



Highlight

*Increasing Our Love
for God & Neighbor*

The Congregational United Church of Christ

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PALM SUNDAY

March 24, Worship at 8:30 and 9:30am.
Noisy Can offering for Outdoor Ministries

Food on the 4th

Please bring donations for the **St. Charles Salvation Army & Elburn Food Pantries on March 24. Bring Household products (dish soap, cleaning products, toilet paper, paper towels)**

Tenebrae Service & Dinner

Maundy Thursday March 28, 6pm, Fellowship Hall
On this meaningful evening, everyone will share a simple meal provided by the Worship Committee, followed by Holy Communion and a Tenebrae Service in Fellowship Hall. Sign up to attend on the Cong. Life board.



March 31 Easter Sunday Worship Services

8:30am Brief Service

9:30 & 11am Identical Services with Sunday School through 5th Grade & Nursery Care at 9:30 and 11am.

Special Coffee Fellowship at 10:30. Sign up on Congregational Life board to help.

Easter Giving Tree

Our congregation is again sponsoring 4 families at Easter time. These families are part of the Love and Action Organization, which offers physical, emotional and spiritual support to individuals with HIV-AIDS and their families. Our Easter Giving Tree is in the Narthex. You can participate by taking an ornament from the tree and purchasing the suggested gift. Many of these ideas are gift cards which can be purchased at the Manna table in Fellowship Hall. If you choose Manna, simply complete the Manna form and give the paper "ornament" to the Manna ladies. They will order the card and return it to the Mission Committee. Please return all the gifts with the "ornament" tag attached to the church office no later than Sunday, March 24. As always, thank you for your generous support.

Susan Rodgers, Mission Committee



A New Member Orientation evening
will be held **Tuesday, April 9, 7:30pm**
(date changed)

New Members will be received on Sunday, April 14 at the 9:30am worship service. If you are interested in joining or if you would just like to attend to find out more about our church, make sure the office has your name, address, phone number and E-mail to send you information about the meeting. If you have questions, please contact the church office or pastors.

One Great Hour of Sharing

This year, the theme for One Great Hour of Sharing, "Sharing Brings Joy," focuses on how "Sharing Brings Joy to God." God knows joy when we take actions that restore the well-being of His children; God loves our joyful attitude when we share from our abundance to help those in need. The funds we gather and share become very real gifts of love, joy and restoration. Our church's offering will be received on Sunday, 3/17. During this time, we ask for your generous contributions to help support the transformation of lives from 138 countries around the world.





PLEASE PRAY FOR

Maurice French
Fritz Gloege
Ted Hardison
Don Hattendorf
David Hinderliter
(Barb Fairbairn's son)
Frank Lagowski
Cynthia Lilke
Hannah Neiman
Corrin Stines
Fred Varguson
Cynthia Withey

Our sympathy to
 Ben & Megan Banwart .
 Their son, Miles
 was born Feb. 6
 and died the next day.

Daniel Jamieson Schifeling died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2013, in his home with family in Eau Clair, WI. Dan was born Feb. 16, 1923, to Lois Jean and Walter Schifeling in Peoria. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be given to The Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Charles. Dan's wife, Anna Lee, served our church for many years as Director of Christian Education. One of their sons, Dan Schiefeling, Jr., was ordained into the UCC ministry in a worship service at our church.

Anna L Schifeling
 4313 Oakwood Hills Pkwy, Apt 331
 Eau Claire, WI 54701

March 10
 Max & Barb Biddle in celebration
 of family birthdays & Max's birth-
 day on March 19



Dear UCC Family and Friends,
 I would like to thank the Church family for your love, care and concern during my recent health scare. It is so comforting to be in your thoughts and prayers. Tom, Sara and I can't tell you how much we appreciate each and every one of you. And the prayer shawl was also much appreciated! Fondly, Sue Palansky

Dear Friends,
 Our grandson, Colin Joseph Bart, was born on March 3, the son of Karyn & Eric Bart. The month of February was very long for our family as we waited and worried about Colin's and his mother's health. We are sure that God answered all of our prayers, he was born only 2 weeks prematurely, weighing 7lb, 10oz. and very healthy. He and his mother are now doing very well at home. Blessings and thank you for everyone's prayers and support, Carleen & Joe Bart.

Thank you all for your prayers, hugs, kind words, cards and empathy expressed with the passing of my sister Denise. We are so comforted with this support. Dawn Turner and family

Members of the church,
 Dave & I give thanks from the bottom of our hearts to all the kind and caring people in the church who took the time during the very busy Christmas season to write to our son Douglas. Doug has expressed to us several times how much he appreciated your cards and notes. They made his days a lot brighter! Thanks so much again. Sincerely, Dave & Kay Cameron

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



**PUT ON YOUR GREEN, FIND YOUR
 MARCHING SHOES
 JOIN CHURCH FRIENDS AND THE
 PUPPETS FOR THE ST. CHARLES
 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
 MARCH 16, 2PM**

**To participate in the parade be at the
 corner of 5th Street
 and Walnut St at 1:15pm**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Camp Scholarships

Anyone who plans to attend one of our church camps this summer at Tower Hill or Pilgrim Park can have a scholarship up to \$100 given by the Linder/Colson Camp scholarship fund and sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. The camp details and registration forms are on the CE bulletin board. Please bring in your registration form to have it signed and amount written in by Suzy Daly or Sue Peterson.

Summer Sunday School Teaching

If you would like to teach one Sunday this summer, please sign up on the Christian education bulletin board. The lessons will be ready for you. You may choose the Preschool/Kdg class or the 1st-3rd grade class. The children go to the class they will be attending in the fall. If you have questions, call Sue Peterson.

VBS In July

Children 4 years old through 5th grade, join us for an Everywhere Fun Fair, *Where God's World Comes Together*, on July 15-18 from 9-11:30am and Thursday evening, July 18 from 5-6:30pm for a family celebration. Registration forms available at uccstc.org. Children will have fun with Bible stories, games, crafts, music, science, snacks and more. Come and meet Godwin Merryfeather who is sure to make you laugh and help you learn all about God's love throughout the world. Questions call Sue Peterson.

Help With VBS

If you would like to help with Vacation Bible School this summer, please email Sue Peterson at susanmpeterson@sbcglobal.net. We need people to help bring snacks, help in the mornings with crafts, help with storytelling and be around to do whatever is needed. Call Sue Peterson to volunteer.



GF - Galilee of Friends

GF Wednesday Youth Group meetings for 9th-12th graders. Meeting in the youth room 119 (6:30-7 gathering time, 7-8 program time, 8-8:15 closing circle) March 20, Wed. GF
March 22-30 Youth Group Work Tour to DuVall Home in Florida

TGIJ - Thank God it's Jesus

For 6-8th Graders, Meets once a month.
Sunday, April 21, Photo Road Rally 1-2:30pm.
Sign up on Youth Board.

Confirmation 2013

March 17, 11-1pm
March 20, Lazarus House
(2nd half of class provide & serve meals.)
April 28 Road Clean Up
May 4, 9am Confirmation practice,
May 5, Confirmation

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is for 4th and 5th graders. We meet monthly from 5-6pm in Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month to make a difference in the communities in which we live, worship and play. We have fun while doing a project.

March 20, April 17, May 15.

Questions? Contact Rev. Suzy Daly at suzyqdaly@sbcglobal.net



Patti Molloy, RN, Parish Nurse
nurse@uccstc.org

Love Your Lungs

If you were asked “What type of cancer claims the lives of more people in the US than breast, prostate and colon cancer?” would your answer be lung cancer? What if the question were “What type of cancer claims the lives of more people in the US than breast, prostate and color cancer COMBINED?” I bet, like me, you’d be surprised to find that the answer is indeed lung cancer.

The lungs are different from most of the other organs in your body because their delicate tissues are directly connected to the outside environment. Anything you breathe in can affect your lungs. Germs, tobacco smoke and other harmful substances can cause damage to your airway and threaten the lungs’ ability to work properly. The body has a natural defense system designed to protect the lungs. This works very well most of the time to keep out dirt and fight off germs. But there are some important things you can do to reduce your risk of lung disease.

DON’T SMOKE. Cigarette smoking is the major cause of COPD and lung cancer. Cigarette smoke can narrow the air passages and make breathing more difficult. It causes chronic inflammation in the lung which can lead to chronic bronchitis. Over time cigarette smoke destroys lung tissue, and may trigger changes that grow into lung cancer. Tobacco smoke is a toxic mix of more than 7,000 chemicals! Many are poisons. At least 70 of the 7,000 are KNOWN to cause cancer. People who smoke are 15-30 times more likely to get lung cancer than people who don’t smoke. Even smoking a few cigarettes a day or smoking occasionally increases the risk of lung cancer. The more years a person smokes and the more cigarettes smoked each day, the more risk goes up. People who quit smoking have lower risk of lung cancer than if they had continued to smoke. Quitting smoking AT ANY AGE can lower the risk of lung cancer. Using other tobacco products such as cigars or pipes also increases the risk for lung cancer. Secondhand smoke also causes lung cancer. Every year in the United States, about 3,000 people who never smoked die from lung cancer caused by secondhand smoke.

AVOID EXPOSURE TO POLLUTANTS THAT CAN DAMAGE YOUR LUNGS. Secondhand smoke, outdoor air pollution, chemicals in the home and workplace, and radon can all cause or worsen lung disease. Make your home and car smoke-free. Test your home for radon. Avoid exercise outdoors on bad air days.

The following is a list of warning signs of lung disease to tell your healthcare provider about as soon as possible.

-Chronic Cough- A cough that you have had for a month is chronic. This is an important early symptom that tells you something may be wrong with your respiratory system.

-Chronic Mucus Production – Mucus production that lasts a month is considered chronic and may indicate lung disease.

-Shortness of Breath – Shortness of breath that doesn’t go away after exercising, or that you have after little or no exertion, should be reported. Difficult breathing is also a warning sign.

-Wheezing – This is a sign that something is blocking or narrowing your airway.

-Coughing up Blood – If you are coughing up blood, it is a sign of a health problem.

A note here about radon: Radon is a naturally occurring gas that comes from rocks and dirt and can get trapped in houses and buildings. It cannot be seen, tasted, or smelled. It causes about 20,000 cases of lung cancer each year, making it the second leading cause of lung cancer. Nearly one out of every 15 homes in the US is estimated to have high radon levels. The EPA recommends testing homes for radon. This is especially important if you have a finished lower level where you spend a lot of time or if someone regularly sleeps in a basement bedroom. If you smoke and are exposed to high levels of radon, your risk of developing lung cancer is especially high. Test kits are available online at Amazon.com and also through the National Radon Program Services at Kansas State University at www.sosradon.org/test-kits. This website is full of extremely useful information.

Another note: This one about household chemicals. Never, say it with me, NEVER, mix household cleaners... especially bleach!

When bleach and ammonia are mixed, toxic gases called chloramines are produced. Exposure to these gases is harmful to the respiratory system. In addition to ammonia purchased as a cleaning product, it may be found in glass and window cleaners, urine (use caution when cleaning diaper pails or litter boxes), and paints.

When chlorine bleach is mixed with an acid, chlorine gas is given off. Chlorine gas, even at low levels, almost always irritates the eyes, throat, and nose. Very high levels can cause death. Household products that may contain acids include vinegar, glass and window cleaner, automatic dishwasher detergents and rinses, toilet bowl cleaners, drain cleaners, lime, calcium and rust removal products, and brick and concrete cleaners.

If you use one cleaner on an area and then decide to try another cleaner, you must, say it with me again, MUST, rinse the first chemical completely away before you use another. Even a small, inadvertent overlapping of some cleaning agents can be dangerous and possibly fatal. If you think this is an exaggeration, I encourage you to ask Debby Graham about her experience!

Last month I encouraged you to keep your heart happy. This month I ask you to love your lungs. If you smoke or love someone who does, you can call 1-800- QUIT-NOW for help to quit.

Remember, people who quit at any age lower their risk of lung cancer and lung disease. Love your Lungs. Start today!

Automated External Defibrillator is located just outside the office door. Look for the overhead AED sign. The phone is on the adjacent wall. To call for help, press an outside line and dial 911.



Church Auction-Saturday, April 13

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!
ENJOY THE MUSIC OF BOZ SKAGGS
AND SUPPORT THE AUCTION TOO

Boz Skaggs is an American singer, songwriter and guitarist known for "Look What You Do to Me" from the movie, Urban Cowboy
 2 tickets to the Boz Skaggs concert
 Friday, April 12, 8 PM at the Arcada Theater.
 Tickets are valued at \$120 each but you can have both for the price of \$120.00. Proceeds will go to the Come See the World with Us auction. Contact Wynne Hegland at 630-377-0440.



First Call-Mission Airlines is getting ready to board Flight 413 in Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. and you don't want to be left at the gate. Make sure you've got your ticket for this fun-filled trip. You'll savor delicacies from around the world while you peruse the aisles of silent and live auction splendor. Then buckle your seat belt, get your paddles ready and let the bidding begin! Here's a sneak preview of some of the items you'll find: Vacation stays in Ireland, Vale, Galena, Naples and Green Lake, Chicagoland sightseeing flight, original framed watercolor, dinner or appetizer party for 15, limo services, handmade quilts and scarves, pies, cookies or soup for a year, a church wedding package, restaurant and theater gift certificates, handy man services, various gift baskets and much more.

"Come See the World With Us!"



CHURCH AUCTION

Saturday, April 13, 2013

"WINE & DINE"

Donation Idea

One Restaurant Gift Card
 (Don't forget to use Manna)

Donate one or both for the mystery

"Wine & Dine" gift bags.

See the Auction Bulletin Board for more details!



Bring your family and friends along-they fly FREE!

2013 Vacation Bible School Registration 4 years old through 5th grade

July 15-18, 9-11:30am & Thurs. Night July 18, 5-6:30pm HELD AT ST. CHARLES UCC

Elburn Community Congregational Church, Elburn & The Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Charles

Everywhere Fun Fair Where God's World Comes Together

Love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

Name _____

Last

First

(Preferred)

Male/Female

Address _____

City

ZIP

Home phone _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____ Grade Entering _____

Parent(s) Guardian _____ Email _____

Are you available to help? Yes _____ No _____ Nursery available for children of volunteers-check if needed _____

Cell Phone _____ Circle Elburn Church or St. Charles Church Member or Friend

Allergies or other conditions which may limit activity _____

In case of emergency, contact _____

One form per child \$15 ATTACHED \$ _____ (You can write one check for more than one child.)

Check if you need a scholarship for registration. _____

Make check payable to: Congregational UCC, 40W451 Fox Mill Blvd. St. Charles IL 60175. Mark VBS on Memo Line of Check.

Questions? Call Sue Peterson-St. Charles church office (630)584-0929 or Theresa Biddle, Elburn at (815) 827-3515

(Office-Credit Account # 3112 Cash _____ Check Number _____ Initial _____)

Drama Presentations

LOOKING FOR. . . a few men & women (including one high school/college female) to do some drama presentations for worship. Please contact Janet Bell at 630-262-3923 or janetb316@gmail.com to learn more. Don't be shy. Step right up!

ISLAM'S VIEW

OF OTHER RELIGIONS. . . is the topic of the next Fox Valley Interfaith meeting and all are invited. We will meet at Batavia Islamic Center (lower level of Calvary Episcopal Church at Rte. 31 & Main St. in Batavia. The date is Sunday, March 17, 12:45 p.m. to observe Noon Prayers (Dhurh) at 1:02 p.m., then the program and a light vegetarian lunch.

Our speaker will be Inamul Haq of Elmhurst College. In addition to teaching courses on Islam, he is a founding member of the International Strategy and Policy Institute, a frequent public speaker and an honorary Imam at area mosques. Inam is a board member of the Fiqh Committee of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Chicago and serves on the Interfaith Committee of the Bernadin Center.

On behalf of Fox Valley Interfaith, Rev. David Foxgrover has coordinated this program with Mazher Ahmed of Batavia Islamic Center. Please come meet new friends in faith and learn more about Islam than what is depicted on T.V.

Lazarus House Hosts July 4th Benefit

Lazarus House welcomes runners and walkers to register for its 8 AM July 4th Great Western Freedom 4 benefit to be held at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve in St. Charles. The event offers a competitive 4-mile CARA Certified run on a USATF certified course on the Fox River Trail Runners Circuit and a 2-mile scenic walk. Registration is open at www.signmeup.com. Participants are encouraged to give their neighbors a further "hand up" by collecting pledges. Sponsorships are also welcome. The event is a great way to lend support to people in our community who need help to gain their freedom from homelessness. All proceeds will benefit Lazarus House, a community shelter. For participation cost, pledge forms, sponsorship information and other details, visit the events page at www.lazarushouseonline.com or call Donna at 630-587-2144.

Food on the 4th

Please bring non-perishable food for the St. Charles Salvation Army & Elburn Food Pantries on March 24. Bring **household products** (dish soap, cleaning products, toilet paper, paper towels)



The next Women's Fellowship meeting will be held in the church's parlor at 9:00 am on April 3. We will be gearing up for the Spring Rummage Sale. Do join us for social time, devotions, a meeting, organizing the rummage sale, and Margie Johnson will present her program "Pilgrim Park & More."

Women's Fellowship Rummage Sale Week of April 15-20

Please sign up to help work.
DROP OFF DONATIONS

- Monday-Wednesday
April 15-17, 8:30-4:30
- Thursday, April 18, 8:30-NOON
- Baked goods drop-off starting Thurs. April 18

For donation pickups please
call Jane Batte 630-587-2417

SALE DATES

Thurs, April 18 • 4-7pm
Fri, April 19 • 9am-6pm
Sat, April 20 • 9am-Noon

• **DO BRING** Small household appliances, dishes, pans, lamps, pictures, shelves, toys, books, baby items and baby clothes, seasonal decorations, records, tapes, clothing, shoes, smaller furniture, such as chairs, dinette sets, etc. If something is electrical, please mark that it works.

• **PLEASE DO NOT BRING** Large appliances, curtain rods, TV's, couches, adult bikes, encyclopedias, large pieces of exercise equipment, computers, or soiled clothing.

**Check the Lost and Found
basket outside the office.
Anything left on April 15
will be sold at the rummage sale.**

Church Employment Positions

The Church Council approved the following job descriptions for two positions, Connections Coordinator and Children's Ministry Coordinator. Please contact Rev. John Rodgers or Wyonne Hegland if you are interested or want more information about either position.

Children's Ministry Job Description

The most important aspect of this ministry is the Sunday morning Christian Education for the children of our church.

The following is a specific description for responsibilities for the Children's Ministry Coordinator which are to be accomplished on a weekly, monthly, or annual basis. It shall be clearly understood that during the course of a week, month or year, there may be other short term tasks assigned which cannot be foreseen at the present time. When those short term tasks are assigned, they shall be assigned by the Senior Pastor or the Christian Education Committee.

Children's Ministry Coordinator

The Coordinator shall:

1. Provide leadership and direction of the educational ministry of the church for children.
2. Supervise and coordinate infant through middle school Sunday School programs.
3. Research and purchase grade appropriate curriculum and needed supplies with the assistance of the Christian Education Committee.
4. Coordinate teacher training/orientation through periodic Sunday School staff meetings.
5. Recruit and coordinate a small group of volunteers to deliver weekly Sunday morning "Moments With Children" during the worship service.
6. Oversee Christian Education space usage and upkeep, and coordinate with other groups.
7. Procure volunteers or paid staff to supervise the nursery for Sundays and special church events.
8. Assist in preparing the budget for Christian Education.
9. Be the staff person for Christian Education Committee meetings.
10. Participate in the Church Staff meetings and trainings.
11. Supervise/coordinate special Sunday School events, including Vacation Bible School. Other examples include Communion Education, Advent Workshop, Christmas Eve Family Service, etc.
12. Provide publicity to the church newsletter, bulletin, mailings about the Christian Education programs.
13. Assist the Christian Education Committee with volunteer staff appreciation/recognition programs.
14. Participate yearly in continuing education programs on Christian Education.
15. Maintain accurate lists of church school teachers, class helpers and assistants, students by class and church school substitutes.
16. Develop opportunities for family ministry i.e. parenting classes, etc.
17. Broader opportunities for leading parish ministry under the supervision of the Senior Minister.

Conditions for Children's Ministry Coordinator

*This is a part-time position of approximately 20 hours per week.

*Educational background and/or previous Christian Education experience in a leadership role is expected. Theological training(education) would be considered an asset, though not necessary.

*Employed and supervised by the Church Council and Senior Minister.

*Flexible ten month position.

*Recommended starting date: To Be Determined

Connections Coordinator Job Description

ATTRACTION

Develop and implement a "marketing plan" to attract persons to our church and our mission.

Develop a visitor follow up plan.

WELCOME

Facilitate a welcoming atmosphere during worship and fellowship

Provide opportunities for training of congregation in area of welcome.

Help develop quality new member orientation opportunities.

Respond to visitors' needs and questions

Follow up on identified needs of visitors

ASSIMILATION

Develop and coordinate an assimilation program into the ministries and activities of the church for new members and existing members.

Work with Congregational Life Committee to develop opportunities for fellowship.

Make personal contact with new members at 3 months, 6 months and a year to see how they are doing and encourage involvement.

Coordinate contact between the various ministries and new members.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

Attend church staff meetings

Attend training meetings

Be the staff person for the Congregational Life Committee meetings

Explore and coordinate budget needs for position of Connections Coordinator, i.e newspaper ads, postage, signage, etc.

Broader opportunities for leading parish ministry under the supervision of the Senior Minister.

Approximately 10 hours per week
10 month salaried position

CUCC Mom's Group



2nd Monday of every month, 10:30am

April 8–CUCC Mom's Group will be meeting the 2nd Monday of every month in room 115/117 at 10:30am. The meetings will last approximately 1 hour. Meeting topics and activities will vary. Kids are always welcome at the meetings.

Family Camp CAPE COD 2013!



FAMILY CAMP (7/28/13 - 8/2/13) will visit Cape Cod, MA! We will be staying at the Craigville Retreat Center, located on a bluff over Nantucket Sound, with access to a private beach. Please visit our new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CUCCFamilyCamp> to see more. Registration forms are available on the Family Camp bulletin board and a 25% payment is due March 1st. Questions? Contact Lisa Sidor (lsidor@msn.com).

Family Camp Testimonials

I think family camp was fun and am looking forward to doing it again. I liked that I could eat dinner, walk to vespers, and then hang out with the other kids until we went to bed. I hope that even more people are going to be there this year. ~ Quinn Sidor

I liked that there were scheduled activities and meals, but that we could also do things on our own. I enjoyed hanging out with the other families. It was nice how everyone was brought together for a quiet time with vespers. It was also fun to visit a new state and try new things. ~ Emma Sidor

Our entire family enjoyed family camp in Colorado last year. The day trips were fun especially Pikes Peak. The cabins and lodge were very nice. Evening included fun activities for the kids and a chance for the adults to relax and enjoy some free time!

Our kids LOVED having their friends to hang out with day and night. We are all excited about Cape Cod this year! The kids ask every week which families have signed up to go. ~ Laure Masuret-Baloun



**Novel Approaches
Friday, April 12
7:30pm
at Susan & John Rodgers'**

11-22-63 by Stephen King

Sign up to attend on the Congregational Life board.

On November 22, 1963, three shots rang out in Dallas, President Kennedy died, and the world changed. What if you could change it back? Stephen King's heart-stoppingly dramatic novel is about a man who travels back in time to prevent the JFK assassination.

Jake Epping is a thirty-five-year-old high school English teacher in Lisbon Falls, Maine, who makes extra money teaching adults in the GED program. Jake's friend Al, who runs the local diner, divulges a secret: his store-room is a portal to 1958. He enlists Jake on an insane—and insanely possible—mission to try to prevent the Kennedy assassination. So begins Jake's new life as George Amberson and his new world of Elvis and JFK, of big American cars and sock hops, of a troubled loner named Lee Harvey Oswald and a beautiful high school librarian named Sadie Dunhill - a life that transgresses all the normal rules of time.

A tribute to a simpler era and a devastating exercise in escalating suspense, 11/22/63 is Stephen King at his epic best.

New Yoga Session with Donna Burg.

9 weeks, Mondays from 9-10:15am. Are you one of the many people who have wanted to try our Peaceful Heart Yoga, but were hesitant to sign up? Now is the time. Peaceful Heart Yoga is intimate without being intimidating, and the gentle classes will leave you feeling long, strong and de-stressed! We welcome and encourage you to try Peaceful Heart Yoga!

Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, June 3

\$90 for 9 weeks

\$12 per week (drop in)

Sign up on Congregational Life board.

**Highlight Newsletter
Copy Deadline
Monday, April 8, before NOON**

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

New members, Rob Cameron, Eric Weidl, Lisa Sidor, Nancy Scorby and Charlotte Surta were welcomed. The following will serve as council officers this year: Wyonne Hegland, president, John Speck, vice president, Mike Linder, secretary/clerk, and Tim O'Brien, treasurer.

A congratulatory note was sent to Derrick Baer on becoming an Eagle Scout and to thank him for building the shelves in the storage area. A thank you note was also sent to Bob Brautigam who supervised the project.

The job descriptions for the Connections Coordinator and Children's Ministry Coordinator were approved and are printed in this issue of the Highlight.

It was reported that Manna had an excellent month with the profit going to the youth mission trip. Manna profits support many needs not covered by the Mission budget.

Bob Brautigam and Tim O'Brien continue to explore alternative providers for electricity. This past year we were able to save a considerable amount and it is felt that with further exploration of other companies, the church can realize more savings.

A safeguard audit was completed earlier this year by Tim O'Brien and Susan Klopmeier. The Council accepted the report and will be addressing any recommendations made throughout the year.

Wyonne Hegland, Council President



It was a very cold snowy January night for our trip for Night Ministries. The thermometer showed 9 degrees. I had been last year in January and vowed I would never go again in the winter. But I had wanted my husband, Dudley, to experience the "experience of Night Ministries" as I had last year, so a trip in January was best for both of us. Dressed in layers plus a long winter coat and snowpants I was much better prepared.

After organizing all our food along with getting the chili hot we packed the church van with sandwiches, fruit, cookies, water, drink boxes, chili, and chips. This time we were taking along over **200** sweatshirts, all donated by our amazing congregation. Our leader, Ann Richards, had organized the sweatshirts by size in various bags. Thank you, Ann, for all your time and talent. I am always surprised at all the donations for this worthy cause. Nine of us literally packed into the van with all our supplies and headed to Chicago led by our trusty driver, Jim Hegland. We arrived at Humboldt Park exactly at 7pm, just ahead of the Night Ministries bus. We soon set up on a street corner and quickly began serving people, mostly adults. We were not as organized as we could have been because of the cold weather. People were in a hurry to get their food and move on to selecting a sweatshirt. One young man was so delighted with a white hoodie. I always wonder where the people are going for the night. (I know I have a warm house and bed awaiting me). What I do know is they will at least have food for tomorrow as most of them took a bag full of food. And all said a big Thank You.

After more than an hour we packed up our van and moved to the Pilsen neighborhood. While driving there we all tried to warm our hands with those individual hand warmers. They do work. The Pilsen neighborhood stop was in a different location than previously. It was a dimly lit windy cold industrial park. Once again the people came for our gifts of food and sweatshirts. This group had more children around 8-10 years of age. I noticed a few of them had cars that they were using. How excited they were about the sweatshirts! Most requests were for hoodies. How can you blame them on a cold bitter night. We arrived back at church around 10pm. Despite the cold our hearts had been warmed by the good feeling we had done something good for our neighbors.

Barb Pankoke

Upcoming Night Ministry dates:
May 21---Humboldt Park and Pilsen
July 23---Lakeview



Adult Education Opportunity

April 7, 10:45 (117)



When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."
Luke 2:15 NIV

Ruth Nelson from Bright Stars of Bethlehem will be joining us on April 7 after worship to tell us more about what they are doing in Bethlehem and how we can help. Read on about the organization.

When we speak of Bethlehem or sing of Bethlehem with our parishioners and families, our image is generally one of Christmas night: the shepherds in the field, the star in the sky, and the babe in the manger.

Today, Bethlehem is a place of political unrest and uncertainty and now surrounded by a 28 ft separation wall on three sides. But Bethlehem is also home to Christmas Lutheran Church and hundreds of Lutheran Christians (many of whom are refugees) living out their hope in an often hopeless environment.

In 2003, Bright Stars of Bethlehem (BSB) was founded "to promote and spread the word about the many outreach ministries of Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem to build hope and a brighter future for Palestine." BSB provides funding and support to local initiatives serving the educational, medical, professional, and spiritual development needs of people living in Christ's birthplace. DIYAR (the plural of DAR, which means "home" or "homeland" in Arabic) is the consortium of 3 major emphases in Bethlehem.

Today Bright Stars of Bethlehem provides ministries, education, healthcare, arts and leadership formation and worship opportunities to people of all ages. Their ministries include:

- Youth and Children through the Diyar Academy for Children and Youth that provides art, music, dance, sports, and theater instruction for children 6-16 as a way to express in a creative way and bring a new awareness to help youth learn skills to equip them in life.
- Dar al-Kalima College is a 2-year college specializing in arts, multimedia and communications programs. Accreditation as a 4 year institution will be realized soon and already 300 students, both full and part-time, attend the school. An increasing number of educational institutions in the US are partnering with both student and faculty programs for learning and exchange.
- Dar al-Kalima Health and Wellness Center provides exercise classes, swimming lessons, nutrition classes and preventative medicine to more than 3,000 people each month. This also includes the Ajyal program with now over 600 seniors throughout the West Bank.

Adult Work Camp

This year our Adult Work Camp to Back Bay Mission will be November 3 - 9, 2013. The sign up, limited to 20, has begun. If you have never joined this marvelous week of significant work and fellowship, consider adding your name. For those who really plan ahead, the 2014 dates are Nov. 9 - 15.

Lazarus House

March 20, 6:45pm

You're invited to prepare and deliver a portion of the meal we provide. Signup is on the Mission board. Questions? Contact Brian & Rebecca Reber at 847-717-5439 or tigowner@comcast.net

Up-to-Date Church Calendar Is Now On The Church Website

uccstc.org

The CHURCH CALENDAR is now posted on our church web site. Go to uccstc.org and click on "calendar" on the left hand side of the home page under About Us. Contact the church office to have events posted or to make corrections. Click on an event and a window will pop up with information about that event. This calendar will be kept as current and up-to-date as possible. Check it for worship, events and meeting times. It will keep improving and contain more information. It was just posted the first week in March.

Brunch Bunch

Sunday, /April 7/, 11am Papa G's, Elburn.
Let Pat Kitner know if you can attend.
chatwpat@att.net

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN

DUE TO A NUMBER OF CONFLICTS WITH THE CHURCH CALENDAR, THE 2013 FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT/WEEKEND HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR AND IS BEING RESCHEDULED FOR THE FALL OF 2014.

Galilee of Friends Youth Group PLANT SALE

Plants are from Shady Hill Gardens

Return order with payment to the church office by **Sunday, April 7, 2013.**
Pick up at church in back yard-Sat. May 11 (9-10am) or Sun. May 12.

GERANIUMS - 4 1/2 inch POTS \$6 each X # = \$ Total
 ___ Red ___ White ___ Salmon ___ Light Pink ___ Bright Pink

10 inch HANGING GERANIUM BASKETS \$20 X # = \$ Total
 ___ Red ___ Bright Pink ___ Candy Stripe ___ White ___ Lavendar

IMPATIENS FLATS - 48 plant \$18 flat X # = \$ Total
 ___ Red ___ White ___ Salmon ___ Pink ___ Pastel Mix ___ Bright Mix

PETUNIA FLATS - 48 plants - \$18 flat X # = \$ Total
 ___ Red ___ White ___ Mix ___ Pink ___ Deep Purple

4 1/2 inch POTS \$4 each X # = \$ Total

ASSORTED ___ Sprengeri (asparagus fern) ___ Spike ___ Vinca Vine ___ English Ivy
 ___ Million Bells Petunias Assorted ___ Bacopa White
 ___ Sweet Potato Vine Charrtouse ___ Sweet Potato Vine Blackie

HERBS ___ Italian Basil ___ Parsley ___ Thyme ___ Rosemary

Make checks payable to *The Congregational Church* \$ _____ **GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED**

NAME _____ Evening Phone _____ Day Phone _____

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(Office: Account #3114 CHECK # _____ Initial _____)

Habitat for Humanity - Pottawatomie Habitat Partnership House Blessing

An open house and House Blessing for the 12th Pottawatomie Partnership home will be held Sunday, March 17 beginning at 2pm at the home. The address is 34W806 N. James Drive, St. Charles. Beverly Crow and her son Schaefer are the new Habitat homeowners.

Directions to the home:
 Rte 25 north from St. Charles to Seminary Drive. Left on Seminary to North James Drive (3rd street on the left). Turn left on North James Drive. The home is 5 doors down on the right.

Palm Sunday & Easter Decorations

The Worship Committee is accepting donations to provide altar decorations for Palm Sunday and Easter. Your donation may be made in memory and/or in honor of a person or people special to you and your family.

Please return this form to the office with your donation by **March 17, 2013.** Information will be printed in the bulletins on Palm Sunday, March 24 and Easter Sunday March 31. Thank you, *The Worship Committee*

PRINT CLEARLY

GIVEN BY-your name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

In HONOR of-name(s) _____

and/or In MEMORY of-name(s) _____

I would like to donate \$ _____ .

Make checks payable to The Congregational Church.
 This donation to the church is recorded on your giving statement.

(Office Use -record on giving sheet, Acct # 3201
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 sermon recordings
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Striving to increase our love for God and neighbor, we welcome persons of every age, health condition, race, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and religious background.

We encourage you to become an active member of our church, sharing your God-given gifts in all areas of church life: worship, education, mission & ministry.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am Brief Worship Service (1/2 hour)

A hymn, prayers, scripture and reflections on the scripture. Communion offered the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care. No Sunday school.

9:30am Worship Service with Sunday School

Our “regular” worship service with Sunday school for children through 7th grade, with nursery care. Communion offered the first Sunday of each month.



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MISSION STATEMENT

We, as a community in Christ, shall provide and administer a continuum of opportunities for worship, education, fellowship & outreach. It is our mission to serve individual, local, national & world needs.

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Jeff Graham—Youth Director
 Bob Brautigam—Facilities
 Rev. William L. Nagy—Pastor Emeritus
 All Members—Ministers

Please pray for them on their March birthdays.

Belinda Gross	1	Kris Linderberg	8	Rob Cameron	14	Sara Palansky	21	Danny Beckman	26
Jessica Kathe	1	Jenn Megliola	8	Max Piper	14	Josh Axelsen	22	Erin Freund	26
Maggie Urban	1	Ava Roots	8	Harper Williams	14	Suzy Daly	22	Janet Nickols	26
Maya Cherkos	2	Melinda Weaver	8	Fred Vargason	15	Carol DePue	22	Jane Diano	27
Ann Lambert	3	Max Kurinsky	9	Linda Jacquot	17	Nancy Fiebelkorn French	22	Maggie Molloy	27
Jack Lukaszuk	3	Don Hogan	10	Allison Kurtz	17	Scarlett Jones	22	Amy Severson	27
Jan Roman	3	Rett Humke	10	Ben Provencher	17	Andrei Hahn	23	Rob Gibson	28
Ashton Gregory	4	Ella Burns	11	Barrett Abraham	18	Fraser Hill	23	Alex O’Brien	28
Leslie Kiesel	4	Jack Breseman	12	Sandra VanBergen	18	Harrison Miller	23	Turner Wadington	28
Samantha Prigge	4	Carol Broeker	12	Max Biddle	19	Heather Remaly Bahis	23	Stephanie Boecher	29
Patricia Romke	4	Mark Smith	12	Beth Oberle	19	Bert Veldhuizen	23	Kim Barth	30
Corinne Inc	5	Ryan Caprini	13	Kim Wascher	19	Brian Juszczyk	24	Jon Chapman	30
Grant Fairchild	6	Kristof Cho	13	Xotchi Baloun	20	Nancy Knights	24	Allison Schultz	30
Phil Jaynes	7	Rachel Innis	13	Fremont Latimer	20	William Batte	25	Maxwell Colomb	31
Dave Klotz	7	Matthew Jacquot	13	Judy Mastalski	20	Deen Collins	25	Mark Jacquot	31
Brian Reber	7	Harper Jankowski	13	Nathan McGray	20	Ava Murnane	25	Sydney Johnson	31
Kate VenHorst	7	Kz Plamondon	13	Katie Nulicek	20	Milan Urban III	25	Emily Tidler	31
Jeff Andrews	8	Steve Weber	13	Penny Lancor	21	Stephanie Van Dinther	25		

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KEY FH – Fellowship Hall P – Parlor
 CO – Congregational Life Cm S – Sanctuary
 C – Choir Room O – Office Conference Room
 CE – Christian Education GF – Youth Group
 Cm – Committee Room Numbers on Lower Level

MARCH 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 5th Sunday in Lent OGH's One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School (through 7th Grade) 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Confirmation	18 8:30 AM Building Maintenance 8:30 AM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM Yoga (S) 5:00 PM Puppets (FH) 7:00 PM Church Council (P)	18 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Atrium) 1:00 PM Bible Study (P) 6:00 PM NAMI (115-117)	20 5:00 PM Helping Hands (FH) 6:30 PM GF Youth Group (119) 6:45 PM Lazarus House Homeless Shelter - half of Confirmation Class serve	21 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)	22 GF Spring Break Work Tour 8:30 AM Language Stars-Spanish (112)	23 GF Spring Break Work Tour
24 GF Spring Break Work Tour Noisy Can Offering Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School through 5th Grade 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	25 GF Spring Break Work Tour No Puppets No Yoga 8:30 AM Language Stars-Mandarin (112)	26 GF Spring Break Work Tour 1:00 PM Bible Study (P) 6:00 PM NAMI (115-117) 7:00 PM Joint Environmental Resource Cm	27 GF Spring Break Work Tour	28 GF Spring Break Work Tour Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship Service & Dinner (FH) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)	29 GF Spring Break Work Tour Good Friday 8:30 AM Language Stars-Spanish (112)	30 GF Spring Break Work Tour Holy Saturday
31 8:30 EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 & 11am IDENTICAL EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES with Sunday School through 5th grade at both services Easter Sunday GF Spring Break Work Tour Returns 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	APRIL 2013					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30 AM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM Yoga with Donna Burg (S) 5:00 PM Puppets (FH)	2 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Atrium) 1:00 PM Bible Study (P) 6:00 PM NAMI (115-117) 6:30 PM Mission Committee (O) 7:00 PM Swing Set Board (114)	3 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship (P) 6:30 PM GF Youth Group (119) 7:00 PM Teachers Meeting (P)	4 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)	5 8:30 AM Language Stars-Spanish (112)	6
7 Communion 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School through 5th Grade beginning in Jr. Worship (116) 6th & 7th Grade attend worship 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM Mission Adult Education 11:00 AM Brunch Burth (Papa G's, Elburn)	8 HIGHLIGHT Newsletter Deadline NOON NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION DATE CHANGED TO 4/9 TUESDAY 8:30 AM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM Yoga with Donna Burg (S) 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Mission (P) 10:30 AM Mom's Group (115/117) 6:00 PM Puppets (S)	9 Bible Study to Morton Arboretum 7:00 AM POLLING PLACE FH 6:00 PM NAMI (115-117) 7:30 PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION EVENING	10 Auction Set Up (FH) all day 6:30 PM GF Youth Group (119) 6:30 PM Worship Committee (O) 7:00 PM Christian Education Committee (114) 7:00 PM Congregational Life Committee (P)	11 Auction Set Up (FH) all day 9:30 AM Mail Highlight 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)	12 Auction Set Up (FH) all day 8:30 AM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 6:00 PM Puppet Festival Overnight (Tinley Park) 7:30 PM Novel Approaches at Rodgers'	13 Auction Set Up (FH) all day 3:30 PM Puppet Festival Ends 7:00 PM CHURCH AUCTION (FH)
14 Confirmants visit Trinity UCC, Chicago 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM New Members received 9:30 AM Sunday School (through 7th Grade) 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	15 RUMMAGE SALE WEEK 4/15-4/20 8:30 AM Building Maintenance 8:30 AM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 8:30 AM Rummage Sale Set up FH 9:00 AM Yoga with Donna Burg (S) 5:00 PM Puppets (S) 7:00 PM Church Council (P)	16 RUMMAGE SALE WEEK 4/15-4/20 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Atrium) 8:30 AM Rummage Sale Set up FH 6:30 PM Campion Hills Board meeting (117)	17 RUMMAGE SALE WEEK 4/15-4/20 8:30 AM Rummage Sale Set up FH 9:00 PM Helping Hands (FH) 6:30 PM GF Youth Group (119) 6:45 PM Lazarus House Homeless Shelter	18 RUMMAGE SALE WEEK 4/15-4/20 8:30 AM Rummage Sale Set up until NOON 4:00 PM RUMMAGE SALE UNTIL 7PM 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)	19 RUMMAGE SALE WEEK 4/15-4/20 Steel Beam Theater 8:30 AM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 9:00 AM RUMMAGE SALE UNTIL 6PM	20 RUMMAGE SALE WEEK 4/15-4/20 9:00 AM RUMMAGE SALE UNTIL NOON 1:00 PM RUMMAGE SALE CLEAN UP
21 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School (through 7th Grade) 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship 1:00 PM TGU Road Rally	22 8:30 AM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM Yoga with Donna Burg (S) 5:00 PM Puppets (S)	23 6:00 PM NAMI (115-117) 7:00 PM Joint Environmental Resource Cm	24 6:30 PM GF Youth Group (119)	25 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)	26 8:30 AM Language Stars-Spanish (112)	27 6:00 PM Puppet Lock In to Sam Sun
28 Confirmation Road Clean up 8:00 AM Puppet Lock In ends 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School (through 7th Grade) 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship	29 8:30 AM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM Yoga with Donna Burg (S) 5:00 PM Puppets perform at Markland	30 6:00 PM NAMI (115-117)	1 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship (P) 6:30 PM GF Youth Group (119)	2 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)	3 8:30 AM Language Stars-Spanish (112)	4 9:00 AM Confirmation Practice (S) 12:00 PM Fortier Eagle Scout Ceremony (S, FH)



"Come See the World With Us" *Church Auction* *Saturday, April 13, 2013*

Book Your Air Fare Now For Anniversary Auction

April 13 is fast approaching. Mission Airlines is issuing boarding passes to the upcoming Anniversary Auction. ***Come see the world with us*** as we host a silent and live auction with food and drink from five corners of the globe. Air fare is \$5.00 per person, with free boarding passes for any guests you wish to bring. Purchase boarding pass (tickets) on Sundays. Thank you for flying Mission Airlines!

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