

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

Celebrating the Journey

June 2026 *Newsflash*

Sunday Worship weekly at 10:00 a.m.

Services are livestreamed and can be accessed on
YouTube, Facebook, and www.algonquinucc.org

FROM PASTOR JIM

♪♪♪ "School's Out for Summer" ♪♪♪ so Alice Cooper sang back in 1972.

"School's out for summer" has been a rally cry for students for over 50 years.

Yes- school's out for the summer. There are two things I wish to say about that:

#1 – With school being out for the summer it is great time for families to travel. BUT – when we get away let it be like our Canadian and British friends – let it be a holiday (holy) time of being with family and friends. Let it be a holy time of rejuvenating, reinvigorating, and reconnecting with family, friends, and God. Let it not be a vacation (vacating) a time of getting away. Don't "vacate" life but celebrate the "holy" time it is with family and friends.

#2 – When you are off on holiday remember the ministry of God's church continues. Growing up the Benzing family camped and therefore was able to be away most of the weeks during the summer months. I remember my parents filling each and every offering envelope during the summer months. These offering envelopes were left at church before and/or after every family trip. My parents loved to tell new pastors to St. John U.C.C. how "you won't see the Benzing family during the summer, but our offerings will be there."

I encourage you to be good and faithful stewards of The Congregational Church of Algonquin even during these upcoming summer Sundays.

See you in church (whenever you are not on Holiday).

Pastor Jim



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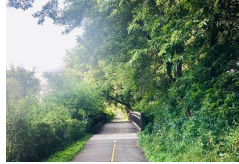
Volunteer Opportunity

Prairie Trail Clean-Up
Saturday, June 13th | 9:00 - 11:00 am

Mitchard Way, Algonquin



McHenry County
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Sign-up in the Narthex

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 14th | 11:00 AM

**We will be voting for the slate
of Officers and Ministries for
the 2026-2027 Church Year.**

EMAIL OR STOP BY THE
CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE SLATE.



Women's Fellowship Outing

Lunch &
Blueberry Picking

Wednesday, June 24th

Church Departure 9:00 am

New Buffalo, MI

Sign up in the Narthex by June 17th

SAVE THE DATE & WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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**Please see our online calendar for the most up-to-date information*

JUNE 1ST

Scholarship Applications Due (*via email*)

JUNE 7TH

First Sunday—Food Pantry Offering

JUNE 8TH

Ministry of Finance Meeting (*Zoom*) 6:30 PM

Ministry of Christian Ed Meeting (*Zoom*) 6:30 PM

JUNE 9TH

Social Justice Advocates Meeting (*Zoom*) 7:00 PM

JUNE 12TH

Women's Bunco 6:00 PM

JUNE 13TH

Men's Fellowship 9:00 AM

JUNE 14TH

Flag Day

Lainey Lorenzo Baptism

Fair Trade Sunday

Ministry of Trustees Meeting 8:30 AM

Ministry of Deacons Meeting 8:45 AM

Ministry of Missions Meeting 9:00 AM

Congregational Meeting 11:00 AM

JUNE 19TH

Juneteenth—Church Office Closed

Newsletter Deadline

JUNE 21ST

Father's Day

JUNE 23RD

Social Justice Advocates (*Zoom*) 7:00 PM

JUNE 24TH

Women's Fellowship Outing 9:00 AM

JUNE 28TH

Council Meeting 11:00 AM

Memorial Committee Meeting 11:15 AM

**Please note, the Church office will be closed the week of June 1st. Please email the office if you need anything.*

JUNE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

JUNE 7th: The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Note: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served.

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9 and Psalm 33:1-12

Hosea 5:15-6:6 and Psalm 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

JUNE 14th: The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 18: 1-15; (21:1-7) and

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Exodus 19:2-8a and Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

JUNE 21st: The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21 and Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Jeremiah 20:7-13 and Psalm 69:7-10 (11-15), 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39

JUNE 28th: The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14 and Psalm 13

Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Romans 6:12-12

Matthew 10:40-42

Summer Offerings

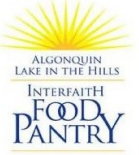
Beginning Sunday, May 31st
Collection Plates will be located
in the back of the sanctuary and
chapel for those who use
envelopes for their offerings.



MISSION EVENTS & NEWS!

1st Sunday Collection - Special Offering for the ALITH Food Pantry Sunday, June 7th

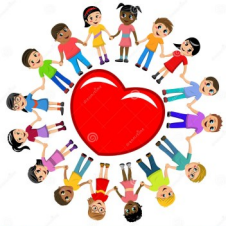
“Be a Neighbor, Feed a Neighbor”



Food Donations: There continues to be a great need in our community for donations of non perishable food. Food donations can be left in the shopping cart by the elevator or dropped off at the pantry at 1113 Pyott Road, Lake in the Hills. A current needs list can be found in the Narthex. The food pantry will also take plastic grocery bags to be used by pantry clients.

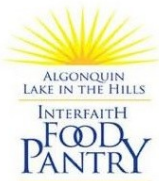
Volunteer Opportunity at the Food Pantry-The Garden Crew is looking for volunteers to help on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Contact Laurie S. 224 558-0627 or Mary F. 847 431-3356.

SALLY NORRIS COPE FUND



Donations have been made to the following organizations, each for \$500.00. February— the Family Sponsorship Fund, March—NISRA (Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association), April – Feed My Starving Children, May—UCC Pilgrim Park for Summer Camps .

ALITH INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY



In addition to monetary donations, the Food Pantry also accepts non-perishable food items, toiletries, and paper products 24/7 at their location (1113 Pyott Road, Lake in the Hills). Items may also be placed in the shopping cart located between the elevator and Fellowship Hall. The Food Pantry also collects grocery bags for use by their clients.

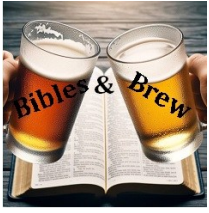
MINISTRY OF MISSIONS

PROJECT IDEAS



The Ministry of Missions appreciates ideas for mission projects. Please share ideas with any Missions member (Barb Erion, Peg Nesser, Wynn Ann Roggeveen, Alice Woertendyke, Paula Evans, Kris Panzloff), or by putting a note in the container in the Narthex.

GROUPS & STUDIES



BIBLES & BREW

We will be off for the summer.
See you in the fall!



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Saturday, June 13th will be our next meeting.



WOMEN'S BUNCO NIGHT

Friday, June 14th at
6:00 p.m. - \$5.00 entry fee

Join us for a fun-filled, competitive evening of playing Bunco while enjoying wonderful food and benefiting a good cause.



SENIOR AFTERNOON OF GAMES

Senior Afternoon of Games will return soon! Keep an eye out for upcoming dates!

FELLOWSHIP!

LOVE FELLOWSHIP?
LOVE COFFEE?

Volunteers are
needed to serve
during Fellowship
Hour!



Sign-up in the Narthex or contact the Church Office

Coffee Hour is so much fun, don't you agree! We have several openings to serve ; please sign-up!

Pick a date that is a special occasion for you, birthday, anniversary, birth of a child, etc., we want to celebrate with you!

A PRAYER FOR SUMMER

Loving God, you invite us to pause and soak in your world through intentional moments of rest. Whether I am traveling or enjoying a quiet morning in my own backyard, help me to embrace the stillness. Restore my mind and body so that I may return to my daily routines refreshed, energized, and ready to love others well.

Amen.



COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES & MORE

Total Operating Fund Income		
Income	MTD \$ 17,862.36	YTD \$ 117,435.59
Total Operating Expenses		
Expenses	MTD \$ 26,928.25	YTD \$ 90,861.01
Net	\$(9,065.89)	\$ 26,574.58
Mortgage Balance *		\$ 117,612.40
Checking Account Balance		\$ 24,975.99
OCWM \$250 plus member contribution	\$ 497.00	\$ 2,188.00
Capital Expenditures		
Refer to Capital Fund for details	-	-
Memorial Funds		
Income	-	\$250.00
Expenses	\$400.00	\$1,120.00
Net	\$(400.00)	\$(870.00)
Control Check	Ok	Ok

As of April 30, 2026

Congratulations to The Heavenly Attic for winning “Best Thrift Store in Algonquin for 2026”



Heavenly Attic Manager JoAnn Schindler with one of our frequent patrons, Cathay, who is displaying our award for best thrift store in Algonquin.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Got a way with words? (or just want to help out? We are looking for a volunteer (or two!) to help update the message board at the front of the church. This is a simple way to serve—you can make your own hours on a weekly or monthly basis, and no experience is needed. If you’d like to help us keep our community informed and inspired, please contact Pat Maggio for more details.



Fair Trade
USA™

FAIR TRADE

Sunday, June 14th

When you purchase products that meet Fair Trade standards, not only are you supporting and compensating workers with fair wages for their talents and labor, you're also contributing to protecting the planet. Visit our Fair Trade table in Fellowship Hall, where you can browse and purchase quality Fair Trade products like coffee and tea. Visit our website or contact Nancy Kneip for more information.



THE HEAVENLY ATTIC - Open Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In honor of Mother's Day this month the Heavenly Attic donated \$500 to the Home of the Sparrow which operates seven [Sparrow's Nest Thrift Stores and Donation Centers](#) in Northern Illinois (Arlington Heights, Cary, McHenry, Mundelein, Palatine, Third Lake, and Woodstock) to support housing for women and children. These locations accept donations and provide affordable goods, with net proceeds directly funding housing and supportive services.



McHenry County
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

VOLUNTEER ON THE PRAIRIE TRAIL!

Join the McHenry County Conservation Foundation to help maintain a small segment of our extensive county trail system! As part of the District's Adopt-A-Trail program, McHenry County Conservation Foundation volunteers and staff will meet at the Mitchard Way (formerly Meyer Rd) parking lot in Algonquin to help keep a one-mile stretch of the trail free of debris and litter. Take a morning stroll down the Prairie Trail, meet new people, and help beautify the area. Dress for the weather. Gloves and hand sanitizer encouraged. Long-handled trash pickers provided.

The minimum age to volunteer independently is 18, but those under 18 can sign up with adult supervision.

2026 Clean-Up Dates

9:00-11:00 a.m., Saturdays on the following dates:

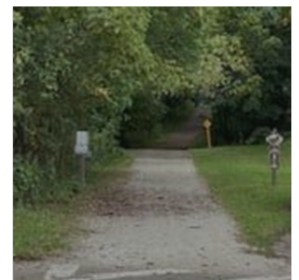
June 13* (Church Group)

August 8

October 10

To sign-up or for more information, visit their website at:

<https://www.mchenryconservation.org>



CHOIR APPRECIATION

Well, here we are rolling around to the end of another year of the Senior Choir and again we have persevered through illnesses, travel and weather!

I am thankful to all the members of the choir, guest soloists and instrumentalists who made this past church year very special with music! The mission of the Senior Choir is to enhance the worship experience of our church and we get to have fun doing it! Thank you for your gifts, talent, stewardship and friendship and we will see you soon.

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to any members or visitors to our church to become a member of the choir! As our members age and traveling becomes more attractive we need new members to keep our choir going. Please prayerfully consider it. It is not a big commitment and we have fun! Thanks to the following folks who made this year possible!

Accompanist: Bev Tipps

Sopranos: Jennifer Jazwinski, Genie McCully, Judy Stauffer, Michelle Tarosas,

Altos: Dian Granath, Jill Mattson, Betty Paldauf, Diane Scheske, Kathy Scorza, Sharon Stengel

Tenors: Dave Aggen, Steve Guenther, David Krc, Nancy Reebel

Basses: Chip Lacasse, Joe Scheske, Gary Tipps, Mark San Hamel

Dixieland band, guest soloists and instrumentalists: Monica Kort, Ellen LeMarre, William Powers, Sarah Inendino, Emma Robie, Mike Bazan, Debbie Knowles, Mark Sorlie, Braulio Muro, and Bryan Tipps.

Finally, thanks to Pastors Bob Wang and Jim Benzing, Ashley Hrynko, the Memorial, Endowment and other committees who so readily support our music program. Thank you all for a great year and God bless your service and your continued dedication!

Greg Tipps



THANK YOU!



Thank you to the members of the Congregational Church of Algonquin for allowing us to use your building so we can safely meet and complete another year of Girl Scouting. Within these walls over the last six years we have successfully completed our Daisy, Brownie, and now Junior Scouting requirements.

We've become local nature experts, scientists, coders, gardeners, chefs, artists, crafters, detectives, dancers, musicians, basic first aid masters, portrayed historical figures, and even engineers! We've helped our fellow community & pet friends through donations and community service to help keep them fed, clothed, and clean.

We have grown in our knowledge, empathy, and faith throughout these learning experiences. Thank you for your unwavering support!

Sincerely,
Cadette Troop
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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP HONORS CCA LADIES

On Saturday, May 9th, the Men's Fellowship hosted their annual breakfast to honor the wonderful women of CCA. The ladies enjoyed a delicious hot breakfast, great conversation, and a series of fun, butterfly-themed games. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make this uplifting event so amazing!



June

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

6/2	Pat Hemmingsen	6/17	Debbie Carris
6/7	Nancy Ekstrom	6/17	Wynn Ann Roggeveen
6/8	Howard Dittmann	6/23	Norm Stengel
6/9	Art Nesser	6/26	Lori Martens
6/11	Camryn Thorne	6/27	June Casterton
6/15	Marion Anderson		

6/15	Gary & Karen Parker
6/16	Jim & Barb Erion
6/16	Dian Granath & David Krc
6/23	Norm & Sharon Stengel
6/25	Mark & Beth Pocijewski
6/27	Dave & Debbie Carris
6/27	Steve & Karen Guenther

Please contact the Church Office if we missed your anniversary or birthday.

In Our Thoughts.

In Our Prayers.

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Carol Briggs	Janet Kelley
Lynne Carlson	Gary Parker
Fred Ekstrom	Bobbie Reed
Nancy Ekstrom	Dick Roggeveen
Elsie Fry	Sue Kreibich
Gary Gray	Marilyn McNichols
Pat Hemmingsen	

OTHERS IN NEED OF PRAYER

Donna Church
Kathy Thorne

A Father's Day Prayer

Today is Father's Day, so we take this moment to hold space for all that may mean to us.

We hold love for those who have lost fathers, and for those fathers who have lost children.

We acknowledge and hold non-binary, transgender, and cisgender dads in families made of two dads, foster and adoptive dads, and single dads.

We hold and work to lift up all fathers of color, and those fathers raising children of color. We hold fathers kept apart from their children by borders and war.

We hold fathers and children who have lost connection, children who have been disowned or abandoned by their fathers, and the father-figures who step in.

We hold those longing to become fathers.

We hold those who may be full of questions about their biological fathers.

Most importantly we hold and thank the dads, the papas, the daddies, and all who show up everyday to give their all to the children who need them.

-Amy Jones



CCA STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Interim Bridge Pastor: Rev. Jim Benzing

Office Manager: Ashley Hrynko

Moderator: Dan Reebel

Vice Moderator: Nancy Kneip

Past Moderator: Bill Hellyer

Ministers of Music: Bev & Greg Tipps



**Please submit July
Newsletter Articles by
June 19th**

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Summer Office hours: Monday — Friday 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch 12:45-1:15 pm)