

# Celebrating the Journey

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

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**The Men's Fellowship Welcomes**

**The Women of CCA to the annual**

*May Breakfast Fellowship*

**Saturday, May 11, 2019, 8:30 am**

**Guest Speaker: Jeff Jolitz**

**Chairman of the Algonquin Historic Commission**

**Jeff will give a presentation on the history  
of the Village of Algonquin**

**Sign up in Fellowship Hall!**

## ***Rev. Brian Cope***



Dear Friends,

Have you ever wondered why, after the resurrection, Jesus ascended to heaven? I have.

It seems that the resurrection should have been just the beginning of his work on the earth. Just imagine what he could have accomplished if he had stayed here and led the disciples and all the people for one or two generations. But instead, after forty days, he was gone. Why? Why was the resurrection the culmination of his ministry?

I know that he says that he had to leave so that the Holy Spirit could come, but what does that mean? From our point of view, the future of Jesus' ministry was left to us. That's not the only thing left to us: the Bible is a compilation of stories in which God starts something, and then leaves us to finish it (creation, the flood, the history of Israel – the list can go on).

One of Paul's quotes that has always frustrated me is when he tells the Philippians - **Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling (2:12)**. What does that mean – *work out your own salvation*? Is this what Jesus is telling us when he ascends? Didn't Jesus work out our salvation? Wasn't it finished on the cross? If not, then what else do we need to do?

And yet, when you look at scripture, the stories show us that God gets us started so that we can finish it. He began creation, then gave us the responsibility to be stewards of it. He put us into families, communities, societies, and nations, and then let us work out the details. He provided us with structure and law for those relationships and then let us work out how we live in those structures. And, every time we get it wrong, he gives us a way to get back on track. But it is we who have to get on track. This pattern culminates in the resurrection and salvation.

It is not insignificant that in the account of creation in Genesis, chapter 1, God's words are "Let there be . . ." when He creates everything **until** God creates humans, and then the words are "Let **us** make humankind . . .". In other words, the act of creating humans is a relational act. I believe that it is a seminal point: we are made to be relational. "Our image" and "our likeness" seem to say that we are to be relational not only to ourselves but to God as well. God doesn't work alone but works with us. So did God begin salvation in Jesus Christ and then leave it to us to work it out? Paul would seem to suggest so. And as in everything else in the Bible, it is not left to the individuals for themselves, but for all of us to work in relationship with each other. What does it mean, therefore, to think of our work if salvation is something that we need to work with each other together to accomplish?



*Rev. Arn Schaper*

## **Attend to Life**

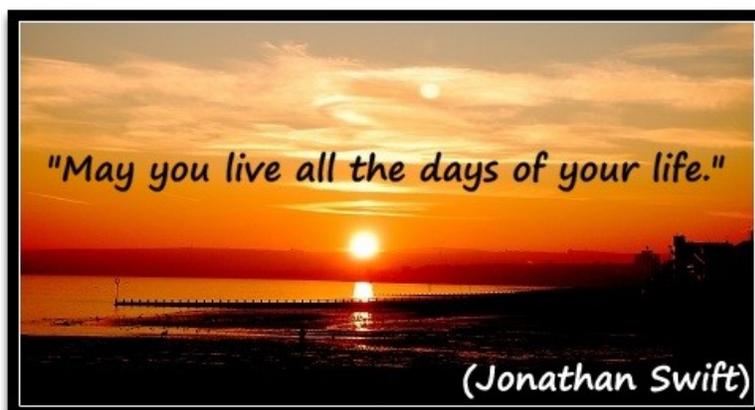
While it's easy to say "Live Life" it's not easy to live it to the fullest on a daily basis. But the invitation stands, or as Jonathan Swift expressed it: "*may you live all the days of your life.*"

In many ways, life is like a game—lots of moves, some very serious and some playful. Either way, it requires our alertness and attention! There is much of life that is truly exciting and fascinating—are we watching for it? There is much that can trigger humor and laughter—do we see it? There is also that which is touching and full of serious challenge—are we open to it?

All of this is present in not only some general way, but in specific ways about and within each of our lives. Right here where we live, in our lives, today, there will be the hero and the goat. There will be the disappointment and joyful celebration. There will be the beautiful and the frustrating. The soap opera is not out there—it is right here with us, in us, around us!

The task (and the challenge) is to be fully present in our own lives, to get our heads out of others' reality, and to find the great meaning and vitality of our own. ATTEND TO LIFE! Life is precious! Experience it fully! Take the ancient call of Moses seriously: CHOOSE LIFE SO THAT YOU AND YOUR DESCENDANTS MAY LIVE.

*Blessings for the journey...Rev Arn*



# Remember in Prayer

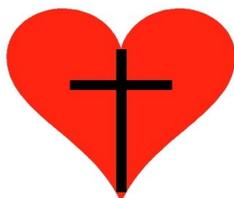
as well as with a card, call, or visit, the following individuals who are not always able to be with us:

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	Ollie Lindgren 1735 Heather Dr. Algonquin, IL 60102
Dorothy Bogaard 303 Friar Ct. #A Sun City Center, FL 33573	Thea O'Connor c/o Liberty Estates 2080 W. Navajo Dr. #341 Freeport, IL 61032
Louise Dahm 1005 South Rd. Fox River Grove, IL 60021	Richard Noxon 1610 Farmhill Drive Algonquin, IL 60102
Dede & Gary Gray 2001 W. Algonquin Rd #3416 Algonquin, IL 60102	Helen Stauffer Valley Hi Nursing Home—Rm 105 2406 Hartland Rd. Woodstock, IL 60098
Joyce Horn Alden Terrace of McHenry 803 Royal Dr., Room 203 McHenry, IL 60050-4209	Mary Westerbeck Gardens of Ocotillo Sr. Living 1601 W Queen Creek Rd. Unit 146 Chandler, AZ 85248
Erna Houdek Valley Hi 2406 Hartland Rd. Woodstock, IL 60098	Ethel Yamashita Sunrise Senior Living 790 N. Plum Grove Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173
Betty Imhoff Bickford Senior Living (new Nov '18) 717 McHenry Avenue Crystal Lake, IL 60014	

**Remember also our members and friends who were hospitalized and/or entered into rehab in April:** Richard Noxon, Whitey Hemmingsen, Bette Cope, Tony Tarosas.

**Additionally, remember those who have lost loved ones recently:** Don Krueger at the loss of his mother, Donna the end of April.

**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 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:

**Ed Brandwein & Dorothy Bogaard**

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

#### May Themes and Dates

##### 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**—1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 10:00 am **May 6 & 20**  
**Women's Fellowship**—2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 10:00 am **May 8 & 22**  
**Teen Faith in Action**—2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, beginning at **May 12 & 26**  
 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

##### Monthly

**Women's Bunco**—2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 6:30 pm **May 10**  
**Men's Breakfast Fellowship**—2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 8:00 am **May 11**  
**Movies with Meaning**—2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 1:00 pm **May 11**  
**Bibles and Brew**—2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm, Port Edward **May 9**

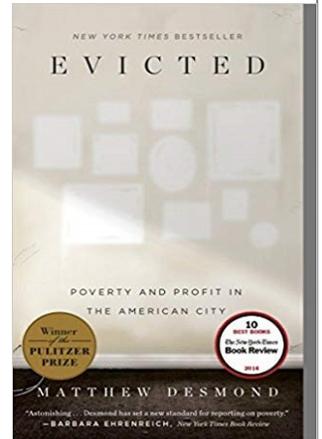
#### CHRISTIAN L.I.F.E. HOUR

Sundays at 9:00 am

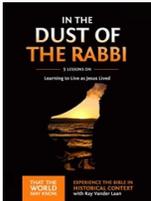
We will be "Joining the Discussion" for the UCC's 2019 All Church Read

See details, page 7

Both the Sunday Christian LIFE Hr. and Tuesdays with the Pastor groups will be studying the book, *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond. *Evicted* is named as the UCC's 2019 All Church Read.



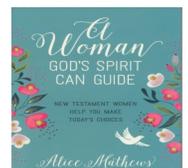
Matthew Desmond will be the keynote speaker at this year's General Synod in Milwaukee. Come study the book, then we can go to Milwaukee together to hear the speech.



**Monday Morning Bible Study — *Dust of the Rabbi***, During his ministry in Israel, Jesus called and trained disciples. His "talmidim". Their job would eventually be to bring the message of redemption to all the nations, Jew and Gentile. What would happen when they began to make disciples of their own and the gospel began to spread to a Greek and Roman world, two cultures completely unfamiliar with the God of the Jews? Follow the rabbi through Israel and Turkey as you explore what it meant to be the message of Jesus to all nations.

**Tuesdays with the Pastor**—Join the discussion for the UCC's 2019 All Church Read of *Evicted*! (details on page 7)

**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 — *Good vs Evil***. This month join us as we discuss what the Bible, the Church, and society believe about evil and Satan. Bring your questions and join us in this lively discussion. Trust me, you will learn something!

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

May Hosts: Art Nesser & Dan Reebel



**Saturday**  
**May 11, 2019**  
**8:00 am**  
**See special invitation (front cover)**

**Friday, May 10, 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 April Bunco provided \$40 for special music.**

**See Sharon Stengel for more details.**

May is the last Bunco for this season. We break for the summer months.

## Movies with Meaning

**Saturday, May 11, 1:00 pm**



Director Joseph Anthony's vivacious 1958 romantic comedy drama *The Matchmaker* is an engaging and amusing film version of the enduring, entertaining 1955 Thornton Wilder stage classic about the 1884 Yonkers scheming middle-aged widow matchmaker Dolly Levi (Shirley Booth) who tries to find a wife for skinflint, widower, store owner Horace Vandergelder (Paul Ford, at the time Sgt Bilko's dithering colonel on TV in *The Phil Silvers Show*, 1955-1959).

The delightful performers are effortlessly charming and easily make up for the almost willful lack of cinema technique on display here. The talented Booth and Ford are ideal, giving hilarious performances, while the young Shirley MacLaine (as young milliner Irene Molloy), Anthony Perkins (as Vandergelder's meek clerk Cornelius Hackl) and Robert Morse (as Vandergelder's other meek clerk, Barnaby Tucker) are sweet and appealing.

**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**



A big welcome to our newest members, who joined our church on March 11.

Troy Wyatt loves working with people and loves to eat. But mostly, he loves to spend time with his beautiful wife, Eureka, and their 4 boys. This is a big challenge right now, as he is here for work, and they are back in Richmond, Virginia. Troy is a traveling LPN, and just a really nice guy. Welcome Troy, to our church family!

Adam Jones has been a friend of this church for about 6 years. He has a 16-year-old daughter. He studies meditation and yoga. We hope at some point he may lead some classes for us. Adam is in retail management, and has lots of energy.

Welcome Adam, to our church family.



Congratulations to Marian Wilson, this year's winner of the CCA Endowment Fund Scholarship.

*Marian Faye Wilson*

Marian will graduate from high school this spring and plans to attend Western Michigan in the fall, with a double major in psychology and elementary education as her goal.

*"Because one of the statements in UCC's mission is to embody God's love for all people, I think, with the help of the church, I have been able to do just that." She goes on to say "I really like the way the youth program is run. I like that we discuss the same messages my mom is hearing. We teens have been together for a long time, and we have a special bond. I am grateful for all my church family has given me, and have really enjoyed watching CCA grow with me."*

Congratulations to Marian! We wish you well in your endeavors. We, too, are grateful to have watched you grow!



## The UCC's 2019 All Church Read

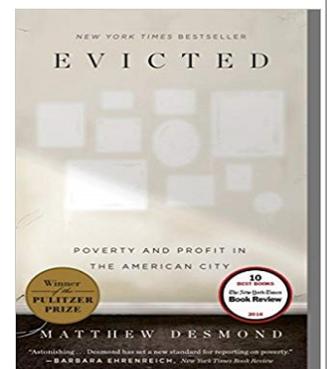
*Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond

Desmond was selected to be this year's Keynote Speaker for the General Synod Meeting. His Pulitzer Prize-winning book will transform our understanding of eviction as a root cause of poverty.

This landmark work of scholarship and reportage takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee to tell the story of eight families on the edge. Arleen is a single mother trying to raise her two sons on the \$20 a month she has left after paying for their rundown apartment. Scott is a gentle nurse consumed by a heroin addiction. Lamar, a man with no legs and a neighborhood full of boys to look after, tries to work his way out of debt. Vanetta participates in a botched stickup after her hours are cut. All are spending almost everything they have on rent, and all have fallen behind.

The fates of these families are in the hands of two landlords: Sherrena Tarver, a former schoolteacher turned inner-city entrepreneur, and Tobin Charney, who runs one of the worst trailer parks in Milwaukee. They loathe some of their tenants and are fond of others, but as Sherrena puts it, "Love don't pay the bills." She moves to evict Arleen and her boys a few days before Christmas.

Both the Sunday Morning Adult Study and Tuesdays with the Pastor will be discussing this book. The church is planning to order several copies—**watch for more information** on this much anticipated All Church Read. **JOIN THE DISCUSSION!**



## 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 May  
Canned Fruits  
(mixed fruit & pineapple)**

*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.

### The Literacy Connection May-June 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.**

Part	Date	Time	Location
C	Tues 5/7	6:00—9:00 pm	Schaumburg Library
D	Tues 5/14	6:00—9:00 pm	Schaumburg Library
A	Thurs 5/23	6:00—9:00 pm	Algonquin Library
B	Sat 6/1	9:30 am—12:30 pm	Algonquin Library
C	Thurs 6/13	6:00—9:00 pm	Algonquin Library
D	Sat 6/15	9:30 am—12:30 pm	Algonquin Library

[info@elginliteracy.org](mailto:info@elginliteracy.org)  
[www.elginliteracy.org](http://www.elginliteracy.org)



## Tutoring Update

At last we are in the heart of Spring: the month of May. May, when we celebrate Mother's Day, Memorial Day and May Day. May, when school winds down, teens go to prom and we cut the grass for the first time.

For tutors, May also marks an end to the tutoring year as our students are tested. Assessment is required by the grant guidelines that financially support the Elgin Literacy Connection. If students aren't tested they lose their grant money! Students must sign up to take the exam at the Gale Borden Library in Elgin or be dropped from the program. Unlike other "final exams" in May, our students will continue learning. No summer vacation for them.

Finally, May is also the month when we honor teachers, police and nurses. Teacher Appreciation Day, or Dia de Maestro, is also celebrated on May 15th in Mexico. So enjoy May and all the special celebrations it brings. And to all our tutors: Happy Teachers Day!

**JoAnn Schindler**



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



# MISSION: POSSIBLE

## A Tale of Love in Action



**Joe Varhula, percussionist, performing at a fund-raising concert at CCA for Turning Point**

After Joe Varhula heard the executive director of Turning Point talk in church about their work with victims of domestic violence, he wanted very much to raise some money for them. So he came up with an idea. Why not use his talent as a jazz musician for a fund raiser?

He formed a small jazz band for the occasion, even found a vocalist, and they gave a concert in our church sanctuary on October 29, 2017.

Approximately 100 people enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of jazz music, and the amount raised totaled \$900!

You're not a musician? That doesn't matter. There are many, many ways to raise funds or to participate if someone else is doing the work. Our congregation is very supportive of this kind of effort.

**Turning Point is a volunteer organization with a mission to confront violence against women and children.**  
[turnpt.org](http://turnpt.org) 815-338-8081

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

Thanks to you during the month of April, the Heavenly Attic made a donation to



We continue the mission of supporting local charities on your behalf.

The Heavenly Attic



## 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.

Look for the most recent letters from the children on our Missions Bulletin Board



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



## Hymnals for Angola = Money for a University!

In the summer of 2004, the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ initiated a partnership with the Evangelical Congregational Church in Angola (IECA). With about 1.5 million members and over 2500 congregations in Angola, the I.E.C.A. is a vibrant and joyful church. Our partnership has helped support this growth.

Angola is a young country, with half of the population under age 18. The churches are full of young and old alike. The I.E.C.A. is growing quickly and has over 200,000 new members since their hymnal was last published nine years ago. They need at least 50,000 new hymnals! That seems like a lot of hymnals, but unlike in the US Angolans own their hymnals and bring them to church each Sunday! They are very important resources for personal and spiritual growth containing worship aids as well as songs.

It is the goal of the partnership between the I.E.C.A. and the Illinois Conference of the UCC to purchase hymnals for Angola so that they may be sold to church members to raise funds for a new university. So, money donated to this project will not only get more hymnals into the hands of the people belonging to the I.E.A.C. but will raise money for a new university in the area. Money may be donated online by going to [www.ilucc.org/angola-mission-and-partnership/](http://www.ilucc.org/angola-mission-and-partnership/) where a "Donate Now" link can be found.



Illinois Conference  
United Church of Christ

Ministry of Missions

Do you want to know more about a charitable organization?

Look in the Charity Research Notebook in the church office workroom. 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



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

**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 the coatroom.**



**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.

**Social Justice Advocates**

May Social Justice Advocates Meetings will be held in the Library at 10 am  
Monday, May 6  
Monday, May 20



Our next **Roundtable Discussion** will be held on Sunday, May 19 after the 10am service. Come join the discussion!



**Fair Trade**

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



We had a fun and successful day at Chocolate Fest this year. Thanks to the Events Committee for including us, and for all the work that went into it!

Combined with our regular Sunday sale, we had a near-record sales total for Easter! That includes 38 Grande Bars!

Our next sale date falls on Mother's Day. We're sure you want to give Mom the very best chocolate available (or tea, or coffee), all of which are grown by small farmer co-ops, and most are organic. We restocked on a couple of chocolate bars before the end of the free shipping season on May 1.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

Join us in celebrating Moms worldwide!

**MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS**

Super Proud Mamas

This year, give a Mother's Day gift that gives back. Not only will these gifts brighten Mom's day, each one also includes a donation to a special project supporting women in Uganda.

Reward Program

**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.



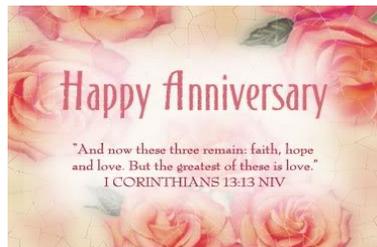
Social Justice Advocates

# Happy Birthday

5/2	Lynne Carlson	5/22	Bruce Thorne
5/5	April Venzon	5/23	Eric Hertel
5/7	Cory Kirkpatrick	5/23	Abigail Kapusinski
5/8	Joey Mann	5/23	Scott Kapusinski
5/9	Brittany Mainiero	5/23	Wendy O'Laughlin
5/9	Diane Scheske	5/25	Tucker Tarosas
5/10	Rita Whitney	5/25	Stephanie Twarling
5/11	Ed Brandwein	5/26	Ryan Tarosas
5/15	Nancy Blackman	5/28	Andrew Sprouse
5/16	JoAnn Schindler	5/29	Michael Szekely
5/21	Barb Erion	5/30	Carol Haug
5/21	Sandra Lindgren	5/30	Beverly Tipps
5/21	Katelyn O'Laughlin	5/31	Joan Ryckman
5/22	Jennifer Jazwinski		

5/19 Russ & Lynn Brown

5/21 Ed & Donna Church



## Treasurer's Report March 31, 2019

### Total Operating Fund Income

Month of March 24,879.76

YTD 65,937.21

If you would like a copy of the entire monthly

### Total Operating Expenses

Month of March 22,329.51

YTD 65,758.46

Treasurer's Report, please contact the church office

**Mortgage Balance \*** 139,033.39

\*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.



We have examined  
all the facts—  
its official!

## CHOCOLATE FEST WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

And we could not have done it without **YOU!**

Thank you for your help,  
your participation, and most of all,  
for loving our Chocolate Fest.

### The Events Committee

Michelle Tarosas, Sally Cope and Janet Aggen

See you next year!

Save the Date—Saturday, April 4, 2020



Please submit all items

for the Newsletter

to the Church Office no later than  
**noon, Wednesday, May 15.**

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

Years ago, when this church switched from Styrofoam cups to personal cups, I brought in a white mug with a picture of a mother wolf and her pups. It was a replica of a Jon Van Zyle painting, entitled "A Queen and her Jesters." Soon after I brought it in, it disappeared. If anyone remembers or knows about it, I would like to hear from them.



Ed Church

Images of the mug



## Worship Assistants for May

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Announcer	Acolyte	Liturgist
5/5	Ron Martens Dave Carris	Ken & Pat Thime	Sharon Stengel	A.J. Albandia	Ed Turk
5/12	Ron Martens Ed Turk	Lois Carpenter	Dave Aggen	Abby Kapusinski	Pat Hemmingsen
5/19	Ron Martens Dick Elke	Heather Wilson	Michelle Tarosas	Macy & Ella Barham	Dick Elke
5/26	Ron Martens Nidia Kulack	Paulette Ryg	Jen Jazwinski	Madison Thornsberry	Wynn Ann Roggeveen

## Coffee Hour



5/5	Confirmation Class
5/12	Elke and Ash Families
5/19	Albandia, Barham & Thornsberry families
5/26	Carpenter Family

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 are scheduling 2019-2020 Coffee Hour at this time.**  
**Call the Church Office to give us your availability (if you haven't already!)**



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

### Shepherd U. for May

#### Teachers and Assistants

5/5	Karen Guenther & Karen Thornsberry
5/12	Karen Guenther & Barb Schmidt
5/19	Karen Guenther & Wynn Ann Roggeveen

**Shepherd U. will be taking a break during the summer months.**

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



Date	Nursery Staff	Volunteer
5/5	Pam Elliott	Wynn Ann Roggeveen
5/12	Cory Kirkpatrick	Abby Kapusinski
5/19	Pam Elliott	<b>Needed</b>
5/26	Cory Kirkpatrick	Peg Nesser

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

**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 course to help you get started.



### Styrofoam Recycling

### Week Beginning

### Volunteer



5/5	Lori Martens
5/12	Art Nesser
5/19	Sue Kreibich
5/26	Dick Elke



During April, a contribution was made to the CCA Memorial Fund by Bill and Kelly Hellyer in memory of Carolyn Schaper.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 1:30 PM Visitation Committee 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff 7:00 PM Emergency Response Team 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Boy Scout Eagle Scout Project Day - rescheduling <b>FUNERAL SERVICE FOR DONNA KRUEGER</b></p>
<p>5 <b>First Sunday</b> <b>Food Pantry Offering</b> 8:00 AM Worship Svc 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:00 AM Shep U. 10:00 AM Worship Svc - Choir-Baptism</p>	<p>6 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Social Justice Advocates 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Trails Swim Team</p>	<p>7 10:00 AM Tutor 12:00 PM Tutor 3:00 PM Tutor 4:30 PM Tues w/ Pastor 5:00 PM WWMA 6:30 PM New Scout Program</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Worship Coord Team 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM PS Bd Mtg 7:00 PM Worship &amp; Music 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 6:30 PM Bibles and Brew 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>10 Set up for Men's Fellowship  6:30 PM Women's Bunco</p>	<p>11 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Ladies Invitational  1:00 PM Movies with Meaning!</p>
<p>12 <b>Fair Trade Sunday</b> <b>Mother's Day</b>  8:00 AM Worship Srve 9:00 AM Adult Study 9:00 AM Min Trustees 10:00 AM Shep U. 10:00 AM Teen FIA 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr. Choir 11:15 AM MinFinance</p>	<p>13 4:00 PM Tutoring</p>	<p>14 10:00 AM Tutor 12:00 PM Tutor 3:00 PM Tutor 4:30 PM Tues w/ Pastor 5:00 PM WWMA 6:30 PM New Scout Program</p>	<p>15 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 1:00 PM Pastoral Relations. Comm 4:00 PM Tutoring 5:00 PM Church Grow Team 6:00 PM Worship Coord Team 7:00 PM BS Committee Mtg. 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Sr Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 1:30 PM Prayer Team 2:00 PM Newsletter Committee 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 8:00 AM Worship Srv 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:00 AM Shep U. 10:00 AM Worship Service-Sr. Choir-Baptism 11:15 AM Min CEd 11:15 AM MoMissions 11:15 AM SJA Roundtable Discuss. 2:00 PM Confirm Class</p>	<p>20 10:00 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Social Justice Advocates 4:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Ministry of Deacons</p>	<p>21 10:00 AM Tutor 12:00 PM Tutor 3:00 PM Tutor 4:30 PM Tues w/ Pastor 5:00 PM WWMA 6:30 PM New Scout Program</p>	<p>22 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Worship Coordination Team 7:00 PM NA</p>	<p>23 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8:00 AM Worship Srv 9:00 AM Adult Study 10:00 AM ShepU.. 10:00 AM Teen FIA 10:00 AM WorsH Srv</p>	<p>27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  4:00 PM Tutoring</p>	<p>28 10:00 AM Tutor 12:00 PM Tutor 3:00 PM Tutor 4:30 PM Tues w/ Pastor 5:00 PM WWMA</p>	<p>29 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Worship Coord Team 7:00 PM NA</p>	<p>30 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 7:30 PM AA</p>	<p>31 5:30 PM May Lehnert Celebration of Life (Memorial)</p>	<p>WWMA = Westwind Martial Arts Academy</p>



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**Music Ministry** Bev Tipps  
**Senior Choir Director** Greg Tipps

**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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