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"Living our faith in Jesus Christ through acceptance, service and love."



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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL ONE CLASS FOR ALL AGES

June 7 – August 9 9:00 AM Every Sunday

When the mind knows, we call it knowledge.

When the heart knows, we call it love.

When the being knows, we call it prayer.

Anonymous

Join us for a class in which we will explore all the aspects of prayer – what it means to pray, the different types of prayer, the different ways to pray.

We will have fun as we learn. This class is for everyone – from 1 to 100!! So join us.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**





Dear Friends,

Prayer should be the easiest, most natural thing in the world for us to do. But try this – define prayer in a few words to someone who has no idea of what God or religion is. This simplest of activities is not so easy to define. The Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible devotes 11 pages of very tiny print to the entry “Prayer”, beginning the definition with these words:

In the Bible prayer moves from the level of magic to the heights of spiritual communion and identification of will and activity with God. No definition which would cover all the references is possible except in general terms. Prayer is attempted intercourse with God, with or without the mediation of priests or heavenly beings; it is usually, but not necessarily, vocal. It is designed by means of the creation of personal contact to affect the nature and course of the relationship. Its means and ends always depend upon how the nature of God is conceived. (Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible, volume K-Q, p.857)

This is only about prayer in the Bible. It does not address private prayer, prayers of other faiths, types of prayers, methods of praying or the efficacy of prayer! Archeologists say that they have found evidence of prayers of the Neanderthals who lived from 200,000 to 30,000 B.C.E. Prayers have been offered by religious zealots, atheists and everyone in between. Its such a large and exciting topic that we have decided to devote our whole summer to the study of prayer!

I encourage you to come – we will have fun while we learn. There will be games, hands-on activities, contests. So join us – bring your friends. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. And at the end, we will all be better in our prayer life!

“Prayer makes your heart bigger, until it is capable of containing the gift of God himself. Prayer begets faith, faith begets love, and love begets service on behalf of the poor.”

— Mother Teresa

-Rev. Cope

June Birthdays

02	Pat Hemmingsen	21	Eric Kapusinski
07	Nancy Ekstrom	23	Norm Stengel
08	Howard Dittmann	25	Marc Munaretto
09	Art Nesser	25	Michael Fack
10	Sandy Ferguson	26	Barb Whitaker
10	Jackson Scheske	26	Patrick Holleran
11	Alyssa Bauman	26	Lori Martens
14	Arn Schaper	27	Vi Colbert
15	Marion Anderson	27	June Casteron
17	Debbie Carris	28	Donna Krueger
17	Wynn Ann Roggeveen	28	Doug St. John
19	Steve Haug	30	Laura Wright
21	June Garand		

June Anniversaries

12	Ron & Roberta Reed	48 years
12	Scott & Kathy Phillips	31 years
16	Jim & Barb Erion	41 years
16	Rob & Ronda Feltes	3 years
18	Roger & Betty Paldauf	48 years
23	Gary & Dede Gray	41 years
23	Norm & Sharon Stengel	30 years
25	Oliver & Sandy Lindgren	48 years
21	Mark & Beth Pocijewski	21 years
27	Dave & Debbie Carris	27 years
27	Steve & Karen Guenther	21 years

RUMMAGE SALE

June 18th - 20th

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY **9AM - 12:00.**

All Church Rummage Sale for Three Days-Two Floors of Bargains. The whole church has cleaned their basements and closets and brought in the works. All proceeds benefit the ministries of CCA. We can not accept mattresses, baby furniture, T.V.'s, or computers. Donations can be received beginning May 30th and can be brought to the downstairs Fellowship Hall across from the kitchen!



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

Ed Brandwein
11436 Russell Dr.
Huntley IL 60142

Louise Dahm
1005 South Rd.
Fox River Grove, IL 60021

Marge Hanley
808 Menominee Drive
Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

Joyce Horn
Alden Terrace
803 Royal Dr.
McHenry, IL 60050

Erna Houdek
Valley Hi
2406 Hartland Rd.
Woodstock, IL 60098

George & Betty Imhoff
731 Oceola Drive
Algonquin, IL 60102

Donna Krueger
Sunrise Senior Living
790 N. Plum Grove Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Janet Larsen
Valley Hi
2406 Hartland Rd.
Woodstock, IL 60098

Edna McCormick
1215 Geringer Road
Algonquin, IL 60102

Frances Newberg
c/ Bob Newberg
532 S. Kennicott Ave.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Thea O'Connor
c/o Liberty Estates
2080 W. Navajo Dr.
#341
Freeport, IL 61032

Ron Reed
Florence Nursing Center
546 East Grant Hwy.
Marengo, IL 60152

Claudette Treadwell
731 Longwood Dr.
Algonquin, IL 60102

Glen True
25 Lincoln
Dundee, IL 60118

Barb Whitaker
Sunrise Assisted Living
751 Terra Cotta Avenue
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Ethel Yamashita
Sunrise Senior Living
790 N. Plum Grove Rd.
Schaumburg, IL 60173

Send a card and let our friends know we miss them.

The following individuals have been recently hospitalized and/or had surgery since our last newsletter.



George Imhoff

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Tom Houp Mekever Jr
Roman Tatarinowicz
Paul Finch
Max George
Ryan Williams
Sean Hackney

Patrick McMahon
Michael Hartman
Travis Primrose
Chris Higgins
John (Jay) Hogrewe
Steven Canington

Would you like a visit from Rev. Cope?

If you are going to have surgery, or would like Rev Cope to visit you at home, please contact him directly by calling the church office or his cell # at 224-535-1778. Whenever possible, he likes to have a word of prayer with you before you have your surgery. If you know ahead of time that you are having surgery, you may put a note in the offering plate.

You do not need to be ill or recovering from surgery to request a visit. Please call the church office or his cell number to request a visit.

HELP US HONOR OUR CHURCH MEMBERS

Not all of our church members can come to church. Through no fault of their own, circumstances force them out of the church building. Over the years, we have labeled them "Shut-Ins" or "Homebound" to identify them, but the labels themselves end up isolating them from our fellowship. What we want to know especially when we can't get to church is that our fellowship is not bound by space. We want to know that as a part of this congregation, we belong together as a family.

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: **Glen True and Barb Whitaker**. You will find their addresses listed above. Let them know that they are a part of our family and that they are missed and thought about.

Summer Reading Program



Increase your knowledge, renew your faith, and have a little fun this summer by participating in the Summer Reading Program.

Just read a book and turn in the form. And if you read a book from our chosen library on Prayer (or get Pastor Cope to approve your book on prayer) you can earn extra points for reading. Each of those books will count as two. Then just fill out a form and we will keep track of who has read the most books during the summer.



This reading program is for adults, youth and children (if you are too young or too old to read, it will count if someone reads for you and turns in a form)

Prizes will be awarded for the adult, youth, and child who has accumulated the most points for reading during the summer. Forms that look like the praying character above will be available to record your books. Then after they are recorded they will be posted all over the church to decorate the church for summer. Happy Reading!!!



*Blessed are those who are generous,
because they feed the poor.
- Proverbs 22:9*

Feed My Starving Children
Food Packing Trip

We are scheduling a trip to work at the Feed My Starving Children location in Schaumburg, Illinois.

This event is for youth and adults interested in mission work. If you want to join us, please sign-up on the bulletin board. (If you are a youth, you will need a permission slip, unless your parent plans to attend) You can find permission slips on the bulletin board too.

We have to let them know exactly the number that are coming, so please think carefully about signing up as we have asked for 20 spaces and we will get more, but we have to have the exact count.

**Thursday, June 25th
Meet at Church at 1:30pm**

Meet at church. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes (No Sandals or Flip-flops) Please leave jewelry at home. Phones will be checked in when we get there. Friends are welcome, but they too must have permission slips if they are under 18. Most jobs require the ability to walk, but there are some jobs that can be done sitting down.

When you go to a food packing event, it really makes you feel like you are putting your faith into action. You know that you are making a difference and that is an awesome feeling. Please join us.

Strengthen the Church

Christ's Apostles began to grow the church on Pentecost.

Today, the United Church of Christ continues that growth tradition on Pentecost through the Strengthen the Church special offering. Funds from the offering contribute to leadership development among youth, renew UCC congregations in needy communities, and encourage Illinois UCC churches to launch creative approaches to unmet needs.

From now through the Pentecost season, you can contribute to the great initiatives funded by grants from the UCC using envelopes available in the sanctuary. Half of all donations help our denomination's churches right here in Illinois.

Below is a UCC youth group project in our Illinois Conference that received a grant from Strengthen the Church then the Church.

Young Prophets Package Foods to Distribute Through the Greater Chicagoland Food Depository



Shop Heavenly Attic Resale Shop



307 South Main Street
Algonquin, IL 60102-2655
Phone: 847-854-4552

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

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.

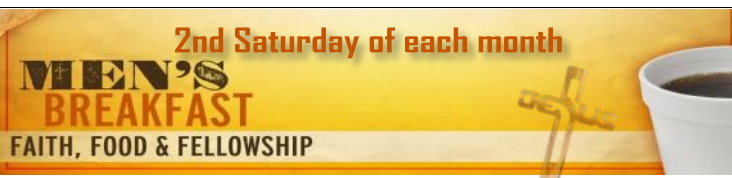
Church Calendar



The Church Calendar is available on line for all to see at any time. Just go to our website algonquinucc.org and choose the "Calendar" page and that is where you can see an up to date calendar of events for the Church year.

If you wish to have an event/meeting put on the calendar, please use the Form for adding/ changing/cancelling an event.

Using the forms will indicate to the office your needs for the meeting and allow the Church Office to keep our meetings up to date and make sure you have a room when you need one. You can find the form in the mailbox marked "forms" or attached to the office desk calendar.



Daniel Myers from The Churchill Centre will be here to make a presentation on Winston Churchill. Winston Churchill the Prime Minister of the UK from 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955. He is widely regarded as one of the greatest wartime leaders of the 20th century

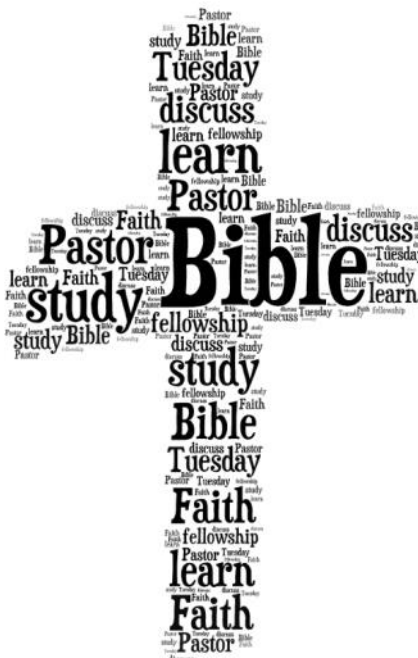
**June 13th 8:00am
Fellowship Hall**



Every 1st Wednesday is Game Day
2nd-4th Wednesday's are focused on
fellowship

Tuesdays with the Pastor 4:30 - 6:00

We invite you to join us every Tuesday for a Bible study with Pastor Cope. New people are always welcome for a stimulating study and discussion.



Senior Center

TUESDAYS 9:00 AM – NOON

The Senior Center meets weekly at the Congregational Church. It provides a gathering place for senior adults where fellowship, socialization, educational and enrichment opportunities are available. The center is open each Tuesday from 9:00 am to noon. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 847-658-5308 and leave a message for WynnAnn Roggeveen.

Yarn Works

We knit, crochet, and all other type of hand work. 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.

**Join us Thursdays at 10:00 am
In Fellowship Hall**



TEEN FAITH in ACTION

**“Show me your faith without
deeds, and I will show you
my faith by what I do.”
James 2:18**

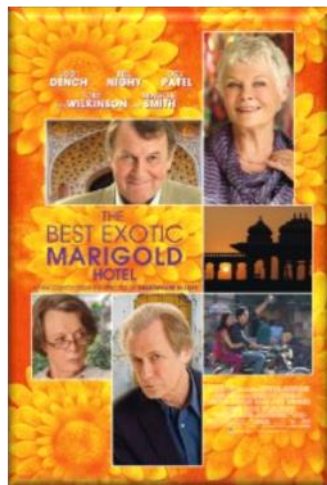
June 14th & 28th

**We meet on the Second and Fourth
Sundays each month to plan ways
to make the world a better place,
using Scripture to guide us how to
put our Faith into Action.
All Youth are Welcome.**

Movies with Meaning

June 13th 1:00 pm

**Our next movie is
The Best Exotic
Marigold Hotel;
2011 Release**



Disclaimer: It is our policy to print the pictures of events and fellowship activities of our members. For youth and children, it is our policy not to include personal names. If any member/friend of the church does not wish for their image to be used in our media publications, it is their right to request that their image is removed or not used. A file will be maintained in the church office to keep all posters on behalf of CCA informed of those who wish to decline participation in Social Media.



Does it seem to you that our church is very mission oriented?

Are you wondering what all of the many missions are that we promote or in which we volunteer?

A flyer called “God’s Work Our Hands” has been prepared by the Ministry of Missions to help answer your questions. Copies are available in the Narthex.



Bibles & Brew

Come enjoy a bible study with a more comfortable, laidback approach. We will meet at Port Edwards Restaurant Thursday June 25th at 7:00 pm!
20 W. Algonquin Rd. Algonquin, IL 60102

**June 18th
7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall**

faith
IN
action



Literacy Tutoring Update for June

The first support group meeting for tutors is scheduled for Sunday, June 7, at 11:15 am. It will be led by Pastor Cope. We will share stories, concerns, tips we have learned, and generally encourage each other. Come join us if you are already tutoring, are waiting for a learner, or just want to learn a little more about tutoring. Pizza will be provided, but bring anything else you would like to eat.

We have received donations of a few resource books and materials. They are available in the church library, in a cabinet marked "Tutoring Resources." You are free to borrow the books. Just sign them out on the clipboard that is in the cabinet. Other materials are for your use as needed.

If you wish to tutor, you need to be certified. You can do that by taking **tutor training classes**. These are available through:

The Literacy Connection of Elgin (12 hours of free instruction plus \$25 purchase of textbook)

McHenry County College (12 hours of free instruction plus 10 hours of practicum experience)

The organization you choose will then assign you to an adult learner(s) as they are available depending on where you want to tutor. There are brochures available at the **Literacy Tutoring display in Fellowship Hall** that explain more about their classes and tutor/learner assignments.

Any questions? Please talk to Pastor Cope, Sandy Ferguson or Lynn Brown.

The church's website: algonquinucc.org. (Get Involved/Current Projects.)

The Literacy Connection's website: elginliteracy.org

McHenry County College's website: mchenry.edu/volunteer



The Ministry of Missions is looking for items of interest for the Missions Bulletin Board

Do you have something about missions that you would like to see on the Missions Bulletin Board, such as an article, a notice, or a photo? (The board is in the hallway, across from the kitchen.) Please drop it into the mail slot marked Missions Bulletin Board and include your name.

MISSION: POSSIBLE

A Tale of Love in Action



Barb and Don Schmidt volunteer weekly at ReStore Elgin, a Habitat for Humanity "reuse center."

Several years ago, Barb and Don Schmidt were looking for additional ways to "give back" out of the abundance of God's gifts to them. They call it "stewardship of their time and talents." They found the ReStore reuse center in their town of Elgin. For three hours every Friday morning, Don uses his talents for "fixing things" by testing and repairing equipment such as lights and fans, while Barb is busy stocking shelves.

Because they are doing much needed work behind the scenes at the center, their personal contacts are primarily with other volunteers. They enjoy talking with a gentleman from India, who is a Hindu, and working with a mentally-challenged man who is gaining skills and self-confidence through the work he does.

P.S. The Schmidts have recently also taken on a totally different way to give back. They are tutoring two adults who wish to improve their English (through The Literacy Connection of Elgin and as part of our church's Literacy Tutoring Program.)

ReStore Elgin is a reuse center benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley. ReStore accepts donated new and gently used goods from retailers, manufacturers, distributors, contractors, and homeowners. Home equipment, furniture and building supplies are then sold at greatly reduced prices to the general public. The store's operation generates funds to support Habitat's home building program in the Northern Fox Valley area.

Ministry of Missions



Laundry Baskets, Lamps

Dry Pasta & Sauce



THE TUESDAY WITH THE PASTOR study group is challenging themselves 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. For **June** if you would like to help out the Food Pantry, please bring Dry Pasta & Sauce. If you can help the Home of the Sparrow, please bring Laundry Baskets and Lamps.



Fair Trade

June 14th

We're on the church website: algonquinucc.org

We have met our goal for The Red Cherry Challenge! We had pledged to buy 100 pounds of coffee before the end of May, and we have reached that already! All the coffee we buy continues to support this program at 10 cents per pound, but adds no cost to what we order. Equal Exchange will use this money to help growers in South and Central America combat leaf rust which is threatening coffee crops as it creeps to higher elevations because of climate change. About those empty coffee bags and cocoa containers, think about these when you are starting seeds for spring planting. And if you bought the single-serve (K-Cups), the components can be composed and recycled after you reuse them to start seeds! The hole is already in the bottom of the cup ready to go. If you have used honey jars they can be returned to the beekeeper in Woodstock to be sterilized and refilled with this season's honey. Drop them off anytime. We can be proud of the difference we are making around the world for small growers. And our purchases continue to support the Franklinton Center in North Carolina. 15 cents from every pound of all products is donated at no additional cost to us. Our sales are averaging \$180, and our purchases weigh 25 to 30 pounds each month. Check out the information in the blue notebook on our table on the second Sunday this month.

Equal Exchange's mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, to foster mutually beneficial relationships between farmers and consumers and to demonstrate, through our success, the contribution of worker co-operatives and Fair Trade to a more equitable, democratic and sustainable world.



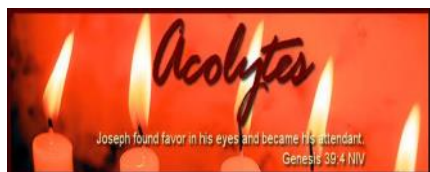
COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

June 7	Thime Family, Sue Kreibich
June 14	Venzon Family
June 21	Liz Albandia, Stephanie Barham
June 28	Nancy Blackman & Loren Twarling



Ushers Greeters

June 7	Main: Ron Martens Corner: Lori Martens	Desk: Sandy Ferguson Corner: Sally Cope
June 14	Main: Ron Martens Corner: Ann Armato	Desk: Sally Cope Corner: Dede Gray
June 21	Main: Ron Martens Corner: Lori Martens	Desk: Sally Cope Corner: Ed Turk
June 28	Main: Ron Martens Corner: Lori Martens	Desk: Sandy Ferguson Corner: Sally Cope



ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

June 7	A.J. Albandia
June 14	Robert Woertendyke
June 21	Scott & Abby Kapusinski
June 28	Macy & Ella Barham



LITURGIST SCHEDULE

June 7	Sally Cope
June 14	Lore Sprouse
June 21	Bill Hellyer
June 28	Shirley Basler



Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Report as of April, 2014

Total Operating Fund Income

for month of April	\$20,994.31
YTD	\$96,685.92

Total Operating Expenses

for month of April	\$27,713.45
YTD	\$94,612.61

Mortgage Balance \$147,450.21

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



Rev. Brian: "You Done Good!!"

The dedication of the candlesticks including the attached roses was all that my family and I could have asked for. The old saying "above and beyond" comes to mind. Rosemary would really appreciate the fact you called her by her full name. Friends, neighbors, and relatives got away with Rose, but she would tell her friends her name was Rosemary. Every now and then even her father would call her "Rosey"!! The Soto Family also very much appreciated so many of the congregation coming to us after the service and commenting on how nice the candlestick with the roses attached seem to brighten up the church and the service. As Rev. Cope said to me on the way out, "maybe we'll have to do this every Mother's Day" my comment, "go for it." Once again, thank you one and all.
Bill Soto and Family



On June 28 11:15 am Fundraising is sponsoring a demonstration for Norwex Products. Norwex is a company that sells environmentally friendly cleaning products. They are passionate about sustainability and shedding light on the harmful effects of chemicals in our bodies as well as our planet. If you want to learn how to clean everything more effectively, using only water, please join us on June 28 to see the Norwex products demonstrated. All proceeds will benefit ministries of CCA.



Congregational Church of Algonquin Senior Choir 2014 - 2015

Accompanist:

Bev Tipps

Sopranos:

Shirley Basler, Sandra Ferguson, Carol Haug, Genie McCully, Karen Parker, Judy Stauffer, Michelle Tarosas.

Altos:

Jen Jazwinski, Dian Granath, Betty Paldauf, Diane Scheske, Sue Kreibich

Tenors:

Dave Aggen, Ed Church, Steve Guenther, Rick Stauffer

Basses:

Gary Parker, Mark San Hamel, Joe Scheske, Gary Tipps

I want to thank all of you who have generously given of your time and talent to help make our worship a little more special. Your stewardship from week to week is important to the musical life of our worship and is truly appreciated. Thank you all for a great year. God bless your service and your continued dedication.

Greg Tipps

About CCA and the UCC

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Wanda Siverio

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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