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The Men's Breakfast welcomes
The Women of CCA
to the
May Breakfast Fellowship

Saturday,
May 13, 2017, 8:00 am

Guest Speaker:
Shirley Sadjadi

This month's Breakfast Fellowship will include a guest speaker, Shirley Sadjadi, of the Law Offices of Shirley Sadjadi in Elgin, IL. Shirley Sadjadi established her firm in 1998, focusing exclusively in immigration and nationality law. She has over 23 years experience in immigration law, including several years at the U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, working at the Baltimore and Falls Church Immigration Courts and Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO) handling deportation and IRCA employer sanctions / discrimination cases, respectively. She is a frequent speaker on immigration law topics and on advocating for immigration reform.

Shirley is a member of both the Advocacy and EOIR Liaison Committees of the Chicago Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, National Lawyers Guild, the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Fox Valley Voices for Democracy, and Cofounder of Speak Out Against Prejudice, Elgin, IL. She is an Associate Editor of "The Waivers Book; Advanced Issues in Immigration Practice" (AILA 2011).



Rev. Brian Cope

Dear Friends,

Administration vs discipleship. We struggle between the two every year. For most of us, neither comes easily. We learn early in life that there are experts at various types of administrative functions: there are those that take to finance, others education, others at keeping up the property. It's the same about discipleship: some have one spiritual gift that God has blessed them with: mission, teaching, hospitality, etc. Because the church is both an institution and a calling to God's work, we operate in faith that God will send us enough people of such diverse gifts that we will be able to do the administrative as well as the discipleship of the church.

Several years ago, we revised the Church's Constitution, the agreement with the congregation that gives us a basic structure in which we live out our administrative responsibilities. We created a structure in which administration works not only to keep the institutional parts of the church working well, but to also give guidance to the church members and their discipleship responsibilities. Because we are a congregational church and we believe that the final authority rests in the whole congregation called together, we strengthened the administration in such a way that it does not usurp the authority of the congregation. Under Servant Leadership, as Jesus taught, we try to work in such a way that no administrative body can tell or curtail what the congregation can do; instead they act as advisory support to the congregation. Thus, the Ministry of Church Finance cannot tell the congregation whether they can or cannot spend money given to the church. They can advise, but that is it. It is the same for the Ministry of Missions: they can advise and suggest missions in which the church can be involved, but they cannot make the final decision for themselves. The Council is the only body which has the authority to pass policy, but these policies are always under the final say of the congregation.

I am saying this because I want us to always be aware of where the decision-making authority comes from in the church, but to also put a realistic picture on what is expected of members when they are asked to serve on a Ministry or Committee. Again, administration is the area of the church where the church-as-institution is held up. Now, I must confess to you that I have never been an administrative wonk. I don't mind some administrative work, but I am always happy to let someone else do the detail work. My passion is to work in the mission that God has called His church to live out. Before I was called into the ministry I had a rather low opinion of administration. But being in the church has taught me its importance. It has also taught me that we do not have to be an expert or a wonk to serve in it for the church. In fact, I have learned that just as God calls everyone into discipleship, God calls us to serve in the church's administration whether we feel qualified or not.

Here's the point of my ramblings: the Nominations Committee has been making calls for people to serve in the administration of the church. When they call you, don't dismiss it without thinking and praying about. First, they are not just issuing a call for warm bodies to make up a specific quota. They are calling because God is directing them to call you. On the other hand, God may be nudging you to serve. Listen to the nudge. As a friend of mine always said: "The phone works two ways." If you are feeling God's urge, pick up the phone and call the church office and let us know that you are interested in serving and where that interest lies. The Nominations Committee will get back to you. If they call you with a request, don't say no immediately. Give it a few days and pray about it.

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Rev. Arn Schaper

Curiously, whenever we try to analyze, dissect, or examine too deeply the reasons for loving, we do something to it. Curiously, all that can really be done with love is to accept it!

Our faith tradition proclaims God's love for us. We are loved! Regardless of all the painful experiences, the bad blows, the obvious mistakes we may have had that tried to convince us that love never lasts, or that love may be fine for others but not for us - regardless of what we might have concluded about love - God's love for us stands!

Remember the parable in Scripture about the lost sheep and the steadfast love of the shepherd. When one sheep became lost, as the parable goes, the shepherd did not simply write it off as the cost of doing business. The shepherd searched diligently until the lost sheep was found. No mention is made of blaming, scolding, abusing, punishing - simply the joy the shepherd felt at finding one of his own that was lost.

We are as loved as the lost sheep; and, at times, as lost. Whether we feel we are worth it or not, the shepherd patiently and faithfully seeks us out. And we cannot outrun God's reach! Let us today ask God to expand our trust for this belief to be practiced.

Remember: "God will wait as long as it takes for us," someone has said. Let's risk believing this!

Blessings for the journey... Rev. Arn



(Rev. Cope message continued)

And a final note: if you are currently serving on a Ministry or Committee and you are told that a church member has accepted the call, don't immediately judge, even if you know that this person is not an 'expert' in the field of your administration. Instead, wonder at the mind of God, who knows that there may be a hidden jewel in this individual. Rev. Cope



2017CCA ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

We are pleased to announce that the Congregational Church of Algonquin Endowment Scholarships for 2017 have been awarded to the following:

Max Carpenter Allison Kelley
Cassandra Hertel Eric Hertel

Max is graduating from high school this spring and will be attending college in the fall; he is pursuing an Accounting/Business Degree.

Allison, Cassandra and Eric will be continuing their college degrees.

We will present the Scholarship to Max in the May 14th at 10 am worship service.



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	Edna McCormick 1215 Geringer Road Algonquin, IL 60102
Ed Brandwein 102 Eastgate Ct., Apt. 242 Algonquin, IL 60102	Frances Newberg Church Creek 1250 West Central Road Apt 415 Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Vi Colbert 101 Eastgate Ct. Apt. 104 Algonquin, IL 60102	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	Helen Stauffer Room 102 2406 Hartland Road Woodstock, IL 60098
Marge Hanley 808 Menominee Drive Lake in the Hills, IL 60156	Claudette Treadwell 731 Longwood Dr. Algonquin, IL 60102
Joyce Horn Alden Terrace 803 Royal Dr. McHenry, IL 60050	Glen True Polo Rehab & Health Care 703 E. Buffalo St Polo, IL 61064
Erna Houdek Valley Hi 2406 Hartland Rd. Woodstock, IL 60098	Mary Westerbeck 1601 W. Queen Creek Rd #143 Chandler, AZ 85248
Betty Imhoff 731 Oceola Drive Algonquin, IL 60102	Barb Whitaker Sunrise Assisted Living 751 Terra Cotta Avenue Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Claire Kent 865 Eineke Blvd Algonquin, IL 60102	Ethel Yamashita Sunrise Senior Living 790 N. Plum Grove Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173
Donna Krueger Sunrise Senior Living 790 N. Plum Grove Rd. Schaumburg, IL 60173	

The following individuals were hospitalized or in a rehab center during the month of April

Debbie Carris
Mandy Jolitz
Pat Kramer
Bob Woertendyke



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ben Sprouse John (Jay) Hogrewe Dominik Kneip

Owen Ritsema Cody Colbert Eric Hertel

Dale Navigato

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 so we can keep them in our prayers.

Would you like a visit from Rev. Cope?

Call the church office at 847-658-5308.

- ♦ 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 to?

Don't think he is too busy or that you are interrupting him—this is an important part of his job as your minister. Call!

We also have members of the church who will come and visit or help you with transportation, food or errands.

CHURCH OFFICE

HELP US HONOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

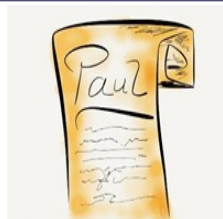
To help people who cannot come to church feel a part of our family, we are asking you for three things:

- ♦ 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: **Joyce Horn and Erna Houdek**. 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 us at any of the groups at any time!



Tuesdays with the Pastor
Conference Room
4:30 - 6:00 PM

The Letters of Paul

The Apostle Paul has been called 'the second founder of Christianity'. His letters have had, and continue to have, a profound impact upon how Christians live out their faith. The Protestant Revolution is credited to his writings. In fact, many scholars hold that if we did not have Paul's letters, Christianity would be nothing more than a minor sect of Judaism. But what do they actually say? Which letters are Paul's and which were written by people who lived after Paul? What is the order of composition of the letters and how does this order affect the way we understand them? Join us as we study these and other questions.

PRAYER WARRIORS WANTED!

Would you like to be part of a newly forming prayer team? Its purpose is to expand beyond the church's present Prayer Chain



list to handle more immediate concerns and issues of the day. If you have questions, please contact Barb Weitz and let her know that you are interested.

The plans are to put new technology to use to engage this prayer team.



Join us in a relaxed atmosphere—get a drink, order some food, and be a part of an exciting discussion about the Bible.

Thursday, May 25

6:30 pm

Port Edward Restaurant, Algonquin

Faith, Fun & Friendship

Womens Fellowship

Wednesdays at 10 am
Conference Room

Women's Fellowship will begin a new study in May – a five session study entitled:

Israel's Mission – Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World. Session titles include:

Abraham and Sarah and Three Strangers; Israel at Sinai: The First Great Commission; Jesus Renews the Mission: Seeking the Lost; The Lost Son: In a Far Country; The Seeking Father: The Lost Son Returns. Ray Vander Laan takes you through Israel and into Jordan to place the lessons of scripture in the historical context in a way that invites you to live in the Bible as you learn to apply the lessons in your own life.

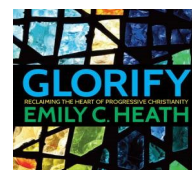


Women's Bunco

Friday, May 12, 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Christian LIFE Hour

Conference Room
Sundays 9:00 AM



GLORIFY | RECLAIMING THE HEART OF PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

Ever feel that we are 'throwing the baby Jesus out with the bathwater'? That we define ourselves not by our affirmations but by our repudiations? That we act socially first and then try to justify our actions theologically afterwards? This study will give us the opportunity to be a progressive church while holding God and Christ at the center.

Yarn Works

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

New people are always welcome!

We have supplies to get you started and absolutely lovely people to teach you, if you want to learn. Our work helps support our Prayer Shawl Ministry, Snug Hugs for Kids, and our own personal projects.



**Thursdays at 10:00 am in
Fellowship Hall**



Calling all Artists!

If you paint or draw or take artistic photographs, and would like to donate several of your works of art to fundraising for a local charity, you might like to join our art show.

(A Faith in Action Project)

What? Fine Art Show

When? September or October, 2017

Where? Fellowship Hall

**Please contact the church office
or Sandy Ferguson**

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Algonquin Area Senior Center

TUESDAYS 9:00 AM – NOON

The Senior Center meets weekly at the CCA. It provides a gathering place for senior adults where fellowship, socialization, educational and enrichment opportunities are available. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 847-658-5308 and leave a message for WynnAnn Roggeveen.



Happy Mother's Day

Heavenly Attic Resale Shop

Mother's Day Special

We want you to find something special for Mom.

Choose an item and receive 25% off One
(no other coupons—no punch card for this transaction)
Stop in and See us!



Saturday,

May 20, 1pm

As a chronicle of family life in America in the last half of the 20th century, **Ordinary People** may be one of the most im-

portant movies ever made. It is a story of how a family copes after a major tragedy (the death of the 'favorite son'), and the dynamics of the individual members. The film carried most of the major awards at the Academy Awards. It won Best Picture, Best Director (Robert Redford), Best Screenplay, and Best Supporting Actor (Timothy Hutton). Mary Tyler Moore was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actress, and while she did not win, she was awarded the Golden Globe Award for her performance.

Please note the day change: we will be viewing this on the **third Saturday of May.**



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 of our church?

Please put your item into:
The mail slot marked
Missions Bulletin Board
Please include your name

Volunteers Needed

Heavenly Attic Resale Shop



We are looking for someone to help out

Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (1-3pm)

Call the church office 847-658-5308

Let us show you just how easy it is

TUESDAYS WITH THE PASTOR study group is challenging itself and the congregation to "Go the Extra Mile, and Give More" whenever possible. Towards this goal, we are choosing two items every month for us to give above our regular giving to the Algonquin/Lake in the Hills Food Pantry and the Home of the Sparrow Women and Children Shelter.



Canned Fruit
(Mixed & Pineapple)



Bed Bug Protectors
(Twin Sized)

Items for the Food Pantry may be left in the basket near the elevator. Please leave items for Home of the Sparrow in the basket in the coat room.



Do You Want to Know?

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



Tutoring Update

New tutor training is still available

Mondays and Wednesdays May 8*, 10, 15, & 17 6-9PM

Gail Borden Public Library—270 N. Grove Avenue, Elgin, IL

*The first hour of this session is an orientation.

Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.

To register, complete the online form at <http://elginliteracy.org/how-to-help/become-a-tutor> call 847-742-6565, or email info@elginliteracy.org with your full name, address, phone number, and course date you plan to attend.

You will receive a confirmation email within a couple of days.

There is a \$25 fee to cover the textbook, LITSTART: Strategies for Adult Literacy and ESL Tutors.

Payments of Cash
(or a check made payable to **The Literacy Connection**) will be collected at the first meeting.

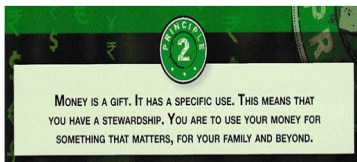
Are you stuck in an endless cycle of living paycheck to paycheck?

Are you tired of fighting with your loved ones?

Or are you simply tired of struggling to survive every pay period?



Learn to apply the 47 financial principles, escape the MATRIX and start living your life purpose that God has given you!



Do you know the purpose that God has given you?

If not, come find out while you learn to control your money instead of continuing to have it control you.

Contact Brittany for an information pack about the Free Class in May
224.800.9671 (leave voicemail) or blueorchidhwc@gmail.com (re: free class)

Classes are scheduled at CCA

Mondays, May 1-June 12, 2017, at 7:00 pm

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 for members of congress so that you may bend their ears on a regular basis about those issues that concern you!





Read what our congregation is doing!

First Quarter 2017, January - March

Algonquin LITH Interfaith Food Pantry – During January through March, there were approximately 700 household (2290 individual) visits to the Pantry. This total includes two visits per month by many families. Our church donated 131 lbs. of food and \$349.32 during the quarter. Food and money donations are needed and new volunteers are always welcome.

Fair Trade – For the first quarter of 2017, sales of fair-traded products plus donations totaled \$634. Buying these delicious fair-traded products allows producers in developing countries to be fairly compensated.

Faith in Action – To be even more active and efficient, we have changed the way we meet. The entire group has begun meeting quarterly and has formed teams which focus on specific issues or ways that we can put our faith into action. So far, we have the following teams, which are open to any member of the congregation: Environment Team, Homelessness Team, Social Justice Advocates, and Art for the World.

Golden Diners – In February, eight CCA volunteers delivered 224 meals to seniors age 60 and over. Volunteers from our church deliver meals Monday through Friday three months each year.

Heavenly Attic Resale Shop – The CCA congregation and the community donate gently-used items for resale. Eighteen volunteers from the church currently staff the shop. Their work includes sales, stocking, cleaning, rearranging items, sorting and taking in donations. Needs are jewelry, housewares, shoes, games, puzzles, children's clothing, seasonal items, purses, and volunteers.

PADS – Because the volunteers from our church no longer have a once-a-month PADS site commitment, they now offer "fill in" services at various sites. Some volunteers assist other churches on their "PADS night." Some help with serving of food.

Senior Center – meets weekly in Fellowship Hall at the church. From January - March the average attendance was four. Each senior contributes \$1 at each meeting. The money is donated to the church's Coffee Fund.

Tutoring – Our Tutoring program currently has 10 active tutors who teach 15 learners. Three tutors are temporarily inactive. The church provides space for tutoring, a library of books and supplies for the tutors, and a support group which meets every three months.

***We hope this information will help you know how you can pray, lend a helping hand,
give a word of encouragement, or perhaps get involved yourself.***

The complete reports made by each group are in the church office in a notebook titled Mission Reports. We invite you to look through it.

Ministry of Missions

MISSION: POSSIBLE

A Tale of Love in Action



Peg Schwab tutors a mother of three children

Peg Schwab has been an ESL (English as a Second Language) tutor for approximately a year and a half. She says she began tutoring because she “wanted to do something to help someone have a better life.”

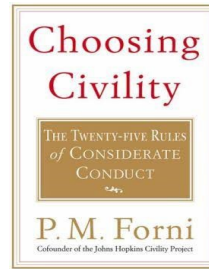
The current focus of her tutoring is to teach her learner to speak, read and write in English. She targets information that her learner needs and wants to know in her life as a wife and mother. Conversation is a high priority just for practice.

Peg says that tutoring is rewarding for several reasons, such as the friendship that results and the changes you can observe. She emphasizes that you can tutor even if you have never taught school, and that the tutoring organization that trains and assigns you, as well as the other tutors in our church, provide significant support if you need help.

Peg also co-manages operations at the Heavenly Attic.

Our church refers anyone who would like to tutor to either the Literacy Connection of Elgin or McHenry County College for training and certification. Information is available at the Literacy Tutoring Information Center in Fellowship Hall. The church also provides a support group for tutors, some textbooks, reading materials and teaching-aid supplies. For more information, see Rev. Cope or JoAnn Schindler.

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The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct *From Choosing Civility by P.F. Forni*

Every month in 2017 we will list two of the 25 rules.

10 Respect Other's Opinions

"It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. It is easier to give a cup of rice to relieve hunger than to relieve the loneliness and pain of someone unloved in our own home. Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start."

Mother Teresa

Respecting someone else's opinion is more difficult the closer you are to the person who is holding an opinion that is different from yours. The adage 'familiarity breeds contempt' may come into play. The closer we are to a person then safer we feel around that person. We may start out in our relationship feeling freer to voice a disagreement than we would in a relationship with someone we are not that close to. (There are those people who have no problem disrespecting anyone's opinions, but that is a much larger issue than being 'uncivil'. It tends toward an issue of a 'super-ego making up for a low self-esteem.) As we become so comfortable that we can take our loved ones for granted, our filter of civility (what we use to maintain a respect for the people around us) breaks down. If you find yourself too easily ridiculing or dismissing other's opinions, it is a sign that it is time for you to check your own ability to maintain civility in your relationships.

#11 Mind Your Body (Exceeding the Golden Rule)

Matthew 7:12 reminds of the Golden Rule: "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets." This comes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. It is not the same as Jesus' second commandment – to love your neighbor as yourself – even though we often confuse the two. Doing to others as you would have them do to you is an action that makes good sense, but is limited in its scope. In and of itself, the Golden Rule does not live up to civility's demands. "The Golden Rule tells us how to treat each other justly, but because its hinges upon the subjective, it is not always reliable. We should learn how to respect each other on their own terms as well." . . . When we expand our awareness to the standards of others, we expand the best part of our soul." (Choose Civility, p. 86.)

May

(continuing our theme)

Discerning Ways to Address the Culture of Violence

How You Can Address the Culture of Violence

Adults, and especially children, can feel surrounded by violence on television, in the movies, in musical lyrics, and physical or online bullying. Here are some suggestions for replacing these negative influences with positive actions:



For Adults: Spot cases of stereotyping or harassment in the workplace and report them promptly.

Learn about violence in social media by attending school “safety nights” like the one held at Jacobs High School in April.

Select books, movies, TV shows, and social media that do not promote or condone violence.

For Families: Start to “raise everyone’s consciousness” by having family discussions about violence in the media. Point out to each other needless hurtfulness and stereotyping.

Avoid the 10 most violent video games: Battlefield Hardlines, Bloodborne, Dying Light, Hatred, Mad Max, Metal Gear Solid V, Mortal Kombat X, Onechanbara Z2: Chaos, The Order: 1886, and Until Dawn. Less violent alternatives are described on the Commonsensemedia.org website.

Avoid completely the Grand Theft Auto series of video games.

Set parental controls for cable TV shows and locks on on-demand purchased programs; change the PINs regularly.

Install an iPhone parental control app to manage and monitor children’s phone apps.

Track children’s digital behavior and up the educational value of books and software using Amazon’s Parent Dashboard.

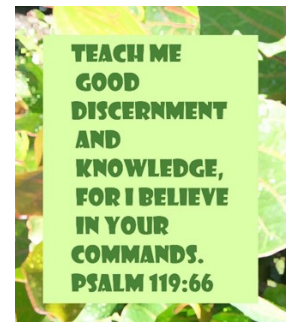
Actively monitor children’s online shopping activities by keeping their login information and checking their purchase history.

For Older Teens and Young Adults: Launch a “We Dine Together” club at school or college to befriend isolated or unpopular students.

Learn about this growing movement at <https://www.facebook.com/wedinetgether/>

Encourage college-age students to participate in safe environments for open discussions of sexual abuse on campus.

Avoid stereotypical or violent party and Halloween costumes.



MINISTRY OF MISSIONS



Non-Violence in a Culture of Violence: Bullying

“Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose”.

Bullying and violence are not synonymous: *“violence may be defined as doing harm to another, whether physical or mental.”* Under this definition, bullying would be considered a form of violence. Bullying behavior is usually repeated over

a period until it becomes a pattern. Victims often feel helpless and unable to fight back or defend themselves. Bullying may take place in person or through electronic media devices, and may be direct or indirect. In comparison, violence is always physical. While violence and violent crimes have generally been decreasing in America, bullying has not. Violence is against the law, while bullying generally isn't, unless it crosses the line into harassment or assault. Though violence is generally seen as an unacceptable type of behavior, more people accept bullying as a normal part of life. On the other hand, there is a connection between bullying and violence. Both bullies and their victims are more likely to engage in other violent behavior. Victims generally suffer from depression and low self-esteem and may lash out violently, while bullies are more likely than others to engage in violent criminal behavior.

Bullying causes long-term effects that violence by itself does not. Bullying victims suffer damage to their self-concepts. Being the repetitive target of bullying damages your ability to view yourself as a desirable, capable and effective individual. Victims will become increasingly susceptible to depression, anger, and/or bitterness.



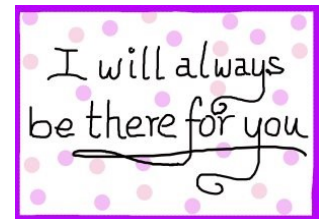
Being bullied teaches one that they are undesirable, not safe in the world, and relatively powerless to defend themselves. The victim learns that they are seen by others as weak and pathetic.

The most effective way to counteract the violence of bullying is to use discernment. Discernment is the ability to judge the strength of one's own self-worth.

Teaching children or even other adults how to have and hold onto a strong and positive self-image will stop a bully from exploiting a weak sense of self. Bullies do not pick on people with a strong sense of self-esteem; when they try, the person with the strong self-esteem will be able to deflect any potential damage.

Discernment allows one the strength to realize that the bullying behavior does not reflect a problem with them or their self-image, but reflects upon the self-image of the bully. Counteracting bullying through discernment requires a person working together with others.

Most victims of bullying think that they are alone, with very little support.



Having written all of this, however, the difficulty in addressing the violence of bullying is that it is an underground violence. Victims do not look for help because they think that everyone feels the same about them as the bully. They try to hide the fact that they are being bullied. What this means is that if we are going to conquer bullying, then we must commit ourselves to being a positive influence on everyone around us.

We must teach ourselves and others the art of discernment so that we will become adept at finding victims even when they do not want to be found. We must teach ourselves discernment to build up our own self-esteem so that we can stand up to bullies even when we are not the victim ourselves. We must own the voice to speak for the bullied, so that we can make bullying as much of a crime as violence is.

Rev. Brian Cope





BIRTHDAYS

5/2	Lynne Carlson	5/5	April Venzon
5/7	Gavin DeLeon-Cory Kirkpatrick	5/8	Joey Mann
5/9	Brittany Mainiero Diane Scheske	5/10	Rita Whitney
5/11	Ed Brandwein	5/13	Edna McCormick
5/15	Nancy Blackman	5/16	JoAnn Schindler
5/17	Frances Newberg	5/18	Scott Kapusinski
5/19	Kathy Phillips	5/21	Barb Erion Sandra Lindgren Katelyn O'Laughlin
5/22	Jennifer Jazwinski Bruce Thorne	5/23	Eric Hertel Abigail Kapusinski Wendy O'Laughlin Benjamin Sprouse
5/25	Marge Hanley Stephanie Twarling	5/26	Ryan Tarosas
5/28	Andrew Sprouse	5/29	Michael Szekely
5/30	Carol Haug Beverly Tipps	5/31	Joan Ryckman

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/19 Russ & Lynn Brown
- 5/21 Ed & Donna Church
- 5/25 Bryan & Melanie Glover



Please submit all items for the newsletter to the church office no later than the 15th of the month!

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of March 31, 2017

Total Operating Fund Income

Month of March	\$19,526.80
YTD	\$58,119.80

Total Operating Expenses

Month of March	\$17,934.78
YTD	\$57,888.65

Mortgage Balance

\$128,130.16

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



Chocolate Fest 2017

More than 500 people came through our doors.

Proceeds \$2300+

Was a Great Success

Many thanks to all of the Vendors who Participated, to Those who Came to Visit and Enjoy, and Those Who Served on the Committee to ensure CCA could bring You this Wonderful Event

A Note from Rev. Cope—

My service to you is one of the most important parts of my ministry. To make an appointment with me, it is best to call or text me (use my cell # 224-535-1778) or email me at revcope.cca@gmail.com. You can stop in the office—if I am not in a meeting, come in. So many people say they do not want to interrupt me. If the door to my office is open, you will not interrupt me. That is a promise!

*Ellen Green Kuroghlian has provided CCA with a generous donation in memory of her friend, **Barbara Toussaint Gabler** who passed away in February.*



Fair Trade Sunday, May 11, 2017



The warmer weather means an end to ordering chocolate until October. We have a lot on hand, though! It's also time to think about iced teas and coffees for keeping cool this summer.

Some questions have been raised about the 10% we add to the prices of all items. This goes to cover the coffee we serve whenever there is a gathering of the whole church, as well as mark-downs we occasionally must make on products approaching the "best by" freshness dates. If this excess builds up, the Ministry of Missions would designate where this can go.

The purchases we make from Equal Exchange support growers around the world. Thank you for supporting this ministry!



Help us sponsor two children in India!

Our church sponsors two children at King's Matriculation School at the Family Village Farm near Vellore, India. Their families cannot afford to send them to school, and our gifts cover tuition and lunch for them each school day.

Sheeba is a hard-working girl whose favorite subjects are math and English. Velmurugan is an energetic, attentive boy who is cheerful and highly motivated. Their pictures are on the Missions Bulletin Board in the hallway outside of the office.

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 box. **Or you may write a check** payable to CCA and designate it for "Child Sponsorship."

If you would prefer to help in another way, we need people willing to write to the children. If you are interested, please see Rev Cope.

We sponsor the children through the United Church of Christ Global Ministries Child Sponsorship Program. All of the money that we raise goes directly to the support of the children; there are no administrative fees.

Faith in Action



Literacy and ESL Tutor (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, available through:

The **Literacy Connection of Elgin** (12 hours of free instruction plus \$25 purchase of textbook) **Note – They will then assign you to a learner in, south or east of Algonquin.**

McHenry County College – classes will resume soon. See the Tutoring Display in Fellowship Hall or visit mchenry.edu/volunteer. MCC has learners north and west of Algonquin.

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.

The Literacy Connection's website:

elginliteracy.org

McHenry County College's website:

mchenry.edu/volunteer

To the Women's Fellowship

Dear Ladies



*A belated "thank you" for
the lovely gift bag I received from you.
What a nice surprise! It was a very
generous gift. Mary and I ate the peanuts
and cookies on the way home, (Yummy)
and a nice reusable bag too.
Again, thank you!*

Sincerely, Rita Whitney





May 2017

Questions? Go to algonquinucc.org and choose the "Calendar" page for the most up-to-date listing of CCA events.

unday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Worship Service 8:45 AM Min Trustees 10:00 AM Worship Service- Senior Choir	1 7:00 PM Financial Fitness Class	2 9:00 AM Senior Ctr 10:00 AM Tutoring 6:45 PM Boy Sct Tr 151	3 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Senior Choir	4 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:00 PM Prayer Warriors 3:00 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA	5	6
7 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E Hour 10:00 AM Worship Ser- vice 11:15 AM Council Meeting 1:00 PM Crop Walk Com.	8 6:30 PM Tutor Support Group 7:00 PM Financial Fitness Class 7:00 PM Trails Swim Team	9 9:00 AM Senior Ctr 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tues w/Pastor 6:45 PM Boy Scouts Troop 151	10 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 1:30 PM Visitation Cmt 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:45 PM Music/Wrshp Cmt 7:00 PM BoySct ComMtg 7:00 PM NA 7:00 PM Preschool Bd 7:30 PM Senior Choir	11 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 7:00 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM AA	12 Set up for Men's Fellowship Bkfst 7:00 PM Women's Bunco 	13 8:00 AM Men's Bkfst— Women are invited ! 9:30 AM OUTSIDE CLEAN UP 10:00 AM Funeral - Adeline Hartman
14 Fair Trade Sunday 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E Hr 10:00 AM Worship Service - Senior Choir 10:00 AM Scholarship Awd 10:00 AM Shepherd U 10:00 AM Teen FIA	15 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Financial Fitness Class 7:00 PM Strategic Planning Committee	16 9:00 AM Sr Ctr 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tues w/ Pastor 6:45 PM Boy Scout Troop 151	17 0:00 AM Women's Fellowship 1:00 PM Pastoral Rela- tions Cmt 5:00 PM Church Gwth 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM NA 7:30 PM Senior Choir	18 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA	19	20 1:00 PM Movies with Meaning
21 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E Hr 10:00 AM VISITING CHOIR: SHAUMBURG CHRALEERS 10:00 AM Worship Service- Senior Choir 11:15 AM Min Christn Ed 11:15 AM Min Missions 11:15 AM Min Finance	22 7:00 PM Financial Fitness Class 7:00 PM Min Deacons	23 9:00 AM Sr Ctr 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tues w/ Pastor 6:45 PM Boy Scout Troop 151	24 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM NA	25 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 6:30 PM Bible & Brew 7:00 PM Quilters 7:30 PM AA 	26 APS-last day	27
28 8:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Christian L.I.F.E Hour 10:00 AM Shepherd U 10:00 AM Teen FIA 10:00 AM Worship Srv- Senior Choir 11:15 AM Reiki Workshop	29 7:00 pm Financial Fitness Class	30 9:00 AM Senior Center 10:00 AM Tutoring 2:30 PM Tutoring 4:30 PM Tuesdays w/ Pastor 6:45 PM Boy Scout Troop 151	31 9:00 AM Newsletter Folding Team 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship 5:00 PM Tutoring 6:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM NA	1 JUNE 9:30 AM Tutoring 10:00 AM Yarn Works 2:30 PM Tutoring 3:00 PM Tutoring 7:30 PM AA	2	3



STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH OFFERING

On Sunday, June 4, 2017

we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Christian church. On this Sunday, we will also participate in one of four special denominational offerings, Strengthen the Church.



The "Strengthen the Church Offering" supports pastoral and lay leadership development and helps to grow youth and young adult ministries within conferences. It provides money to seed new churches that bring hope to people on the margins who wouldn't set

foot in church otherwise and helps established churches to begin projects working with refugees and immigrants. It also helps fund creative ideas experimenting with new ways in which Christian millennials are gathering.

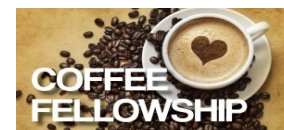
This Ministry of Missions

5/7 Hinkle/Krueger/Martensen

5/14 Ed Turk

5/21 Paldauf / Hadler

5/28 Stauffer / Roby



If you cannot make your scheduled date, please contact the church office.

USHERS AND GREETERS

Date	Ushers	Greeter
5/7	Ron Martens Dave Carris	Ed Turk
5/14	Ron Martens Nidia Kulak	Sharon Stengel
5/21	Ron Martens Lori Martens	Sally Cope
5/28	Ron Martens Bob Benjamin	Sandy Ferguson

5/7

Ed Turk

5/14

Pat Hemmingsen

5/21

Robert Woertendyke

5/28

Ann Armato



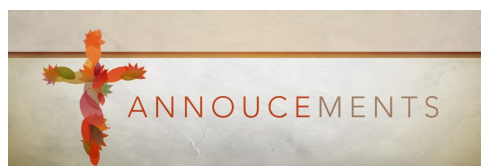
ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

5/7 Marcy & Ella Barham

5/14 Madison Thornsberry
Abby Kapusinski

5/21 Nolan Pocijewski

5/28 AJ Albandia



May 7 Dave Aggen

May 14 Jen Jazwinski

May 21 Sally Cope

May 28 Michelle Tarosas

NURSERY

Date	Nursery Staff	Volunteer
5/7	Brittany Mainiero	Peg Schwab
5/14	Pam Elliott	WynnAnn Roggeveen
5/21	Brittany Mainiero	
5/28	Pam Elliott	Peg Schwab



May 14 Liz Albandia & Wynn Ann Roggeveen

May 28 Liz Albandia & Stephanie Barham



About CCA and the UCC

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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 (Route 31) 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' prayer for the unity of the church. The UCC is one of the most diverse Christian churches 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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