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

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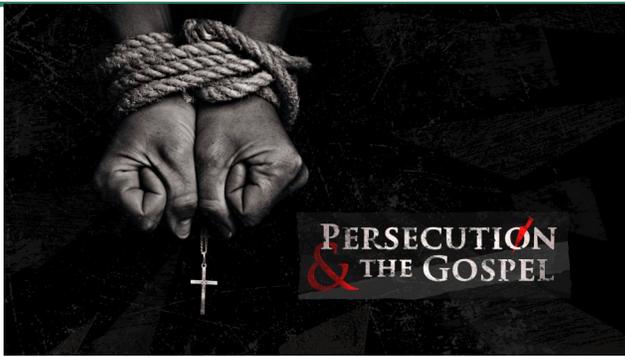
Heavenly Chocolate Fest

(and All Things Sweet!)

Saturday, April 13, 2019

10:00 am until 3:00 pm ⁹More





Rev. Brian Cope

Dear Friends,

I know that Christians are persecuted in the world today. We tend to be insulated in this country. In a recent article, author Kevin DeYoung wrote:

“ . . .let’s be clear that most of us still have it pretty good most of the time. We are not getting beheaded. We are not being thrown to the lions. We are not being thrown into prison. There are more than 300,000 churches in this country. The overwhelming majority of Americans still call themselves Christians. It’s legal to be a Christian. It’s legal to proclaim Christ. It’s legal to convert to Christianity. . . . When we face trials or experience opposition because of our faith, let’s not throw a public pity party ... Christians are meant to carry a cross, but we are not meant to be complainers.”

But not all Christians live in America. Around the world, it is not safe being a Christian. Open Doors is a Christian organization whose main purpose is to support persecuted Christians worldwide (they are in more than 60 countries.) Recently they reported:

- **215 million Christians experience high levels of persecution in the countries on the World Watch List. This represents 1 in 12 Christians worldwide.**
- **North Korea is ranked #1 for the 17th consecutive year as the most dangerous country for Christians.**
- **During the World Watch List 2018 reporting period: 3,066 Christians were killed; 1,252 were abducted; 1,020 were raped or sexually harassed; and 793 churches were attacked.**
- **Islamic Oppression fuels Christian persecution in 8 of the top 10 countries.**

While the above report highlights Islamic persecution of Christians, it is not the only group persecuting them. In India, Hindu persecution of Christians is on the rise, In China, North Korea, and Russia among other nations, Christians are persecuted by atheists. Everywhere persecution is reported, women and children bear the brunt of the violence.

I am writing this to let you know that, while we are certainly able to worship in an extremely fortunate and blessed society, more Christians than we will ever meet have to maintain their faith everyday under threat and fear. Unlike us, they will never have the opportunity of taking their faith for granted. As a black pastor from Kansa City wrote, “Black folk don’t have the luxury of reading the Bible simply as literature because we’ve lived the hardship found on its pages.” As Christians, we have to realize that even though we do not, millions of Christians around the world live “the hardships found on (the Bible’s) pages.”

There are many eyewitnesses accounts of the persecution that is referred to here. They truly are too horrible to include. If you are interested in reading about them, you only need to Google “Christian Persecution”. If you are interested in helping the victims through prayer, letters, petitions or giving money go to www.opendoorusa.org

Rev Cope



Rev. Arn Schaper

Like a Tree...A Thought for Lent

Each generation of humanity, someone said, is like the cross section of a tree. When a large tree is felled, the rings of its trunk are exposed. Each ring represents a year in the life of that tree.

A botanist can tell the history of the tree just by studying the rings in the trunk. It might be said, “This year there was a drought. That year there was too much rain. This year there was a fire. The tree was struck by lightning that year. Some beetles got in and nearly destroyed it this year...”



This is the way it is in our lives. Embedded in our hearts, in our deep inner recesses, is our history. Our rings of growth are put in succession to previous generational rings, and all generations together are part of the one tree.

It's curious that the prophet Isaiah spotted a parallel to trees in human life when he wrote: “For as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their (lives) ...” (KJV)

Blessings for the journey...Rev Arn

Remember in Prayer

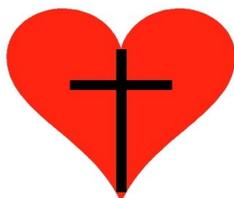
as well as with a card, call, or visit, the following individuals who are not always able to be with us:

Betty Blair Clare Oaks Rehab Center 825 Carillon Dr. Bartlett, IL 60103	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, Whitey Hemmingsen, Betty Cope, Tony Tarosas.

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



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

- ◆ 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 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:

Ethel Yamashita & Betty Blair

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

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 **Note Change in Time!**

Bi-Monthly

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

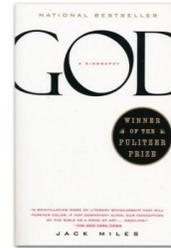
Monthly

Women's Bunco—2nd Friday, 6:30 pm **April 5***
Men's Breakfast Fellowship—2nd Saturday, 8:00 am **April 6***
Movies with Meaning—2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm, **April 6***
Bibles and Brew—2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm, Port Edward **April 11**

***Due to events from Chocolate Fest through Easter, some regularly scheduled studies have adjusted dates/times.**

CHRISTIAN L.I.F.E. HOUR

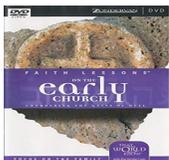
Sundays at 9:00 am



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*

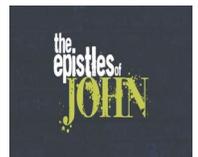
the Life of the God; and *God in the Qu'ran*. In his project, he is able to show us that even though Jews, Christians and Muslims hold the Old Testament as sacred Scripture, we use those same words to construct very different understandings of who God is. Our study will use Miles' books to look at and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

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.

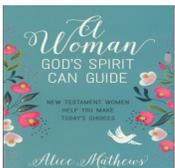


The fifth Faith Lessons volume transports you to locations where the early Christian church, on fire with the message of Jesus, literally changed the world. We will go to Caesarea Philippi, Sardis, Pergamum, Ephesus, and Laodicea.

Tuesdays with the Pastor—Join us as we study the three Epistles of John. We are not using one study guide, but using the three letters as a way to hone our own abilities to interpret and discuss the text. Join us for lively discussions, and, as usual with this group, a few surprises!



Women's Fellowship Bible Study — *A Woman God's Spirit Can Guide* by Alice Mathews—In this study, we will examine the lives of Dorcas, Lydia, Phoebe, and other women in the New Testament.



In their stories, you'll see how the Holy Spirit led each one in various ways based on her abilities and gifts. You will reflect on what God has called you to do as you dig deep into the lives of these women who committed their gifts and talents to the Lord. Discover how God's Spirit can work in your own life to help you make wise choices and accomplish his will.

Bibles 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?



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

April Hosts: Bob Benjamin and Dave Aggen



**Saturday
April 6, 2019
8:00 am**

Note, date is earlier than usual

Friday, April 5, 6:30 pm



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 kitty from the evening's entries.

Our March Bunco provided \$65 toward replacement windows for the parsonage.

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, April 6, 1:00 pm**



Children of Men is a 2006 British-American dystopian thriller film directed and co-written by Alfonso Cuarón (this year's winner of the Academy Award). Ranked as one of the best films of 2006, it has proven to be more important today than it was when it premiered. The film takes place in 2027, where two decades of human infertility have left society on the brink of collapse. Illegal immigrants seek sanctuary in the United Kingdom, where the last functioning government imposes

oppressive immigration laws on refugees. Clive Owen plays civil servant Theo Faron, who must help a refugee (Clare-Hope Ashitey) escape the chaos. Also stars Julianne Moore, Michael Caine, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Pam Ferris and Charlie Hunnam.

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



New people are always welcome!

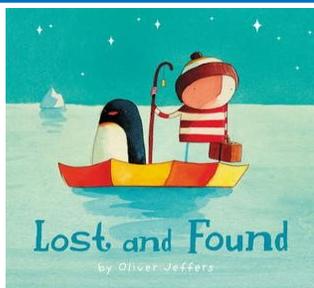
We have supplies to get you started and lovely people to teach you, if you want to learn.

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**

BEFORE YOU TOSS THAT SINGLE GLOVE YOU HAVE,



check the **Lost and Found**

Box here at church. We have an odd variety of single gloves, a single shoe, and a few other goodies you just might be looking for!

Lost and Found is located in the Coatroom



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



The Heavenly Attic is looking for volunteers

Flexible shifts available Tuesday – Saturday,
with options for weekly or once a month.
You will always be working with another
one of our friendly team members.

Every month the Heavenly Attic
donates to a different charity.

You'll feel such a sense of pride to be part of this wonderful group.



If interested, speak with
Lois Carpenter, Peg Schwab or Janet Aggen.



**The Heavenly
Attic donated
proceeds from
March
purchases
toward
the replacement
of parsonage
windows!**

Are you missing some items from your kitchen?

We are asking everyone to check the
main floor kitchen counter by the windows
to retrieve anything that may belong to
YOU!

**Whatever is unidentified and left behind after
April 10 will be donated to the Heavenly Attic.**



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 and are noted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.
- 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 Fellowship Hall.

Please see Michelle Tarosas, Sally Cope, Janet Aggen or Ed Turk if you have questions.

Looking forward to seeing you during our upcoming . . .

9th Annual Heavenly Chocolate Fest and All Things Sweet!

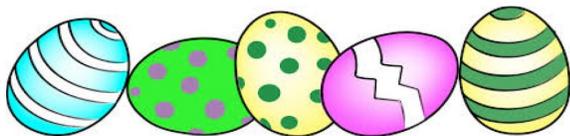
Easter Egg Hunt

The Congregational Church of Algonquin
Please enter using Algonquin Preschool entrance (South Door)

Saturday, April 20, 2019, 10:00 am

Crafts
Stories
Egg Dyeing
Snacks
&
Egg Hunt

Please register online, or sign-up on the Bulletin Board,
or email the Church Office



A fun, family event with crafts, stories, snacks & an egg hunt!



Maundy Thursday
April 18, 2019, 7:30 pm

Sign up in Fellowship Hall to be part of this event.

DONATIONS NEEDED for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Looking for individually wrapped items that can fit inside the plastic Easter eggs (sample at church). Donation bin is found in the Coatroom.



Donations need to be at the church by Tuesday, April 9.

Thank you!



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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 for April:

Beans, dry or canned
(pinto, navy, kidney, northern)

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!

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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.



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



Tutoring Update

Perhaps you would like to help someone learn English, but do not want to commit to once a week. How does once a month sound? The Literacy Connection is looking for people to lead conversation groups. The details are below:

English Conversation Group

Where: Algonquin Public Library

When: Any day, Monday—Thursday at 6:30 pm. Groups meet for a minimum of one hour. Additional time is at the discretion of the instructor. We are looking for a volunteer that can commit to a minimum of one evening per month.

What: The purpose of this group is to allow students to practice everyday conversations in English and improve pronunciation. The instructor will be responsible for coming up with topics for the session.

For more information, contact
The Literacy Connection
info@elginliteracy.org
Telephone 847-742-6565

JoAnn Schindler

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 Literacy Connection April-May 2019 Tutor Training Schedule			
For more information about the training schedule, contact: Literacy Connection at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin—847-742-6565.			
A	Tues 4/23	6:00—9:00 pm	Schaumburg Library
B	Tues 4/30	6:00—9:00 pm	Schaumburg Library
C	Tues 5/7	6:00—9:00 pm	Schaumburg Library
D	Tues 5/14	6:00—9:00 pm	Schaumburg Library
A	Thur 5/23	6:00—9:00 pm	Algonquin Library
B	Sat 6/1	9:30 am—12:30 pm	Algonquin Library
C	Thur 6/13	6:00—9:00 pm	Algonquin Library
D	Sat 6/15	9:30 am—12:30 pm	Algonquin Library

info@elginliteracy.org
www.elginliteracy.org



Beginning in May, tutor training will be held at the Algonquin Public Library!

MISSION: POSSIBLE

A Tale of Love in Action



Ed Church tutors an adult learner who has lost some of her ability to read

Ed Church tutors a woman who is different from most adult learners who are studying English as a second language (ESL). Ed's student is working to improve the reading and understanding ability she lost twenty years ago because of an accident in which she suffered a traumatic brain injury. She had two years of college, and loves to read, but despite an extensive rehabilitation after the accident, she was unable to recover all of her reading ability. Ed has been tutoring her once a week for over three years. She has made an amazing improvement, moving from third to fourth grade level.

Ed and his learner do a lot of reading aloud together and discussing what they have read. He says that she is very dedicated to learning and is faithful with her homework. The tutoring takes an hour each week at the Algonquin Main Public Library plus an hour of preparation. Ed loves to read and enjoys very much being able to help someone else.

Our church encourages members of the congregation to become involved in tutoring adults who wish to improve their ability to speak, understand, read and write English. We refer anyone who would like to tutor to either the Literacy Connection of Elgin or McHenry County College for training, certification and assignment to a learner. We provide space for tutoring if that is needed and a support group for tutors.

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

Excerpted from the Global Ministries, publication *Focus on Mission*, Spring 2019 edition,

article entitled, "Fast or Far?":



...There is another well-known African proverb. In Sesotho it is, "motho ke motho ka batho ba bang," meaning:

"a person is a person through other people. We have all been shaped through our contact with other people; none of us arrived where we are today by ourselves."

Think about where you are today and how you got here. We have all been nurtured and helped by family, friends, pastors, teachers and co-workers, even strangers.

... By journeying together, like the two men walking to Emmaus, we, too, can encounter and experience the power and joy of the Risen Christ.



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!

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

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

The children often write to us, and their letters are posted on the bulletin board. 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



See Sally Cope for registration forms for this program



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

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

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

There is an African proverb that says: "If you want to go fast, go alone. But if you want to go far, go with others." This proverb accurately speaks of the importance of community and collaboration in African culture.



Excerpted from the article, *Focus on Mission: Fast or Far?* Spring 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

Public
Action to
Deliver-
Shelter

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

Winter needs have been met. We do NOT have a scheduled April lunch pack here at CCA. If needs change we will be asked.

For this time of year, the needs shift a bit. PADS is looking for donations of:

- * **new socks (always a need)**
- * **lightly used men's sweatshirts**
- * **travel sized umbrellas**
- * **ponchos**



The collection bin is in found in the coatroom.

Thank you to all who have helped with PADS over the past few years. Everything is appreciated, and you all have helped so many guests...more than we will know.

PADS will be changing this next year, and so will our role in helping the homeless. I'll keep you posted.

**Thank
You**

Wynn Ann Roggeveen

Social Justice Advocates

April Social Justice Advocates Meetings will be held in the Library at 10 am Monday, April 8 and Monday, April 22



Our next **Roundtable Discussion** will be held on Sunday, April 28 after the 10am service

Come join the discussion!



Fair Trade

Remember to stop by our table on the 2nd Sunday of each month

We're stocking up on chocolate bars. Fair Trade will be participating in Chocolate Fest (April 13) again this year, and we plan to sell lots of them! Be sure to stop by our table, or maybe work a shift. Our regular sale date is the very next day (Sunday, April 14), so there's another chance for filling your Easter baskets with the goodness of organic chocolates.

The second reason we're stocking up is because we do not order chocolate in the warmer months. Shipping costs will go way up then because the chocolate has to be packed in dry ice, and also uses lots of plastic. April will be our final shipment of chocolate until September.

And more news! There is a **NEW GRANDE BAR** made with coconut oil, so it is creamy and milky with no dairy. If you've been avoiding milk chocolate, you'll want to try the new vegan coconut bar.

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.

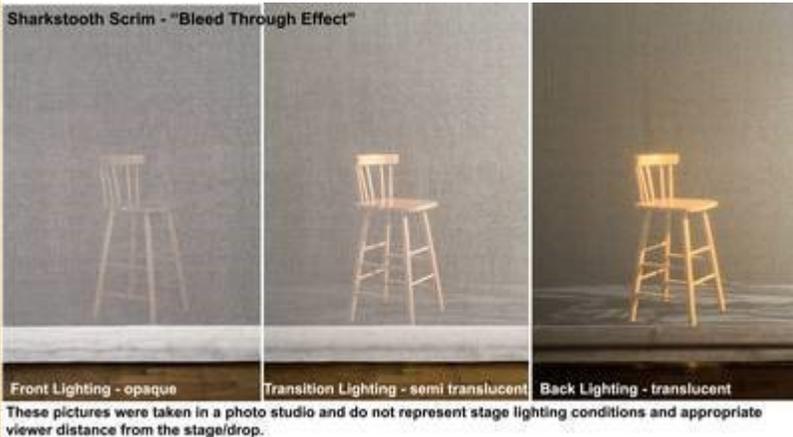
In addition, you will find the names and contact information of congress persons so that you may bend their ear on a regular basis about those issues that concern you.



Social Justice Advocates

A Note from the Deacons

A new scrim has been given in loving memory of Adeline Bartlett by Dan and Christie Drasler.

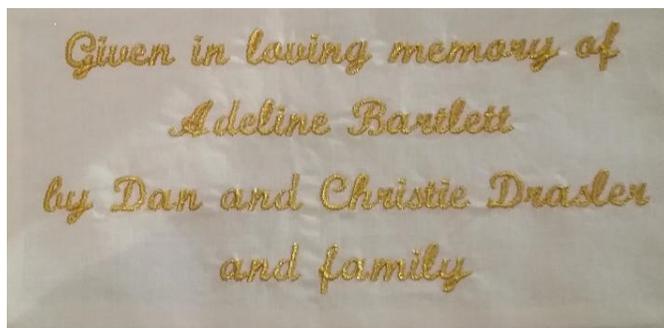


So, what is a scrim, you might ask? It is a see-through stage curtain used with special lighting to display living scenes behind it.

Our old scrim was used specifically for the Maundy Thursday service. However, now that we have a new scrim, we are looking at other ways to use it to enhance our high-holiday services.

As stated above, this new curtain comes to us as a memorial gift to the church, to honor the life of Christie Drasler's mother, Adeline Bartlett, and has an interesting story. The Draslars told me that Adeline always attended the Maundy Thursday service here, and loved the living scenes depicted behind the lit curtain coupled with the somber choral music provided by our Senior Choir. However, it bothered Adeline that our second-hand scrim, procured from a high school, was bereft with repairs and splotches of multi-colored spray paint that the high school had used to "decorate" the curtain. When Adeline passed away on Maundy Thursday, 2017, Dan and Christie began to consider how they could honor her with a memorial. They remembered her love for the living scenes. Dan then approached the Deacons with the idea to donate a new scrim to the church in Adeline's memory. What a beautiful and moving memorial that will live on through the years as the living scenes play out behind it.

As Chair of the Ministry of Deacons, I took over this project from Karen Guenther, who did the initial inquiries in procuring the scrim. I have been honored to work with Dan and Christie to bring this memorial to fruition. The input and suggestions from the Deacons are greatly appreciated. Lastly, I want to recognize my friend, Nancy Mueller, a professional quilter, for making a memorial patch that will be sewn onto the hem of the scrim.



Although the curtain is still boxed, I have added a picture of the memorial label.

Please join us at this year's **Maundy Thursday Service, April 18, 7:30 pm**, to see the new scrim and to honor the memory of Adeline Bartlett with the Draslars' kind memorial gift.

Barb Weitz, Chair
Ministry of Deacons



4/2	Pam Elliott	4/23	Robert Benjamin
4/2	Jodi Hogrewe	4/24	Denise Ekstrom
4/3	Carol Roby	4/25	Barbara Field
4/4	Katie Tarosas	4/26	Lauren Stengel
4/5	Gerald Voegeli	4/27	Barbara Schmidt
4/6	Denise Jensen	4/27	Karen Thornsberry
4/10	Dennis Kneip	4/27	Bonnie Soukup
4/13	Cathy Thorne	4/28	Bryan Tipps
4/13	Dave Treadwell	4/30	Jackie Alexander
4/14	Betty Paldauf	4/30	Timothy Sprouse
4/21	Thea O'Connor		

4/2	Gary & Eva Tipps
4/10	Bryan Tipps & Mariann Solorio-Tipps
4/17	Ann & Michael Armato
4/21	Whitey & Pat Hemmingsen

Our Dixieland Service was a huge hit this year. Many thanks to the members of the band and all who participated!



This year's Dixieland Band was made possible with funds provided in memory of Carlton Whitney.



The Memorial Committee

The Handbell Choir is brought to CCA for this year's Easter celebration In loving memory of Bill Soto




Treasurer's Report February 28, 2019

Total Operating Fund Income	
Month of February	\$22,040.42
YTD	\$41,057.45
Total Operating Expenses	
Month of February	\$18,466.26
YTD	\$43,428.95
Mortgage Balance *	\$139,838.07

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.

Thank you Heavenly Attic Angels for the party, the angel food cake, and the flowers. It was great to be part of the group.

Thanks again,
Barb Hess



**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, after 10:00 service**



Please submit all items for the Newsletter to the Church Office no later than noon, Monday, April 15. Items submitted late may not be included in the May edition.

Worship Assistants

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Announcer	Acolyte	Liturgist
4/7	Ron Martens Dick Elke	Sally Cope	Dave Aggen	Abby Kapusinski	Don Schmidt
4/14	Ron Martens Nidia Kulack	Dan Reebel	Michelle Tarosas	Macy & Ella Barham	Lynn Brown
4/21	Ron Martens Lori Martens	Nidia Kulack	Jen Jazwinski	Nolan Pocijewski	Ed Turk
4/28	Ron Martens Bob Benjamin	Judy Stauffer	Sharon Stengel	Madison Thornsberry	Bill Hellyer

Coffee Hour



- 4/7 Kelley and Roby Families
- 4/14 Roggeveen and Venzon Families
- 4/21 Hemmingsen, Pitz and Haug Families
- 4/28 Guenther and Carney 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!

Shepherd U. for April

Teachers and Assistants

- 4/7 Karen Guenther **Assistance Needed**
- 4/14 Karen Guenther **Assistance Needed**
- 4/21 Easter Sunday—No Shepherd U.
- 4/28 Karen Guenther & Connie Wodziak



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



Date	Nursery Staff	Volunteer
4/7	Pam Elliott	Barb Schmidt
4/14	Cory Kirkpatrick	Nidia Kulack
4/21	Pam Elliott	*Assistance Needed
4/28	Cory Kirkpatrick	Marcie Nordlund

*We follow Safe Church Standards.
Without both of these people in place, we cannot offer this Nursery option.

thank you



Styrofoam Recycling	Week Beginning	Volunteer
	4/7	Art Nesser
	4/14	Sue Kreibich
	4/21	Dick Elke
	4/28	George Roby



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.



Easter Flowers Order Form

2019

Name: _____

Phone#: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

In Celebration of: _____

In Memory of: _____

EASTER PLANTS	HOW MANY		PRICE		TOTAL AMOUNT
6" Kalanchoe	_____	X	\$11.50	=	\$ _____
6" Reiger Begonia	_____	X	\$11.50	=	\$ _____
6" Easter Lily	_____	X	\$11.50	=	\$ _____
6" Tulips	_____	X	\$11.50	=	\$ _____
7" Hyacinths	_____	X	\$11.50	=	\$ _____
6.5" Azaleas	_____	X	16.50	=	\$ _____
6.5" Hydrangea	_____	X	\$16.50	=	\$ _____

Please order an Easter plant to help decorate the Sanctuary on Easter.

All orders **due Monday, April 1.**
No late orders can be taken.

Please fill out this form and hand in to the office with payment.

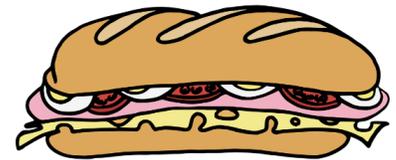
Checks can be made payable to :
Congregational Church of Algonquin

Plants may be taken home after the 10:00am service on Easter Sunday. Thanks!

Daffodils/Jonquils will not be available this year



Hoagie Sandwich Sale!



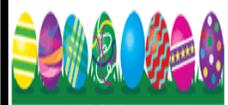
Name: _____

Phone #: _____ + _____

How many sandwiches?: _____ @ \$6.00 each = _____

Paying with.....Check #: _____ Cash: _____

Orders are due in the Church Office by Sunday, April 7

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Church Council Meeting April 7 following the 10 am service</p>	1 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Elections Setup 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Trails Swim Team	2 McHenry County Consolidated Election 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring	3 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Worship Coord Team 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Choir	4 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 7:30 PM AA	5 6:30 PM Women's Bunco	6 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Brkfst 1:00 PM Movies with Meaning
<p>7 First Sunday - Food Pantry Offering 8:00 AM Worship Srvc 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:00 AM Shepherd U. 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr. Choir 11:15 AM Council Mtg</p>	8 10:00 AM SJA 4:00 PM Tutoring	9 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tues w/ Pastor 5:00 PM WWMA 6:30 PM New Scout Program	10 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Mtg 6:30 PM Handbells 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM Alg PS Board Meeting 7:30 PM Choir	11 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 6:00 PM Set up for Chocolate Fest 6:30 PM Bibles & Brews 7:30 PM AA	12 6:00 PM Set up for Chocolate Fest	13  9th Annual Heavenly Chocolate Fest and All things Sweet! 10AM—3PM
<p>14 Fair Trade Sunday PALM SUNDAY 8:00 AM Worship Srvc 9:00 AM Adult Study 9:00 AM Min Trustees 10:00 AM Shep U/ Teen FIA 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr. Choir 11:15 AM Ministry of Finance SET UP FOR HOLY WEEK</p>	15 Newsletter Deadline 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Tutoring	16 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 1:30 PM Heavenly Attic Board Mtg 2:00 PM Newsletter Committee 3:00 PM Tutoring	17 1:00 PM Pastoral Relations Committee 4:00 PM Tutoring 5:00 PM Church Growth 6:00 PM Staff Mtg 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Choir	18 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 1:30 PM Prayer Team 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service-Sr Choir-Living Last Supper 7:30 PM AA 8:00 PM Set up for Good Friday	19 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	20 10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt  11:00 AM Set up for Easter Services
<p>21 EASTER 8:00 AM Worship Srvc 8:45 AM Handball Rehearse 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr. Choir</p>	22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED EASTER CLEANUP 10:00 AM SJA 4:00 PM Tutoring	23 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tues w/ Pastor 5:00 PM WWMA 6:30 PM New Scout Program	24 NO FOLDING TEAM 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Mtg 7:00 PM BS Council Meetings 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Choir	25 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 5:00 PM Boy Scout Spring Court of Honor 7:30 PM AA	26	27
<p>28 8:00 AM Worship Srvc 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:00 AM Sheperd U & Teen FIA 10:00 AM Wrshp Srvc 11:00 AM Roundtable Discussion 11:15 AM Min CE 11:15 AM MoM</p>	29 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Deacons	30 10:00 AM Tutoring 12:00 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tues w/ Pastor 5:00 PM Westwind Martial Arts 6:30 PM New Scout Program	<p>Abbreviations Used in this Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Study = Christian LIFE Hour WWMA = Westwind Martial Arts Academy Choir = Senior Choir Rehearsal Staff = Worship Coordination Team SJA = Social Justice Advocates 			



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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'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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