Starving Children Packing Event

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children.



On September 15 a group of 15 of us went to the Schaumburg location and participated in a food pack.



It is a project that makes you feel like you are making a big difference in someone's life.



We put a scoop of each of the following: rice, dehydrated vegetables, vitamins, spices and soy powder into a bag and sealed it. That package contains six servings of nutritious food sent all over the world to where God's children are hungry.

The packages that we worked on this time were headed for Haiti.

If you are interested, you can make a gift to this organization at their website: www.fmsc.org
Any gift is welcomed; \$80 is enough to feed a child for a year.

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, 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**



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!



Fair Trade



**Remember to stop by our table
on the 2nd Sunday of each month
October 14, 2016**

Remember Coffee Leaf Rust?

The 2012-2013 coffee harvest was a very rough time for Central American coffee farmers. The roya (fungus called "leaf rust") crisis was beginning, and farmers saw drops in productivity of 25-60% during that harvest. Equal Exchange joined others with financial assistance to combat roya. Our church coffee purchases provided 15c/pound for this.

In Guatemala, growers began hybrids of various coffee varieties. This summer, Manos Compesinas organized a research experiment to evaluate coffee varieties. Coffee trees require a few harvest cycles to reach full productivity. 2018 is the first year that the plants have produced enough coffee cherries to cup (taste) the coffees and evaluate their cup profiles.

Many of these hybrids have been cultivated and bred with some Robusta coffee (*Coffea canephora*), considered by many to be of lower quality than Arabica (*Coffea Arabica*), but the plants are much more resistant to disease and more productive. The goal is to find the coffee that retains all of the high quality attributes of Arabica while preserving the resilience and productivity of Robusta.

The early results are encouraging. They plan to improve and expand the variety research in the smallholder context. Equal Exchange plans to continue to support Manos Campesinas through their research efforts. Our church's continuing purchases will contribute to this research.

From Equal Exchange blog



**Thank you
for your continued support.**



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Yes, it's time to vote in our

General Election

VOTE NOW!

REGISTRATION: Be sure you are registered to vote, at <https://ova.elections.il.gov/registrationLookup>.

- ◆ If you are at a new address, you can register online at that website until **October 21**
- ◆ **October 9**, is closing day for “regular” registration at any voter registration location (the library, schools, village office).
- ◆ **The Grace Period** then runs through November 5, the day before the election.
- ◆ **Register in Person** at your polling place on election day (from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm) & vote that day!

EARLY VOTING

By Mail details differ depending on the county.

- Kane County begins **September 27** when mail ballots will be sent out. Request a mail ballot at www.kanecountyclerk.org/Elections.

- McHenry County requests for a mail-in ballot **now until November 1** at

<https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/home/showdocument?id=87575>.

In person, starting **October 22** at the McHenry Administration Building, Country Inn in Crystal Lake, Cary Library, Huntley Park District, Township Offices, or the Lake in the Hills Village Hall.

GENERAL ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 6. Some polling places in our town have been moved. Find out where you should be voting by visiting <https://ova.elections.il.gov/Registration/Lookup>

You can also find your polling place by calling:

McHenry County

Clerk Mary McClellan’s office: 815-334-4242

Kane County

Clerk John Cunningham’s office: 630-232-5950

HELP OTHERS by finding rides for your neighbors who may need assistance getting to their polling place.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATES



We are continuing **Round Table Discussions** on issues related to social justice. If you haven’t joined us yet, please give it a try.

* The next **Round Table Discussion** will be held on **Sunday, October 21, at 11:15 am.**

* The next **regular meeting** of the Social Justice Advocates is **Monday, October 8, 10:00 am** in the Library.

All Views Are Valid & Welcome!

Come join our monthly



PEACE SERVICE

held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

This might be just what you were looking for!

Thursday, October 18, 7:00 pm

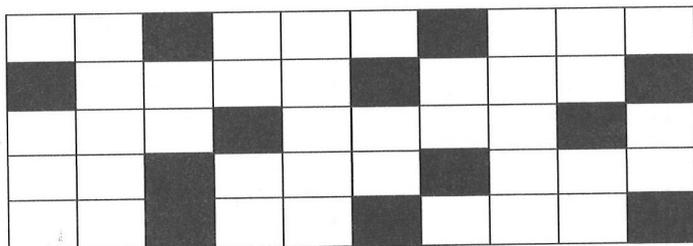


Something new a different

Try your hand at a few of these word puzzles.

Let the church office know if you enjoyed this section.

JOHN 1:4



A	L	I	T	F	I	A	E	N	S
H	S	E	O	E	M	F	W	A	W
I	T		H	L	E	M	N	D	G
T	N		F	H			E	I	
	H			I			L		

Bible Quotations: Place the letters in each column into the puzzle grid preceding to form words. The letters may or may not fit into the grid in the same order as they are given. Black spaces indicate the ends of words. When a letter has been used, cross it off, and do not use it again. When the grid has been properly filled in, you'll be able to read a Bible verse by scanning the lines of the grid from left to right.

Puzzles are from *The 365-Day Bible Word Game Challenge!* This puzzle was designed by G. Rebecca Shodin.

Decoders: Using the decoder grid, uncover a Bible verse for each puzzle. For each two-digit number in the puzzle, find a corresponding letter by matching the first number with the horizontal column and the second number with the vertical row. Place all letters above the numbers, and the verse will appear.

Puzzles are from *The 365-Day Bible Word Game Challenge!* This puzzle was designed by Christy Barritt.

PSALM 27:14

	1	2	3	4	5
1	A	K	E	L	T
2	N	H	F	J	U
3	I	Y	B	X	G
4	O	S	M	D	W
5	R	C	Q	V	P

45-11-31-15 41-21 15-22-13 14-41-51-44: 33-13

41-23 35-41-41-44 52-41-25-51-11-35-13,

11-21-44 22-13 42-22-11-14-14

42-15-51-13-21-35-15-22-13-21 15-22-31-21-13

22-13-11-51-15: 45-11-31-15, 31 42-11-32, 41-21

15-22-13 14-41-51-44.

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|-------------|----------------|
| 1. SJUSE | 7. REAABPL |
| 2. ERPOTHP | 8. PIRSTI |
| 3. DHWSASO | 9. RESHSEIAP |
| 4. SLDNAA | 10. UEDETBSATI |
| 5. ZATPBEI | 11. LSTA |
| 6. APALHNIT | |

He really lost his head over Jesus. Who was he?

1. ○ _ _ _ _
2. _ _ ○ _ _ _ _
3. _ ○ _ _ _ _
4. _ _ ○ _ _ _
5. ○ _ _ _ _
6. _ ○ _ _ _ _
7. ○ _ _ _ _
8. _ _ _ _ ○
9. _ _ _ ○ _ _ _
10. _ _ _ _ _ ○
11. _ _ _ ○

Answer: _ _ _ _ the _ _ _ _ _

Scrambled Circles: Unscramble the words from the list provided, placing the corrected words in the blanks corresponding with the numbers. Then use the circled letters to answer the question following.

Puzzles are from *The 365-Day Bible Word Game Challenge!* This puzzle was designed by Ken Save.

Spotty Headlines: The black dots represent missing letters. Fill in the missing letters of each "headline," which relates to a Bible story. Then unscramble the letters you've added to the headline to form a name, which is the subject of the headline.

Puzzles are from *The 365-Day Bible Word Game Challenge!* This puzzle was designed by Sara Stoker.

1.

BLI●D COPTIVE
DE●TROY● TE●PLE

_ _ _ _ _
2.

LUN●TIC ●AS
THOUSANDS OF A●IMALS

_ _ _ _ _
3.

KONG ●OUBLY
●IOLATES SACRE● LOWS

_ _ _ _ _



October Anniversaries

- 03 Jeff & Amanda Jolitz
- 03 Tony & Michelle Tarosas
- 04 Art & Peg Nesser
- 06 Jim & Pepi Carroll
- 06 Bob & Kris Panzloff
- 06 Joe & Karen Thornsberry
- 08 Brian & Sally Cope
- 16 Larry & Ann Venzon
- 18 Dick & Wynn Ann Roggeveen
- 23 Keith & Cory Kirkpatrick
- 24 Harold & Cherry Knautz
- 26 Dan & Nancy Reebel



Thank You

Many thanks to all of you who have kept me in your thoughts and prayers during my recent health issues. It means a lot to be held dear by so many.

The Lord has given me a wonderful church family. Thank you all!

Verna Loacker



October Birthdays

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



Treasurer's Report August 31, 2018

Total Operating Fund Income

Month of August	\$17,712.35
YTD	\$169,778.79

Total Operating Expenses

Month of August	\$19,573.84
YTD	\$169,474.54

Mortgage Balance * \$144,696.49

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

*The mortgage with Home State Bank was paid off on December 28, 2017. The "NEW" mortgage balance represents the amount taken from the Endowment Investment account (approved by the Congregation) to pay off the mortgage. The balance reflected above is to repay that loan to ourselves. For more information, contact the Church Treasurer.



Move your clocks BACK one hour at 2:00 am, Sunday, November 4.

Vote! November 6, 2018



As a mission of the Ministry of Missions, the Heavenly Attic donated \$200 to the District 300 **Stuff the Bus Project**, providing school supplies to needy community students.

An additional donation was made by the Heavenly Attic to support our Teen Faith in Action in their current project for **Feed My Starving Children**.



Please submit all items for the November

Newsletter to the church office no

later than noon, Monday, October 15th. Items submitted after the 15th may not be included in the November edition.

Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Announcer	Acolyte	Liturgist
10/7	Ron Martens Dave Carris	Sally Cope	Jen Jazwinski	AJ Albandia	Sue Kreibich
10/14	Ron Martens Ed Turk	Nidia Kulack	Jen Jazwinski	Scott & Abby Kapusinski	
10/21	Ron Martens Dick Elke	Sue Kreibich	Sally Cope	Macy & Ella Barham	Joan Ryckman
10/28	Ron Martens Nidia Kulack	Heather Wilson	Michelle Tarosas	Nolan Pocijewski	Liz Albandia



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

Date	Nursery Staff	Volunteer
10/7	Jordan Guenther	Barb Schmidt
10/14	Pam Elliott	Wynn Ann Roggeveen
10/21	Jordan Guenther	Kathy Sanders
10/28	Cory Kirkpatrick	Peg Nesser

We follow "Safe Church" Standards



**Shep U Meets
Every Sunday at 10 am**

We will begin in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am, then head upstairs for our lesson!

October Teacher: Liz Albandia

Shep U Weekly Assistants

10/7	JoAnn Schindler
10/14	Paulette Ryg
10/21	JoAnn Schindler
10/28	Connie Wodziak

Styrofoam Recycling



Week Beginning	Volunteer
10/7	George Roby
10/14	Lori Martens
10/21	Art Nesser
10/28	Sue Kreibich

Coffee Hour

10/7	Hellyer / Elke Families
10/14	Thime / Kreibich Families
10/21	Kneip / Schindler Families
10/28	Roggeveen / Venzon Families



The 2018-19 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.

Lawn Care Team For October



10/7	Ann Venzon
10/14	Brian Cope
10/21	Art Nesser

This schedule only goes through October 21

Dates shown are the Sunday of the week your service begins. Check with the last team member to see what date the lawn was last cut. Weather conditions are always a factor.

This is the last month for the LCT. They did a great job this summer. Many thanks!

Ministry of Trustees

THE CONGREGATIONAL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<p>30 5th Sunday Offering for the Homeless</p>  	<p>1 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Trails Swim Team</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>
<p>7 First Sunday - Food Pantry Offering Receive Neighbors in Need Offering 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Christian LIFE Hour Adult Studies 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sr. Choir - New Member Reception 10:00 AM Shep U 11:15 AM Ministry of Finance</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Social Justice Advocates 4:00 PM Tutoring</p>	<p>9 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>
<p>14 Fair Trade Sunday 8:00 AM Worship Service 8:45 AM Ministry of Trustees 9:00 AM Christian LIFE Hour Adult Studies 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr. Choir 10:00 AM Shep U 10:15 AM Teen Faith in Action 11:15 AM Council - Budget Only meeting</p>	<p>15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>  <p>10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Tutoring</p>	<p>16 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 1:30 PM Heavenly Attic BdMtg 2:00 PM Newsletter Committee 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>
<p>21 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Christian LIFE Hour Adult Studies 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr. Choir 10:00 AM Shep U 11:15 AM Council Meeting - reports and budget approval 11:15 AM Social Justice Roundtable Discuss</p>	<p>22 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Ministry of Deacons</p>	<p>23 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>
<p>28 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Christian LIFE Hour Adult Studies 10:00 AM Worship Service-FIRE DRILL 10:00 AM Shep U 10:15 AM Teen Faith in Action 11:15 AM Ministry of Christian Ed 11:15 AM Ministry of Missions</p>	<p>29 4:00 PM Tutoring</p>	<p>30 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts</p>

CHURCH OF ALGONQUIN

OCTOBER 2018

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 5:00 PM Confirmation Class 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Worship Coord Team 6:30 PM New Member Class 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	4 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 7:30 PM AA	5 Woodstock Play Group - <i>42nd Street</i>	6
10 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Worship Coord Team 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	11 Preschool Book Fair 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 6:30 PM Bible and Brew 7:30 PM AA	12 Preschool Book Fair 5:30 PM PS Family Fun Night 6:30 PM Women's Bunco Set up for Men's Fellowship	13 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast 4:00 PM Paddlewheel, Riverboat Cruise
17 4:00 PM Tutoring 5:00 PM Church Growth 6:00 PM Worship Coord Team 7:00 PM BS Committee Meetings 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	18 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 1:30 PM Prayer Team 7:00 PM Peace Service 7:30 PM AA	19	20 1:00 PM MOVIES WITH MEANING!
24  10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Worship Coord Team 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	25 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 7:30 PM AA	26	27
31 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Worship Coord Team 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal	1 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 7:30 PM AA	2 Woodstock Play Group - <i>Little Women The Musical</i>	3 9:00 AM ALL CHURCH CLEANUP (inside/outside) Note Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 4 turn clocks BACK 1 hour



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's 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.

For more information about the United Church of Christ, go to www.ucc.org.

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