

# Celebrating the Journey

March, 2019

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

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Join us for

“Dixieland Sunday”

March 3, 2019, 10:00 am

A mardi-gras styled service held  
the Sunday before Ash Wednesday,  
when we begin the Season of Lent



***Rev. Brian Cope***

## Not Into Temptation...

Dear Friends

There has been some controversy recently about Pope Francis and the Lord's Prayer. People want to change the words "lead us not into temptation" arguing that it is inconsistent with our understanding of God as a loving Father. Pope Francis agrees with this argument and supports changing the prayer. After all, Francis argues, what father would lead his child into temptation?

I have struggled with these words of the Lord's Prayer for a long time. Like the Pope, the petition itself does not fit into my understanding of a God of love and mercy. And while I do not have a problem with revising the translation, I don't think we should. Let me explain.

Prayer is a dialogue between us and God. Too often, however, we treat it as a monologue – a way for us to tell God what we want. With the Lord's Prayer, it seems that Jesus is telling us to present a list of specific requests of God. We read it as a lesson of Jesus limiting and directing us about what we should ask. But what if that is not Jesus' purpose? Maybe these 'petitions' are starting points of a longer dialogue with God. Maybe the text of the prayer should have pauses between each clause, to remind us to breath and let God have a chance to respond. Instead of thinking that we are telling God to lead us not into temptation (or, saying to God, 'Stop doing that!') perhaps we should think about what temptation has to do with our relationship with God in the first place. And if we believe that prayer is a living dialogue with a living God (which I know we all agree it is), then the words could be a gentle reminder for us not to be tempted to take our relationship with God for granted.

Part of a dialogue is not just listening but knowing what you would like the answer to be. By saying the words, what exactly am I asking God to do? I think the next petition may provide a direction of an answer. God's love and mercy provides me with God's saving grace. God's grace leads me to think that I don't have to worry about sins because I am forgiven. Taking the forgiveness and grace for granted will lead me into the snare of evil that the next petition asks God to save me from.

The Lord's Prayer is a way for Jesus to teach his disciples (and us) about the quality of our relationship with God. It teaches us about what God does provide for us – but most importantly, it teaches us that these provisions are not just one-way demands that we make of God. The value of the Lord's Prayer is not in the words we say, but in the words that God says back to us. It is through God's response that the prayer will force us to examine our life. Our life is always changing and so the context of the words of the prayer will always change. And God's response will always change. (In other words, the prayer is not rote memory!) When I ask God not to lead me into temptation, I am asking him to engage with me in my life in such a way that I can take responsibility for my own actions, and not blame him casually (which, to be honest, is what we do all the time!)

So I am not going to agree with Pope Francis, even though I understand why he may want to change the words, I think that what we should do is change the way we approach our dialogue with God. Jesus has given us a dynamic way to enter an exciting and living relationship with God as a loving Father; as a father, he will be patient and talk with us. He only asks that we be honest with him.

Rev. Cope



*Rev. Arn Schaper*

*Abundant thanks  
to the CCA church family  
for their many expressions of  
sympathy and support  
during this difficult process of losing  
our beloved wife, mother, grandmother.*

*Your support of cards, prayers,  
phone calls and personal contacts  
were amazingly supportive  
and appreciated.*

*Forever thanks,*

*Rev Arn and Family*

# 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	Claire Kent 865 Eineke Blvd. Algonquin, IL 60102
Ed Brandwein Eastgate Manor 101 Eastgate Ct. #242 Algonquin, IL 60102	Donna Krueger Sunrise Senior Living 790 N. Plum Grove Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173
Dorothy Bogaard 303 Friar Ct. #A Sun City Center, FL 33573	Ollie Lindgren 1735 Heather Dr. Algonquin, IL 60102
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
Dede & Gary Gray 2001 W. Algonquin Rd #3416 Algonquin, IL 60102	Richard Noxon 1610 Farmhill Drive Algonquin, IL 60102
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	Mary Westerbeck Gardens of Ocotillo Sr. Living 1601 W Queen Creek Rd. Unit 146 Chandler, AZ 85248
Betty Imhoff Bickford Senior Living (new Nov '18) 717 McHenry Avenue Crystal Lake, IL 60014	Ethel Yamashita Sunrise Senior Living 790 N. Plum Grove Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173

**Remember also our members and friends who were hospitalized and/or entered into rehab in February:** Trevor Martenson, Richard Noxon

**Additionally, remember those who have lost loved ones recently:** Arn Schaper

**Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.**  
Prayer requests can be made at [prayerwarriors109@gmail.com](mailto:prayerwarriors109@gmail.com)



## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Cody Colbert      Richard Dowdle      Eric Hertel

John (Jay) Hogrewe      Jake Korbecki      Dominik Kneip

Joey Mann      Cole Guenther      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.**

## 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:

**Helen Stauffer & 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 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, 2:30—4:00 pm **winter class time**

#### Bi-Monthly

**Monday Bible Study**—1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 10:00 am **March 4 & 18**  
**Women's Fellowship**—2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10:00 am **March 13 & 27**  
**Teen Faith in Action**—2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, **March 10 & 24**  
 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

#### Monthly

**Women's Bunco**—2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 6:30 pm **March 8**  
**Men's Breakfast Fellowship**—2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 8:00 am **March 9**  
**Movies with Meaning**—2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 1:00 pm, **March 9**  
**Bible and Brew**—2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm, Port Edward **March 14**

#### Ash Wednesday Services

**March 6**

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

**Monday Morning Bible Study** — Filmed on location in Israel and Turkey, *Faith Lessons* is an in-depth video tour of the buried, distant, or otherwise forgotten places where the stories of the Bible actually happened. The fifth Faith Lessons volume transports you to locations where the early Christian church, on fire with the message of Jesus, literally changed the world. We will go to Caesarea Philippi, Sardis, Pergammum, Ephesus, and Laodicea.

**Tuesdays with the Pastor**—We are continuing our study of how to interpret the Scriptures beyond our own narrow cultural viewpoint and see them as people of other cultures do. This is not to question our interpretations but to enrich them. This month we will use two resources to help us: the National Geographic series, *The Story of God*, and Richard E. Nisbett's book, *The Geography of Thought*, as we look at various scripture passages and work to interpret them. Our class is not just a theory and discussion class, but an actual lab where you can get your interpretative hands dirty!

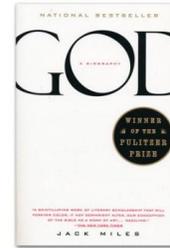
**Women's Fellowship Bible Study** — *Experiencing Contagious Joy*, by Christa Kinde. Joy has a way of working its way from the inside out. When our lives are filled with joy, the symptoms are unmistakable: a twinkle in the eye, a ready smile, a skip in our step, a song in the heart. Joy lends a glow to the face and a lift to the voice. It is also the birth-right 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.

**Bible and Brew** — *Readings from the Bible, from Jewish, Christian and Islamic Perspectives*. Continuing our study from January, we will be talking about passages of the Bible, comparing how Jews, Christians and Muslims interpret them. How are the people of the Book different and how are they similar? What can we learn from each other?

#### March Themes and Dates

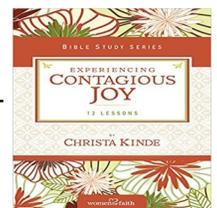
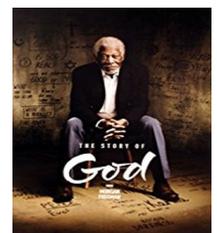
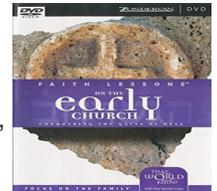
#### CHRISTIAN L.I.F.E. HOUR

Sundays at 9:00 am



Ever thought about the Bible as a work of literature, and God as a literary character? Jack Miles took on that task and has written three books: *God a Biography*; *Christ A Crisis in*

*the Life of the God*; and *God in the Qu'ran*. In his project, he is able to show us that even though Jews, Christians and Muslims hold the Old Testament as sacred Scripture, we use those same words to construct very different understandings of who God is. Our study will use Miles' books to look at and compare and contrast those differences. It is a class you do not want to miss.



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

Sign up in Fellowship Hall

# Men's Breakfast Fellowship



**Saturday**  
**March 9, 2019**  
**8:00 am**  
**Host: Bob Benjamin and Dave Aggen**

**Friday, March 8, 6:30 pm**



### WOMEN'S BUNCO!

Come and join the warm, inviting spirit of the Ladies of Bunco! Everyone is welcome.

All you need is \$5.

~You are welcome to bring a snack to share, but it's not required~

The winners get to choose the charitable organization that will receive our "Pot of Gold" from the evening's entries.

Our February Bunco brought in \$ 55 for the Algonquin Lake in the Hills Food Pantry  
See Sharon Stengel for more details.

**It's a great night out.**

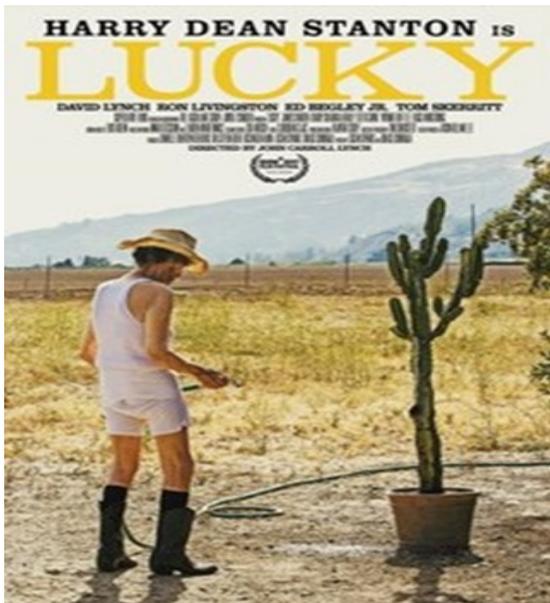
**There's even a prize for the biggest loser!**



### Movies with Meaning

**Saturday, March 9, 2019,**

**1:00 pm**



### LUCKY

Lucky is an old US Navy veteran of rigid habits and attitudes in a small town. When his routine is interrupted by a sudden collapse at home, Lucky finds himself realizing that his remarkably healthy old age is going to face an inevitable decline and he has to accept it. In that difficult reassessment, Lucky must face up to what he believes in and how much it compares to his neighbors' priorities. In doing so, Lucky finds that his life has its positive side as he searches for some meaning that he can accept.

### 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 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**



*So, we who are many, are one body in Christ,  
and individually we are members of one another.  
Romans 12:5*



To My Church Family

I want to say thank you for all the prayers, cards and phone calls you have sent my way while I am recuperating. The doctor says my ankle is healing well.

I hope to be back at church soon.

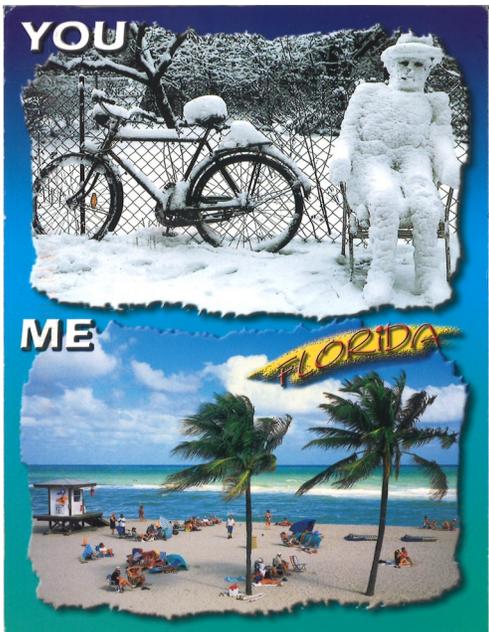
God bless all of you...Ann Armato

Dear Church Friends

Thank you to everyone who called, texted, sent emails, mailed lovely cards and prayed for me during my recovery from recent surgery.

You are a wonderfully supportive church family.

Sandy Ferguson



Check the bulletin board for this fun postcard from Ken & Pat



New Members Class—for new members or members who want to reconnect with our congregation. It takes about an hour, and we go over who we are and what we believe.

We will answer any questions you may have about the church.

Two sessions are scheduled :

**Sunday, March 10, 2019, 11:15 am or  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 7:00 pm**

In this body, we need each other





# Ash Wednesday

March 6, 2019

Services at

10:00 am

& 7:30 pm



## FLOWERS FOR EASTER

*It's a little early yet;  
Easter isn't until April 21 this year.*

*Order information will be available in the Narthex beginning March 24. Watch for details*

## Heavenly Chocolate Fest

The 9th Annual Heavenly Chocolate Fest and All Things Sweet Event is coming!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 13, for a fun-filled day of selling chocolate and inviting the public into our church home. Here are some things to note.

- Many helpers, adults and youth are needed to run the Chocolate Fest.
- Youth may invite friends to help. All youth must sign up and have a permission slip if their parents will not be present.
- Donations of food items are wanted to sell in the kitchen during the event.
- Making chocolate items to sell at our church table would be greatly appreciated. (Please let us know what you will make to avoid duplicates.)

You will find the sign-up sheets for these needs on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Please see Michelle, Sally or Ed if you have questions. Looking forward to seeing most of you during our upcoming

## 9th Annual Heavenly Chocolate Fest and All Things Sweet!



# The Easter Season at CCA

## Ash Wednesday

*We mark the first day of Lent, a time of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter*

Wednesday, March 6, 10:00am and 7:30pm

## Heavenly Chocolate Fest

Chocolate Vendors share their goodies in time to fill your Easter Baskets

Saturday, April 13, 10am to 3pm

## Palm Sunday

We remember Christ's triumphant entry into the city

Sunday, April 14, 8am and 10am

## Maundy Thursday Service

We share in Christ's Last Supper with a dramatic Living Last Supper

Thursday, April 18, 7:30pm

## Good Friday Service

A meditative service, reflecting on Christ's crucifixion

Friday, April 19, 7:30pm

## Easter Egg Hunt

Fun for the kids: story, egg dying, craft, treats and egg hunt

Saturday, April 20, 10am

## Easter Services

He is Risen!!! Come celebrate with us!

Sunday April 21, 8am and 10am



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## 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 with which we are currently working 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 **ONLY!** Inkjet are the little ones.
- Our ability to find a source that will accept laserjet cartridges is too restrictive; shipping is too costly. You can drop off at Office Max in Crystal Lake or Cartridge World on Mercy Drive in McHenry.**
- 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 you will find 2 carts

- Food Pantry Donations (note ongoing & monthly requests are noted here)
- Donations for the Heavenly Attic Resale Shop



### Algonquin / Lake in the Hills Food Pantry

The Food Pantry always welcomes donations of personal care items:

- Shampoo / Conditioner
- Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Disposable Razors / Shaving Cream
- Deodorant (men's and women's)
- Laundry Detergent
- Diapers
- Feminine Hygiene Products

#### Immediate Needs:

- Tomato products- paste, spaghetti sauce & diced tomatoes
- Boxed pasta
- Tuna
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Canned fruit (mixed fruit and pineapple)
- Peanut butter
- Macaroni and Cheese

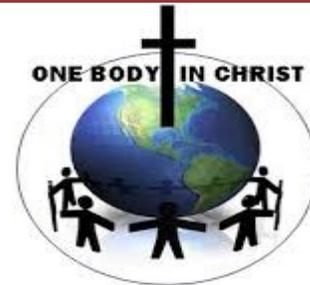


*Items for the Food Pantry may be left in the cart on the main floor, near the elevator*

### Christian Materials Wanted

Your donation of used Bibles, Study Guides, Sunday School Materials, etc. is greatly appreciated for “**Love Packages**”, an organization that will distribute them in areas of need. We have sent 10 boxes of materials to support this mission since we began this collection in May, 2018.

**USE THE COLLECTION BOX LOCATED IN THE LIBRARY**



**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) |                                    |

# 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.



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)

## 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](mailto: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.

For more information about the training schedule, contact: **Literacy Connection at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin—847-742-6565.**

### The Literacy Connection March 2019 Tutor Training Schedule at the Gail Borden Public Library

A	Sat 3/9	9:30am-12:30pm	Literacy Office
B	Tues 3/12	6:00—9:00 pm	Literacy Office
C	Tues 3/19	6:00—9:00 pm	Literacy office
D	Tues 4/2	6:00—9:00 pm	Literacy Office

Check out the Information we have at the Literacy Table in Fellowship Hall .  
[info@elginliteracy.org](mailto:info@elginliteracy.org)  
[www.elginliteracy.org](http://www.elginliteracy.org)



## Tutoring Update

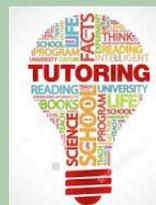
March marks the four-year anniversary for most of our literacy tutors. Thanks and happy anniversary to: Rev. Cope, Sally Cope, Ed Church, Pat Thime, Pat Maggio, Bobbie Reed, JoAnn Schindler, Barb Schmidt, Don Schmidt, Peggy Schwab, Sandy Ferguson, Priscilla Swanson and Lynn Brown.

Here are some of the reasons they say they volunteer:

- *It feels good to help others.*
- *You never leave a tutoring session feeling depressed or anxious.*
- *You make new friends.*
- *You build self-confidence.*
- *You learn about different cultures.*
- *You might become motivated to learn a second language yourself.*

Also, volunteering helps you stay physically healthy! Studies have found that those who volunteer have a lower mortality rate than those who do not. Older volunteers tend to walk more, find it easier to cope with everyday tasks, are less likely to develop high blood pressure, and have better thinking skills. Volunteering can also lessen symptoms of chronic pain and reduce the risk of heart disease.

So, what are you waiting for? Information on becoming a literacy tutor is available in this newsletter and through any of our current volunteers. You can also visit the Literacy Display in Fellowship Hall.



**JoAnn Schindler**

# MISSION: POSSIBLE

## A Tale of Love in Action

*Sharon Stengel has  
volunteered for 15 years  
at the Food Pantry*



Sharon Stengel loves the positive environment at the Algonquin LITH Food Pantry. She works wherever needed, but especially likes being “up front,” helping clients near the end of the line to choose wisely to meet their needs. “It is very important to treat them with respect,” she says.

Sharon also has begun volunteering with the Phil’s Friends Hope to Hospitals program. Since 2013, this Christian ministry has been sending trained volunteers into cancer patients’ rooms to bring words of encouragement, hope, support and a gift to those who need and welcome a visit.

Sharon volunteers at Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington through Phil’s Friends. This ministry is new at Good Shepherd and additional volunteers are welcome.

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*Phil’s Friends Hope to Hospitals program  
www.philsfriends.org  
Algonquin LITH Food Pantry  
alith-foodpantry.org*

**Sandy Ferguson for the Ministry of Missions**

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



## 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 the  
Heavenly Attic in the marked cart by  
the elevator on the main floor.

Watch for our sale ads.

Sign up to receive email notices.

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

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

## Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program



**Help us to continue sponsoring 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.

- **C. Sheeba Jasmine** is a hard-working girl whose favorite subjects are math and English. She is a now a 10th grader with dreams of becoming a cardiologist.
- **Praveen Kumar R. (our new assignee)** is energetic, attentive and cheerful. This 8th grade boy has dreams of becoming an engineer.

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

## Fifth Sunday Offering March 31 to Kids Hope



**This a new ministry supported at CCA. We are working with local schools to make a difference by filling a void in the lives of children who need a positive, encouraging adult connection.**

## One Great HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes

or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.



**Receiving OGHS Offering March 31, 2019**

**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*

# PADS HOMELESS SHELTER

**P**ublic  
**A**ction to  
**D**eliver-  
**S**helter

The homeless issue is prevalent all year. Our church's service to PADS continues!



We are always looking for: **new socks, lightly used men's sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves and boots.**



The collection bin is located in the Coatroom.

A special thank you to the anonymous donor who provided the beautiful hats and gloves!



Our **Next Lunch Pack** will be held Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Whether you donate items for this event or come alongside to get everything ready, your help is valued.



Items we always need for lunches are: bread, lunch meat, cheese, peanut butter or store-bought cookies, cheese crackers, individual snack bars, individual sized chips, apples, pudding cups.

## Social Justice Advocates

March Social Justice Advocates Meetings will be held in the Library at 10 am Monday, March 11 and Monday, March 25



*These donations were made possible by your patronage at the Heavenly Attic Resale Shop*

February: \$200 to TLES Veterans (Transitional Living Services)

March: Donations will be made toward the purchase of replacement windows for the parsonage. Thank you for your continued support!

## Fair Trade

Remember to stop by our table on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month



If you drink decaffeinated coffee, have you ever thought about what the process is?

Equal Exchange coffee is primarily decaffeinated using two processes: CR3 Carbon Dioxide Decaffeination and Mountain Water Process. Both are natural forms of decaffeination that preserve the quality of the coffee beans, which is why the flavors aren't affected. Starting with first quality beans, one of those processes is CR3 Natural Liquid Carbon Dioxide Decaffeination.

1. Unroasted (green) coffee beans are moistened with water and pressurized in a chamber with liquid carbon dioxide, which draws the caffeine out of the bean.
2. The CO2 is circulated through an evaporator to separate the caffeine from the CO2.
3. The CO2 is then re-condensed and recirculated through the coffee. This cycle repeats until the decaffeination is complete.
4. The coffee is dried to return to its original moisture content.

And that's it! Decaf tastes as good as regular because of this gentle process, without any mysterious chemicals. So, enjoy and still get a good night's rest!

**Thank you for your continued support!**

## 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.



Social Justice Advocates

See Sally Cope for registration forms for this program



# TEEN SAFETY SERIES



FREE 3-WEEK INTENSIVE PROGRAM  
APRIL 3, 10 & 17 FROM 6:30 - 9:00PM

- TOPICS INCLUDE:
- ALCOHOL & DRUG EFFECTS
  - VAPING
  - SEXUAL ASSAULT & STALKING
  - SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY
  - DATING VIOLENCE
  - BULLYING & PEER PRESSURE



Open to males and females; must be between ages 12-16 (sensitive material). Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. Priority registration will be given to LITH residents; non-residents also welcome.

All sessions will be held at the Safety Education Center (1109 Crystal Lake Rd., Lake in the Hills).

TO REGISTER VISIT: [www.lith.org/police](http://www.lith.org/police)

## From the Illinois Conference Fox Valley Association

First Congregational United Church of Christ in Elgin, IL  
and The Fox Valley Association Committee on the Church (COTC)  
present

**Faith Education Programs** in our churches  
(All varieties of programs from infants through adults)  
**Round Table Conversation**

*This is an invitation for those involved in faith formation programs to gather and share what is working, and what is not. We hope that all will come and share in this discussion. We want to learn from one another.*



Saturday - March 16, 2019

10am - 12noon

at

FCC Elgin, 256 E Chicago St. Elgin



Questions to ponder

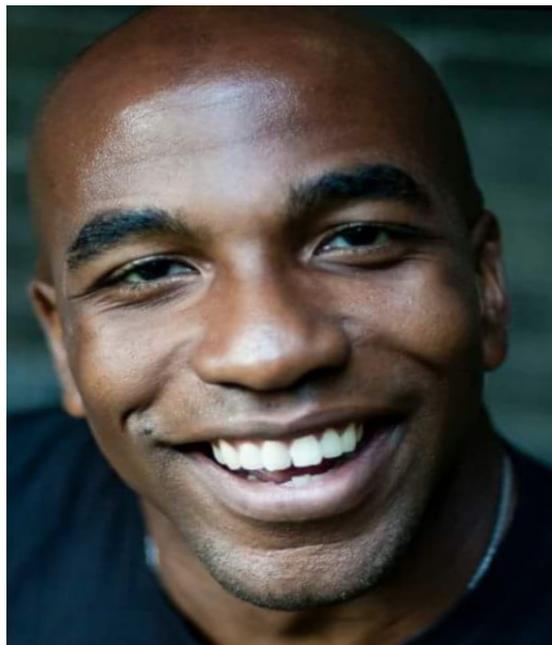
- How do you do Sunday school when kids only come once a month?*
- Is there a better time to connect with kids – when competing with sports events?*
- How do you keep kids after confirmation class graduation?*



If you are involved in education program at your church, we would like to hear about it. – if unable to attend the meeting, send us your stories.

Please RSVP for refreshment planning and if have questions to [sinclairgallagher@hotmail.com](mailto:sinclairgallagher@hotmail.com) or 734-676-8593 cell

Open invitation to all churches in the Illinois Conference.



## “O Glory—A Black Lives Matter Concert”

James Dargan, Baritone

Mark Whitlock, Piano

Sponsored by the Fox Valley Association UCC

Friday, March 1, 2019, 7:00 pm

St. Johns' UCC

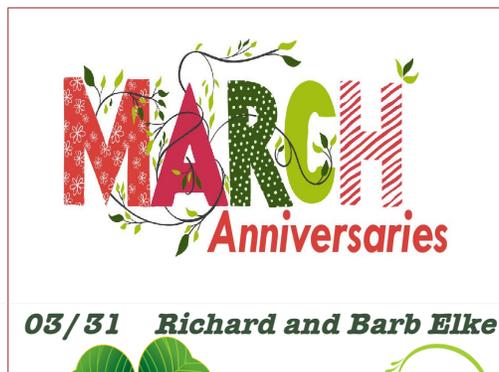
1520 N. McAree Road, Waukegan, IL

\$20 Freewill Offering



## Birthdays in March

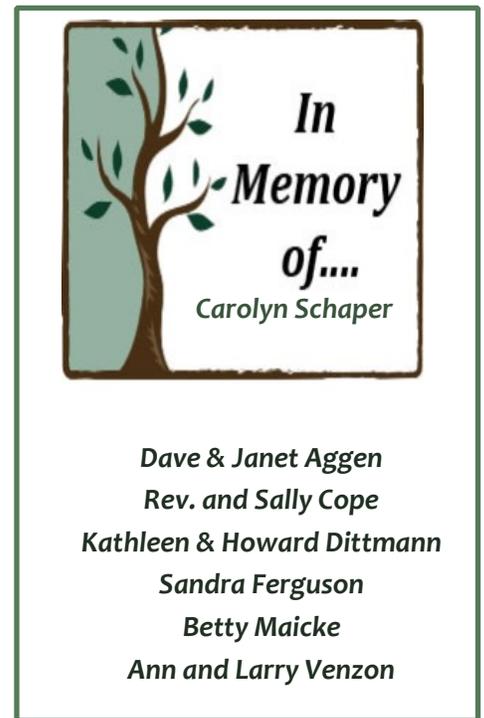
- 03/01 Robert Woertendyke
- 03/02 Joseph Scheske
- 03/02 Claudette Treadwell
- 03/05 Betty Imhoff
- 03/05 Pat Maggio
- 03/05 Judy Stauffer
- 03/10 Jessica Stengel
- 03/10 Martha Wallace
- 03/16 Liz Albandia
- 03/17 Betty Maicke
- 03/22 Verna Loacker
- 03/22 Brent Thorne
- 03/27 Donald Schmidt
- 03/29 Anna Benjamin



03/31 Richard and Barb Elke



Sunday, March 10



Dave & Janet Aggen  
 Rev. and Sally Cope  
 Kathleen & Howard Dittmann  
 Sandra Ferguson  
 Betty Maicke  
 Ann and Larry Venzon



## Treasurer's Report January 31, 2019

### Total Operating Fund Income

Month of January	19,017.03
YTD	19,017.03

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

### Total Operating Expenses

Month of January	24,962.69
YTD	24,962.69

**Mortgage Balance \*** 140,639.41

\*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.



**Newsletter Submissions**

Please submit all items for the Newsletter to the Church Office no later than **noon, Friday, March 15.**

Items submitted late may not be included in the April edition.

## Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Announcer	Acolyte	Liturgist
3/3	Ron Martens Nidia Kulack	Karen Guenther	Dave Aggen	Abby Kapusinski	Joan Ryckman
3/10	Ron Martens Lori Martens	Dan Reebel	Michelle Tarosas	Macy & Ella Barham	Dick Elke
3/17	Ron Martens Bob Benjamin	Lois Carpenter	Jen Jazwinski	Nolan Pocijewski	Michelle Tarosas
3/24	Ron Martens Dave Carris	Sandy Ferguson	Sharon Stengel	Madison Thornsberry	Wynn Ann Roggeveen
3/31	Ron Martens Ed Turk	Sue Kreibich	Sally Cope	A. J. Albandia	Betty Paldauf

## Coffee Hour

- 3/3 Schwab, Armato & Varhula Families
- 3/10 L. Brown & Kapusinski Families
- 3/17 Boyer, Evans & Loacker Families
- 3/24 Hess and Wallace Families
- 3/31 Hellyer and Turk 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.*



We meet weekly at 10 am in the Sanctuary for a Children's Message then head upstairs for our lessons!

### March in Shepherd U.

#### Teachers and Assistants

- 3/3 Liz Albandia & Wynn Ann Roggeveen
- 3/10 Liz Albandia & Karen Thornsberry
- 3/17 Liz Albandia & Karen Guenther
- 3/24 Liz Albandia & JoAnn Schindler
- 3/31 Liz Albandia & Barb Schmidt



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

Date	Nursery Staff	Volunteer
3/3	Cory Kirkpatrick	Marcie Nordlund
3/10	Pam Elliott	Peg Nesser
3/17	Cory Kirkpatrick	Wynn Ann Roggeveen
3/24	Pam Elliott	Nancy Kneip/Valoyce Williams
3/31	Cory Kirkpatrick	needed

*We follow Safe Church Standards*

#### Styrofoam Recycling

#### Week Beginning

#### Volunteer



- 3/3 Art Nesser
- 3/10 Sue Kreibich
- 3/27 Dick Elke
- 3/31 Lori Martens

**Please share our events on Facebook.** It is a free way to promote the happenings at our fantastic 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.





Scholarship Applications are now being accepted for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year.

Students graduating from high school are eligible to apply.

Scholarship recipients who are continuing in their undergraduate studies are eligible to submit updated applications.

Applicants must provide a completed application form, including references, to the Church Office by **April 1**.

Application forms are available in the Narthex and in the Church Office.

*The Scholarship Committee*

## Disruptors of our Worship

In the event an individual or group of people come to our church for the sole purpose of disrupting our worship, we have developed the following procedures:

- Be observant. If you see something, say something.
- **Do Not Engage the Disruptors or Touch Them.**
- The Usher or Greeter will notify Power Point staff, who will switch to the slide designated for this event with the words to "Jesus Loves Me".
- Ushers, Greeters and Pew Shepherds will place calls to the Police (9-1-1) on landline phones.
- The congregation will be asked to evacuate to Fellowship Hall.
- Shepherd U., Teen Faith in Action, and the Nursery staff will be notified to "Shelter in Place". If children are in the sanctuary, they will stay with their parents.
- Our representatives will stay to observe, but not engage.



*The Emergency Preparedness Team*

## Things Every Child Needs to Hear

*God Loves You*

*I Love You*

*I'm Proud of You*

*I'm Sorry*

*I Forgive You*

*I'm Listening*

**For the Love of Children**



# THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of ALGONQUIN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>3 1st Sunday - Food Pantry Offering</b> 8:00 AM Worship Svc NO Communion 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:00 AM Shepherd U. 10:00 AM Dixieland Worship Service-Choir NO COMMUNION</p>	<b>Time change—Sunday, March 10</b>				1 Woodstock Play Group	2
	4 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Memorial Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Trails Swim Team	5 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tuesdays w/Pastor 3:00 PM Tutoring 5:00 PM WWMA 6:30 PM BS Tr 151 New Scout Program 7:00 PM Events Com	6 10:00 AM Ash Wed Srvc 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Worship Coord 7:00 PM Ash Wed Srvc 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Choir	7 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 7:30 PM AA	8 6:30 PM Women's Bunco  Set up for Men's Fellowship	9 8:00 AM Men's Fellow- ship Breakfast  1:00 PM MOVIES WITH MEANING!
<p><b>10 Daylight Saving Fair Trade Sunday COMMUNION 8 &amp; 10</b> 8:00 AM Worship Svc 8:45 AM Min Trustees 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:00 AM Shepherd U. 10:00 AM Teen FIA 10:00 AM Women's Worship Service-Choir- 11:15 AM Min Finance 11:15 AM New Member Class 11:15 Constitution Revision Committee</p>	11 4:00 PM Tutoring	12 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tuesdays w/Pastor 3:00 PM Tutoring 5:00 PM WWMA 6:30 PM BS Tr 151 New Scout Program	13 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Worship Coordination Team 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM New Mem- ber Class 7:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting 7:30 PM Choir	14 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 6:30 PM Bibles N Brew at Port Eds 7:30 PM AA	15  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>  5:30 PM PRESCHOOL SPRING FLING	16
17 8:00 AM Worship Svc 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:00 AM Shepherd U. 10:00 AM Worshp Svc 11:15 AM Min C Ed	18 10:00 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Newsletter Committee 4:00 PM Tutoring	19 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tuesdays w/Pastor 3:00 PM Tutoring 5:00 PM WWMA 6:30 PM BS Tr 151 New Scout Program	20 1:00 PM Pastor Rel 4:00 PM Tutoring 5:00 PM Ch Growth 6:00 PM Worship Coordination Team 7:00 PM BS Com Mtg 7:00 PM EPRT 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Choir	21 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 1:30 PM Prayer Team 7:30 PM AA	22	23
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31 <b>5th Sunday Offering -Kids Hope</b> 8:00 AM Worship Svc 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:00 AM Shepherd U. 10:00 AM Worshp Svc		WWMA = Westwind Martial Arts Academy	<b>March 2019</b>			



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Administrative Assistant Teri Franklin

## About CCA and the UCC

The Congregational Church of Algonquin is a congregation affiliated with the United Church of Christ. It is one of the oldest churches in McHenry County. Members have been 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](http://www.ucc.org).



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