



Highlight

The Congregational United Church of Christ

Increasing Our Love for God & Neighbor

May 9, 2013 • Issue 05

Introducing...

A 5 part Series to help you

*Simplify your life with a
Financial Fresh Start*



Women's Road Map to Financial Well-Being

**Come learn key areas to plant
the seeds for a successful financial life.**

Presented by your home town bank



Saturday, May 11, 2013

9:00am - 10:30am

The Congregational United Church of Christ

Room 115

**Continental Breakfast Served*

Special Note:

Men's session coming on Father's Day weekend - June 15th



**“Jesus Has Left the
Building ... and We
Are Following Him”
Please save the**

**date: Sunday, June 30
See page 9 for details.**



British Visitor

Many in our congregation remember Rev. Jason McCullagh who was with us for part of his sabbatical in the fall of 2011. Jason is returning for a two-week visit in late May and early June of this year. Many shared a variety of experiences with Jason last time and he is open for more. His schedule is fairly open so if you would like to host him for a meal or an outing, contact Tricia in the church office who is keeping his “official” schedule.

GRILLING COOKING CLASS

This cooking class will be held on Friday, June 14 starting at 5:30 pm at Country Gardens Cuisine (3N369 Lafox Road in Campton Hills). Tom Ulrich of Country Store and Catering in Sycamore will be our instructor and grill master extraordinaire. Cost is \$40 per person for grilling instruction and full dinner, including appetizers and meats cooked on the grill, along with sides, dessert and nonalcoholic beverages provided. Feel free to bring along your favorite adult beverage. Weather permitting, dinner will be served outdoors in the garden. Sign up in Fellowship Hall, and leave your check, made out to CUCC and marked “grilling class,” in the church office. Questions? Call Sue Beckman (708) 341-6326.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jesse Beiermann
 Karen Boltz
 Barb Fairbairn
 Maurice French
 Paul Gross
 Ted Hardison
 Marla Hecht
 Cynthia Lilke
 Hannah Neiman

Our 2013 Confirmands Confirmed on May 5

Katherine Albano
 Jackson Gregory
 Griffin Harland
 Garrett Heise
 Nick Lancor
 Alexis Lindsey
 Cameron Lorenz
 Meg MacNeille
 Nate Shank
 Madison Urban

Our sympathy to
 Roy & Denise Pollack and family.
 Roy's dad passed away May 1.

And our sympathy to Maurice French
 and Nancy Fiebelkorn-French.
 Maurice's sister passed away.

Thank you for the Altar Flowers

April 28 – Kathy and Rich Westman in memory of Kathy's mother, Jaclyn Sweeney, whose birthday would have been on April 30.

May 5 – Mike & Jane Harland in honor and celebration of the 2013 Confirmands and in celebration of Griffin Harland's birthday, May 3.

Thank you for your kind words, support, and the love you have given us during Maurice's convalescence. A special thanks to Pastor John Rodgers, Rev. Pat Kitner, Rev. Suzy Richards Daly and Patti Molloy for all their visits, prayers and emotional support. You have our heartfelt thanks. God performs miracles every day and Maurice is one of them. We are so blessed! On March 16, 2013, Maurice's sister passed away. Marcella fought a good fight but we believe at the end, she must have longed for rest and peace. She is forever in our hearts. We both have missed our church family. We look forward to seeing all of you soon.... BIG hugs & Blessings, Maurice & Nancy Fiebelkorn-French

*It's been a long haul and we can't thank our church family enough for being there every step of the way. Your expressions of kindness and caring were greatly appreciated and offered an abundance of strength and comfort. Ted is now on the "recovery road" headed for the "green light"! Again we thank you for your concern, fond thoughts and healing prayers!
 Ted and Lynne Hardison*

Church Auction Thank You

Thanks to everyone for their support of our auction, "Come See the World with Us". A special thanks to a great auction team for sharing their time and talent in putting this event together. The items offered were outstanding and food wonderful. Because of all of you, we were able to raise a little over \$22,000. This allows us to strengthen our mission of "Increasing Our Love for God and Neighbor" through our church's youth and children's ministries programs and at Back Bay Mission.
 Tassie Brautigam

Prayer Shawl Ministry May 13, 10am

Anyone interested in being part of this ministry is invited to join us on the second Monday of each month at 10 am in the Parlor. Our joy is in being able to use our hands and prayers to comfort and celebrate with the recipients of our shawls and baptismal blankets.

Mary Anne Rebernak mrebernak@yahoo.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Help Teach Sunday School Next Year

Would you like to be on a teacher team and help teach Sunday school during 2013-2014? The following dates need a teacher. If you would like to help, please call Sue Peterson. Thanks for helping.

- **Preschool** - March 2, 9
- **Kdg/1st Grade** - Easter April 20 at 11:00 service
- **2/3 Grade** - Nov. 24, March 30, April 6 and Easter April 20 at 9:30 and 11:00
- **4/5 Grade** - March 30, April 6, May 4, 11, 18 and Easter April 20 at 9:30 and 11:00

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.



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. The signup sheet to bring food is on the Christian Education bulletin board, or call Sue Peterson to see what's needed.



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

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is for 4th and 5th graders.
Wed, May 15, 5-6pm

TGIJ - Thank God it's Jesus

For 6-8th Graders, meets once a month.
May 22nd - 5-6pm end of the year party

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)
May 15, 22, 29



Wedding Assistants Needed

We are in need of a few new people to join our Wedding Assistant Committee. Wedding assistants are available to help with the bridal party during the wedding rehearsal and on the wedding day. This committee is available to help the various ministers performing the wedding services.

Assistants can work with another person or alone, whichever is preferred. Each assistant usually has only one or two weddings a year.

Over the years the wedding assistants have become a very valuable group for our church. It is felt that many times we are ambassadors as we welcome guests into our building.

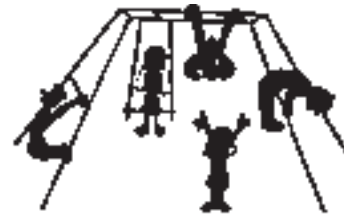
If you would like more info give me a call or email.

Anne Graham
630- 584- 5352
abgraham5352@gmail.com

CALLING ALL GARDEN ANGELS!



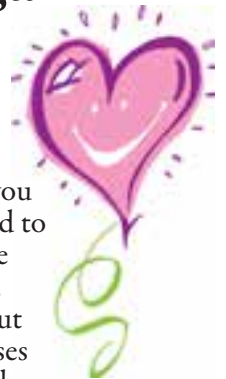
Monday, May 20, is planting day. We need people to help plant the annual summer flowers in the church garden and do a little cleaning up. We will start any time after 8:30 and usually finish around 12 noon. Bring your favorite gardening tools, gloves, and a yard bag if you have one. Should it rain.....we will plant on Tuesday, May 21. See you on May 20. Anne Graham



New 2 1/2 year old Swing Set Classes

Beginning September 2013, Swing Set Preschool will introduce a 2.5 year old class that will be held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:30. Registration is open at this time. In addition, Summer Camps are fast approaching! Any last minute registration forms need to be submitted as soon as possible. Please direct all questions to Miss Kim at Kim@swingsetpreschool.com.

Summer Peaceful Heart Yoga with Donna Burg New Session 10 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!

June 10, 17, 24

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Aug. 5, 12, 19

\$100 for 10 weeks

\$12 per week (drop in)

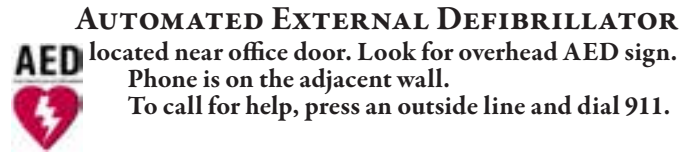
Sign up on Congregational Life board.



*Women's Fellowship Appreciation Luncheon
June 5, Noon, Fellowship Hall
Program by Norm Johnson & His Model Aiplanes*



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



AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

located near office door. Look for overhead AED sign.
Phone is on the adjacent wall.
To call for help, press an outside line and dial 911.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Wellness is essential to living a full and productive life. It's about keeping healthy as well as getting healthy. Wellness is more than an absence of disease. It involves complete general, mental and social well-being. The fact is our overall well-being is tied to the balance that exists between our emotional, physical, spiritual and mental health. Fully embracing the concept of wellness not only improves health in the mind, body and spirit, but also maximizes one's potential to lead a full and productive life.

Mental health is essential to overall health and well-being. However, the magnitude of mental illness in this country is staggering. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, one in every five American families is affected at some point in their lifetime by a severe mental illness. These illnesses of the brain affect all of us, regardless of age, gender, economic status or ethnicity. A serious mental illness refers to a medical condition that alters a person's thinking, feeling, mood, ability to relate to others and daily functioning. Serious mental illnesses include major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and borderline personality disorder. Like high blood pressure or diabetes, mental illness is treatable.

75% of mental illnesses are treatable with supportive services, counseling, and medication, yet stigma and misinformation are still major barriers to treatment and recovery. It's no surprise to learn that 1/3-1/2 of the homeless population has a mental illness.

The first full week in May is designated as National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week to increase the public awareness of well-being and human development of our nation's children and youth. Childhood mental illness is a real and serious problem. It's easy to know your child needs help dealing with a fever or a broken bone, but mental health problems can be harder to identify. The tricky part of parenting is knowing the kinds of behaviors and moods that are usual for the stage of development your child is in-and when your child has gone beyond the norm and needs help.

As many as 3 million young people may have a serious emotional disturbance that severely disrupts the person's ability to function socially, academically, and emotionally. Serious depression, once thought to affect only adults is now known to affect youth as well. Suicide is the third leading cause of death between the ages of 15-24 and the sixth leading cause of death for 5-15 year olds. The rate of suicide for 5-24 year olds has nearly tripled since 1960.

Tragically a majority of young people with mental health problems are not getting the help they need. Most often, children's mental health problems are not recognized for what they are and appropriate help is not sought. The stigma associated with mental health problems often acts as a barrier to getting help. For many, getting help starts with a conversation. People who believe they may be suffering from a mental health condition should talk about it with someone they trust and consult a health care provider. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness-it is a sign of strength! To find treatment services nearby, call 1-800-662-HELP or The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK. Help can also be found through the National Alliance on Mental Illness at www.nami.org.

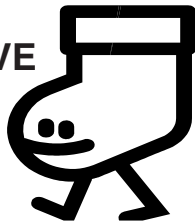
There are several Care Notes available on the table outside the office that offer valuable help with various mental health issues. You are welcomed and encouraged to take any that may be helpful. Look for *Six Myths About Depression; Nine Ways to Nurture Your Self-Esteem; Overcoming Worry in an Uncertain World; When You Can't Stop Worrying; Overcoming Everyday Anxiety; Why Do I Feel So Empty?; Easing the Burden of Stress; What Everyone Should Know About Stress; How Faith Can Help When Bad Things Happen; Getting Help With an Addiction; Loving Someone With a Drinking or Drug Problem; Understanding Thoughts of Suicide and Self-Harm; Pulling Together as a Family After a Job Loss* and any others that may be of interest. I also have several books and resources available in my office. Please contact me if I can be of any help.

I would like to thank Carol Klopp and Ann Richards for identifying the need and taking the initiative to actively participate in Mental Health Awareness Month.



THE NIGHT MINISTRY
Sign up sheets on The Night Ministry
Board for Tuesday, May 21, Humboldt
Park and Pilsen.

WHITE TUBE SOCK DRIVE
APRIL 28 – MAY 20
FOR OUR FRIENDS AT
THE NIGHT MINISTRY



Upcoming Night Ministry date:
July 23---Lakeview

WHAT & WHY DIRECT DEBIT?

WHAT

Direct Debit is a financial transaction in which you allow the church's bank to withdraw funds from your bank account on specific dates to be paid to a payee, in this case it would be The Congregational United Church of Christ.

WHY

1. It allows the church to be able to know on a monthly basis the amount of money available. In particular, it helps with summer budgeting.
2. Convenience! You don't have to write a check. If you are on vacation you know your contribution will be electronically transferred.
3. Cost effective – it is a free service and you don't have to pay for checks or stamps.

HOW

Direct Debits are set up and managed by the church's financial office. Contact Rosemary Kagel at financial@uccstc.org or (630-584-0929 x312) and she will answer any questions you may have and how you can get set up for direct debit. It is easy to do so. The Direct Debit form is available on the church web site (uccstc.org) under documents online.

WHAT IF

What if I want to increase the amount I have had withdrawn? This, of course, is possible. Rosemary Kagel can advise you as to what you need to do.

Guide Book & Membership Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Membership Directory for the Church. The book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office at 630-584-0929 or e-mail us at office@uccstc.org.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

PLEASE Update Membership Information

Does the Church have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Membership Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Do you use only cell phones? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

Please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Please call the Church Office at 630-584-0929 or e-mail us at office@uccstc.org.

Thank you for your help!

Intentional Travel 2014

In 2004 we began an every other year intentional travel experience. In late September or early October 2014 will be the 6th church sponsored international experience as we go to Northern Italy. A complete itinerary will be available soon but this trip will include Milan, the northern lake district, Venice and Cinque Terra. We will fly in and out of Milan. More information will be available soon.





New Members 04/14/2013

- **Heather Falls** 630-956-0677
5N190 Meadow Dr, St Charles, IL 60175-5180
- **Tom Gast & Vanessa Perez** 847-997-1210
5N465 Leola Ln, St Charles, IL 60175-6272
- **Rebecca Hale** 630-886-1505
- **Connie Hodson**
43W950 Kenmar Dr, Elburn, IL 60119
- **Katie (Brian) Johnson** 630-466-4865
William
56 Briargate Cir., Sugar Grove, IL 60554
- **Mickey Lee and Matthew Lee** 630-365-9501
43W696 Il Route 64, Maple Park, IL 60151-8557
- **Amy Luckner** 630-945-3497
3202 Saint Michel Lane, St Charles, IL 60175
- **Bob & Kim Renguso** 630-443-9806
Jacob, Brad
42W038 IL Route 64, St Charles, IL 60175-7855
- **Tim & Cheryl Rhodes** 630-579-0427
1918 Coach Dr, Naperville, IL 60565-2418
- **Andrew & Megan Selck** 630-387-1067
Drew
41W798 Bowgren Dr, Elburn, IL 60119-9498

Tom Gast-My family moved to St. Charles from Elgin a year and a half ago. I attend Elmhurst College, a UCC school, studying to become a nurse. I enjoy sports, being outdoors, relaxing with friends and traveling. I'm hoping to meet people, make friends and have a great experience in joining.

Becky Hale-I was born and grew up in Great Bend, KS. I attended and graduated from Emporia (KS) State University. I taught in Kansas 10 years before moving to the Chicago area, where I taught in Oak Park, River Forest and Downers Grove. I retired in 2010. I taught in elementary and middle schools as a classroom teacher and later working with students and training teachers to use computers in their areas of learning. I moved to Elburn in the fall of 2012.

Connie Hodson-I moved to Elburn last fall from Bolingbrook. I retired in 2011 from Downers Grove schools as a technology administrator. My interests are traveling, gardening and woodworking. I have two daughters-Mary, who is a research scientist in Washington state and Jo Algrim (a member of this church) who is a nurse. I have two grandchildren (Jo's children) and my mother lives in Geneva.

Katie (Brian) Johnson-Brian is originally from St. Charles and attended St. Edwards High School and then Judson College. Currently, he teaches P.E. and Driver's Ed at Kaneland High School where he is the boys head basketball coach. I am originally from LaGrange, IL and attended Lyons Township High School and then University of Wisconsin-Madison. Currently I teach English at West Aurora High School.

We have been married for almost 8 years and live in Sugar Grove. I have been a member of various Congregational Churches, most recently Batavia UCC. Brian has strong Catholic roots, his dad is a deacon at St. Pat's and his mom is a secretary there, so although he has not joined the church, we have agreed to raise our family in a Congregational setting. We have a son, Will, who is 3.5 years old, and the most recent addition to our family, Alexandra Good Johnson, was born April 25th.

Mickey & Matthew Lee-We have been attending CUCC for about five years as a guest. Our family encouraged us to attend and join the church (Kleckners & Schroeders) - members. We have lived in the area all our lives. Mickey is currently retired. Matthew is an Aurora University graduate who currently writes film reviews for his online website. Mickey enjoys doing activities with her family & friends. Matthew enjoys reading and watching sports.

Amy Luckner-I grew up in Wheaton but have spent most of my adult life in other states (Minnesota, Washington, and Virginia). Despite the lure of the west and east coasts, I recently made my way back to the midwest (and Chicagoland specifically) when I took a position at Northern Illinois University, where I currently work as an assistant professor in the Psychology Department. Outside of work, I enjoy singing with the DeKalb Festival Chorus, volunteering with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, and of course spending time with friends and family.

Bob & Kim Renguso-We have been married for 24 years and have 3 children Sarah (27), Brad (19) and Jake (17). We have lived in Campton Hills for 11 years in one of the old farmettes. Previously we lived in Batavia since 1989. We attended the Presbyterian Church in Geneva.

Sarah lives with her daughter Bailey in Cape Coral, FL. Bradley is a freshman at Western Michigan University studying Aviation Maintenance. Jake is a junior at St. Charles North planning to graduate in January. He plans to study aviation and criminal justice.

Bob graduated from NIU in 1987 with a degree in geology. Bob owns an environmental consulting firm in St. Charles - Malin Environmental, Inc. Kim graduated from NIU in 1988 with a degree in special education. She taught in Naperville for 10 years then returned to school to be a Physical Therapy Assistant in 1996. She now works part time as a bookkeeper at Marlin Environmental and as a Physical Therapy Assistant at Presence Mercy Hospital in Aurora.

The family has traveled extensively throughout the world and continues to enjoy traveling together.

Andrew & Megan Selck-Andrew is from Wisconsin, Megan from the St. Louis area. We met at Elmhurst College and have been married for 7 1/2 years. We moved around for Andrew's jobs until 3 years ago when we settled here - we have always wanted to live in the west suburbs. Andrew has an MBA from Indiana University and Megan has a masters from Gonzaga University. We have a 17-month-old son, Drew and a dog, Essie, a boxer. Andrew loves to run, hunt, fish and be outside. Megan loves to cook, garden and read. We are die-hard Green Bay Packers and St. Louis Cardinals fans. Andrew was raised United Methodist, Megan UCC - they were married at St. Paul UCC in Belleville, IL where Drew was also baptized. We've been visiting Congregational UCC for a year and are looking forward to joining.

YOUR BOOK CORNER

LIBRARY NEWS

New books and materials in the adult library are now available on the counter in the Parlor.



This month the adult library is focusing on National Mental Health Awareness. Through books, brochures, a Highlight article by Parish Nurse, Patti Molloy, and bulletin inserts the intent is to increase awareness and knowledge, promote mental wellness, help to eliminate the stigma of mental illness and provide resources. *Ann Richards*

ADULT BOOKS

Learning to Breathe by Priscilla Warner

Author, Priscilla Warner, has experienced good fortune and success as a writer, but she has suffered from anxiety and panic attacks for more than 40 years. They are so debilitating she is unable to breathe. "Written with lively wit and humor, *Learning to Breathe*, is a serious attempt to heal from a painful condition. It's also a life raft of compassion and hope for people similarly adrift or secretly fearful, as well as a guidebook, for anyone facing daily challenges, and/or anyone who is also longing for a sense of peace, self-acceptance, and understanding."

The Pill Box, by Bruce R. Patzer, M.A.

The author tells a powerful story of pain, loss, determination, healing and family love as he tries to make sense of his 20 year experience with manic depression. This book offers insight for those who suffer from depression and the loved ones who support them offering insight, truth and suggested resources. It is a valuable resource and hopeful message!

The next two books were reviewed by member, Carol Klopp.

SOULS IN THE HANDS OF A TENDER GOD
Stories of the Search for Home and Healing on the Streets

By Craig Rennebohm with David Paul

Rev. Craig Rennebohm is a UCC minister in Seattle. Since 1987, he has ministered to people who are homeless and struggling with mental illness. In this book he tells stories of those who desperately need psychiatric,

psychological and spiritual support and how he has been there as their friend. I found this book an easy read. The stories are depressing and uplifting at the same time. I also experienced humor, frustration, anger, love, faith and blessings in reading what Rev. Rennebohm experienced on the streets of Seattle. He shares what a people of faith can bring to those suffering from mental illness.

The Bipolar Child: The Definitive and Reassuring Guide to Childhood's Most Misunderstood Disorder By Demetri Papolos, M.D. and Janice Papolos

Bipolar Disorder--manic depression--was once thought to be rare in children. Now researchers are discovering not only that bipolar disorder can begin very early in life, but also that is much more common than ever imagined. Yet the illness is often misdiagnosed or overlooked. Why? Bipolar disorder manifests itself differently in children than in adults, and in children there is an overlap of symptoms with other childhood psychiatric disorders. As a result, these kids may be given any number of psychiatric labels: "ADHD," "Depressed," "Oppositional Defiant Disorder," "Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder," or "Separation Anxiety Disorder." Too, they are often treated with stimulants or antidepressants--medications that can actually worsen the bipolar condition. The book offers crucial information about the stages of adolescence, hospitalization, the world of insurance, and day-to-day impact the illness has on the child.

In addition to the adult books, three books were selected from our Youth Library (Room 110). Please check them out to read and discuss with your family.

Not Better. . . Not Worse. . . Just Different by Sharon Scott and Nicholas, the Cocker Spaniel.

Stop Picking on Me, A First Look at Bullying, by Pat Thomas.

What's Wrong with Timmy? By Maria Shriver and illustrated by Sandra Speidel.

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Highlight Newsletter
Copy Deadline
Monday, June 10, before NOON
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Food on the 4th

On May 26, please bring non-perishable food for the **St. Charles Salvation Army & Elburn Food Pantries**. (Suggested Donations for May—Baby Supplies & Toiletries baby wipes, diapers, shampoo, toothpaste, lotion)



Jesus Has Left the Building ...on June 30... and We are Following Him

On Sunday, June 30, we will once again have the opportunity to follow Jesus' example and serve others – in our church family and also in the greater community. On that Sunday, we will come to 9:30 worship dressed for our projects, share in a hymn and prayer, and then leave our sanctuary to go to our various project sites. Our bulletin board sign-up sheets are being posted now so that you can choose where you would like to participate. The list of project sites include: Marklund, Garfield Farm, Campton Open Space, Anderson Animal Shelter, our Church Gardens, and more, including a few homes within our church family. Several of these project sites are "Family Friendly," meaning that children can share the activity with their parents. Past participants have found this Sunday experience to be meaningful and FUN, as we share our time and talents alongside fellow church members in service to others. Please check out the "Jesus Has Left the Building" bulletin board and sign up for your choice. We have a large organizing committee who would be happy to answer your questions: *Bob Brautigam, Carol Borrelli, Carol Ludemann, Chuck Harvey, Charlotte Surta, Becky Stewart, Wyonne Hegland, Diane Brown, and Susan Rodgers.*

Novel Approaches

Friday, June 7

7:30pm

at Bob & Anne Grahams'



Calico Joe by John Grisham

Whatever happened to Calico Joe? Jim Hickman, the first baseman for the Cubs, injured his back. The team suddenly needed someone to play first base, so they reached down to their AA club in Midland, Texas, and called up a twenty-one-year-old named Joe Castle. He was the hottest player in AA and creating a buzz.

In the summer of 1973 Joe Castle was the boy wonder of baseball, the greatest rookie anyone had ever seen. The kid from Calico Rock, Arkansas dazzled Cub fans as he hit home run after home run, politely tipping his hat to the crowd as he shattered all rookie records.

Calico Joe quickly became the idol of every baseball fan in America, including Paul Tracey, the young son of a hard-partying and hard-throwing Mets pitcher. On the day that Warren Tracey finally faced Calico Joe, Paul was in the stands, rooting for his idol but also for his Dad. Then Warren threw a fast ball that would change their lives forever.

In John Grisham's new novel the baseball is thrilling, but it's what happens off the field that makes CALICO JOE a classic.

Mission 4.1 EARTH

50 great days: Our denomination launched a mission initiative focused on our environment on 4/1. The program was envisioned to last 50 days. The Mission Committee would like to introduce this program to our congregation, however, we don't see it as having expiration. We envision the program with an infinite time line gathering momentum along the way. What can we do at our church? The list of tremendous ideas is just taking shape so join in with your suggestions. Let us introduce you to a couple ideas:

- Recycling becomes a way of life at church
- We strive to reduce our energy consumption looking at ways to conserve both natural gas and electricity
- Plant more trees on our property and within our community
- Practice water conservation more diligently

As we embark on our service projects within the community on Jesus Has Left the Building - June 30 be mindful of the number of projects that involve beautification and sustainability of parks, open spaces and our own church property. So be on the look out for new ideas being introduced by the Mission Committee, by the Women and Men's Fellowships, by the staff and by the Youth Christian Sunday School. Sign on enthusiastically talking about ways to improve our planet. Jesus taught us all to be stronger stewards of our world. He preached the let-your-light-shine proclamation in the Sermon on the Mount: "That they may see your good works!" It is an opportunity to live out our faith — in unity, as one church — for the sake of our fragile planet Earth.

Bob Brautigam

Swing Set Preschool Summer Camps

Our Summer camps are a great way to introduce incoming students to our program as well as a great way to extend the school year with some summer fun!

Ages 3-6

Camp	Date
Art Camp	June 3-7, 9:00-11:30
Fun-N-Sun Camp	June 3-7, 12:30-3:00
Sports Camp	June 10-14, 9:00-11:30
Cooking Camp	June 10-14, 12:30-3:00
Little Readers Camp	June 17-21, 9:00-11:30
Animal Adventure Camp	June 17-21, 12:30-3:00
Little Scientists Camp	June 24-28, 9:00-11:30
Dino-Mite Camp	June 24-28, 12:30-3:00



Each camp is \$80.00 for the week. If you currently do not attend Swing Set or will not attend in the 2013-2014 school year there is also a one time \$10.00 registration fee.

Kim Barth, Director

“Children are a blessing and a gift from God” ~ Psalm 127:3

630.443.8570

www.swingsetpreschool.com

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In 2012, Manna averaged 8 orders per week and made a profit of \$3,294.21. This is wonderful, and your generosity is greatly appreciated. However, considering we have over 400 families in our congregation, this is a very small number of orders. The Mission Committee is hoping to raise these orders significantly this year. The money raised by Manna is used to supplement the Mission budget and cover non-budgeted items. They give \$1,000 to the Back Bay Mission when our work group goes there in the fall. They have also donated \$1,000 to GF to help with the cost of the spring work tour. These are just two ways the money is used.



The following examples will give you an idea of how easy it is to earn money through Manna:

1. GF Fundraiser

The Mission Committee decided that for the 2013 Spring Work Tour, they would donate their profits from February 10th and March 10th, in addition to the \$1,000. The response was wonderful. Manna received 53 orders which resulted in GF getting an additional \$560.00.

2. My personal experience

I usually purchase 4 or 5 Manna cards per week. They are great to be used in everyday life for personal purchases and I also buy them from Manna when I need a gift. In 2012, this resulted in 246 cards being purchased, which generated a \$252.91 profit. It's amazing how fast 2%, 4%, 7% or 9% can add up. If 100 people purchased a single \$10 card per week at a 7% profit, this would generate \$3,640.00 for the Mission Committee. This is more than Manna made all last year.

Manna is a great fund-raiser and it doesn't cost anything to participate. There is no extra fee for buying the cards, you receive the full value for the cards that you purchase. There is no one calling you to work or to bring a dessert. All you have to do is purchase the card and the church gets a percentage for every card sold. May I encourage you to purchase just 1 card a week or a month. Remember, these cards can be used for your personal purchases. They are not just for gift giving. Orders can be placed every Sunday in Fellowship Hall after the service. Let's help the Mission Committee make 2013 Manna's best year.

Carol Ludemann and The Mission Committee thanks you for all your support.

Up-to-Date Church Calendar Is Now On The Church Website uccstc.org

WEEKLY BLAST & Highlight

Please consider receiving the e-mailed version of the Highlight newsletter. Please e-mail the church office at office@uccstc.org. *You will save the church staff time, volunteer time and money (postage, paper and ink)!* If you are not receiving the weekly e-mail BLAST, contact the church office.

Next week's CUCC BLAST will be sent for the first time from our church data base and not from the contact list. Let us know (office@uccstc.org) if you do not receive the BLAST on Wed. May 15, or if we are using the wrong email addresses for you or your family.

Lazarus House

May 15, 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

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.

Golf Outing Benefit

Lazarus House is partnering with St. Charles Noon Kiwanis Club for a June 10 Golf Outing & Dinner Event at Royal Fox Country Club, St. Charles. Full day event cost is \$175 which includes 18 holes with a cart, lunch, and all of the evening events. Not a golfer? Join in for the evening events which include dinner, dessert buffet and live entertainment for \$55. All RSVPs are due by May 20. Many exciting items will be auctioned and raffled off that night as well.

More information is at www.lazarushouseonline.com. To RSVP, call Michael at 630-624-0229. To donate an auction item, call Julie or Donna at 630-587-2144. For a sponsorship, call Brian at 224-678-8838.

Thank You!



Our congregation has demonstrated a history of tremendous generosity towards the mission ministry of the church.

As a result of our commitment the St Charles congregation was one of 10 churches around the country asked to be part of a special campaign to celebrate 90 incredible years of service by the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. Back Bay, a UCC mission, has diverse history of effectively serving the disenfranchised population of the Gulf Coast.

The Mission Committee would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of those from our congregation that so generously gave to this special campaign. Between the Shrimp Boil event in February and the "Come See the World" fundraising auction you all made contributions totaling \$ 12,964 to the BBM. The mission is presently focused on initiatives to eradicate homelessness for Gulf Coast veterans. Your generous contributions will go towards the many exceptional programs as well as this new initiative.

If you would like to learn more about the work done at BBM please visit the web site: <http://www.thebackbaymission.org/> or to stay connected subscribe to the BBM newsletter "The Changing Tides".

Should you have any questions contact the Mission Committee. Bob Brautigam, Chair – 630-222-2714 or John Rodgers 630-584-0929



Brunch Bunch

Sunday, June 23, 11am Papa G's, Elburn.
Let Pat Kitner know if you can attend.
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YOU ARE WELCOME

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.



Our denomination is the United Church of Christ visit ucc.org

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

Please pray for them on their May birthdays.

Chase Higgins 1	Edna Cline 7	Brenna Haeseli 12	Chris Higgins 17	Storie Nafziger 21	Kristi Kobleur 26
Sally Anderson 2	John Kleba 7	Tess Hargrave 12	Brian Kobleur 17	Kim Vervynck 21	Tracy Ridgway 26
Aaron Williams 2	Meg MacNeille 7	Cathy Lorenz 12	Troy Tams 17	Lois Rodgers 22	Natalie Bohner 27
Joshua Dieckman 3	Collin Prentiss 7	Jim McCullough 12	Katelyn Keck 18	Bryan Wnek 22	Bill Nagy 27
Griffin Harland 3	Caroline Wadington 7	Tom Nickols 12	Judy Lukaszuk 18	Eamon Baloun 23	Kelvin Peterson 27
Tommy Nickols 3	David Morlock 8	Kim Renguso 12	Samantha Samuelson 18	Jaclyn Scheithe 23	Veronica Peterson 27
Debbie Pemberton 3	Tina Nilles 8	Olivia Englert 13	Dakota Acosta 19	Shelby Tsakiris 23	Brock Wodrich 27
Connie Hodson 4	Katie Bata 9	Amy Luckner 13	Bridget Cho 19	Kelly Horan 24	Brittany Greaux 28
Rod MacNeille 4	Hannah Borst 9	Christopher Megliola 13	Jack Etten 19	Barbara Klosowski 24	Jack McKittrick 28
Shannon Nore 4	Keely Manda 9	Aimee Miller 13	Darby Nafziger 19	Makaila Melcher 24	Mikayla Prigge 28
Mike Plamondon 4	Barbara Wiebmer 9	Ethan Morgan 13	Carie Schultz 19	Janet Nothnagel 24	Jean Brinkmeier 29
Garrett Rickard 4	Kristina Jones 10	Joshua Morgan 13	Nicholas Vervynck 19	Margie Johnson 25	Diane Kleckner 29
Allison Stephens 4	Kristen Morrow 10	Kaylee McInnis 14	Nicole Amstadt 20	Hayley Nothnagel 25	Tyler Gibson 30
Stefanie Stephens 4	Sara Corcoran 11	Stefanie Reed 14	Dennis Beiermann 20	Olivia Schneider 25	Brett Prigge 30
Aerika Haeseli 5	Brian Englert 11	Christian Fernandez 15	Gwen Miller 20	Carole Vander Weyden 25	Jamice Webster 30
Ginger Weber 5	Robert Luehring 11	Sue Wessel 15	Charles Roots 20	Matt Wainwright 25	Jack Bata 31
Sophia Banwart 6	Ellie Passow 11	John Masus 16	David VenHorst 20	Christie Weber 25	Penny Walsh 31
Gerda Boone 6	William Schultz 11	Matt Hahn 17	Dale Lorenz 21	Reiker Cho 26	Michele Weidl 31
Carol Klopp 6	Chloe Daly 12			Allison Holing 26	



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CURRENT CHURCH CALENDAR Posted on church web site uccstc.org Click on calendar-left side of home page

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>12 Mother's Day No Sunday School 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Worship-Puppet Performance 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship-Puppet Performance 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>13 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga with Donna Burg (S) 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Prayer Shawl Mission (P) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppets (FH)</p>	<p>14 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set PreK (FH) 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM NAMI (115-117)</p>	<p>15 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Swing Set Field Trip with Lunch (FH) 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Helping Hands (FH) 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM GF Youth Group (119) 6:45 PM Lazarus House Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Swing Set Field Trip with Lunch (FH) 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>17 Steel Beam Theater Walsh/Ford Rehearsal (S) 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112)</p>	<p>18 5:00 PM Walsh/Ford Wedding (S, P)</p>
<p>19 Music Sunday TGUJ End of Year Party 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School (through 7th Grade) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM Beiermann Recitals (S, P)</p>	<p>20 8:30 AM Building Maintenance 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Garden Angels Planting Day 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga with Donna Burg (S) 6:30 PM Campton Hills Planning Commission (115/117) 7:00 PM Church Council (P)</p>	<p>21 NO Mom's Group, See May 10 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Arcoedum) 3:00 PM Night Ministry (Chicago-Humbolt Park, Pilsen) (FH, Van) 7:00 PM VBS Crafts Meeting</p>	<p>22 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Mission Budgeting Meeting (FH) 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM GF Youth Group (119)</p>	<p>23 Rev. Jason McCullough visit Swing Set set up FH for Graduation 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>24 Rev. Jason McCullough visit 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Swing Set Graduation (FH)</p>	<p>25 Rev. Jason McCullough visit</p>
<p>26 Food on the 4th Rev. Jason McCullough visit 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School (through 3rd Grade) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED No Yoga Rev. Jason McCullough visit St. Charles Memorial Day Parade 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112)</p>	<p>28 Rev. Jason McCullough visit</p>	<p>29 Rev. Jason McCullough visit 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM GF Youth Group (119)</p>	<p>30 Rev. Jason McCullough visit 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>31 Rev. Jason McCullough visit 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 5:00 PM Zimmerman/Cullnan Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 Rev. Jason McCullough visit 3:00 PM Zimmerman/Cullnan Wedding (S, P)</p>
<p>2 Baccalaureate Sunday Communion Rev. Jason McCullough visit 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School (through 3rd Grade) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>3 Rev. Jason McCullough visit 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Swing Set Art Camp 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga with Donna Burg (S) 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set Fun-N-Sun Camp</p>	<p>4 Rev. Jason McCullough visit 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Arcoedum) 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Swing Set Art Camp 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set Fun-N-Sun Camp 6:30 PM Mission Committee (O) 7:00 PM Swing Set Board (114)</p>	<p>5 Rev. Jason McCullough visit 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Swing Set Art Camp 12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon (FH) 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set Fun-N-Sun Camp</p>	<p>6 Rev. Jason McCullough visit 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Swing Set Art Camp 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set Fun-N-Sun Camp 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>7 Rev. Jason McCullough visit 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Swing Set Art Camp (FH) 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set Fun-N-Sun Camp 7:30 PM Novel Approaches (Bob & Anne Graham's)</p>	<p>8 Rev. Jason McCullough visit</p>
<p>9 Rev. Jason McCullough visit 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School (through 3rd Grade) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>10 HIGHLIGHT Newsletter Deadline NOON Rev. Jason McCullough visit 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM Swing Set Sports Camp (FH)</p>	<p>11 Rev. Jason McCullough leaves 9:00 AM Swing Set Sports Camp (FH) 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set Cooking Camp (FH)</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM - 5:15 PM NIU eading (115/117) 9:00 AM Swing Set Sports Camp (FH) 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set Cooking Camp (FH) 6:30 PM Worship Committee (O)</p>	<p>13 9:00 AM Swing Set Sports Camp (FH) 9:30 AM Mail Highlight 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set Cooking Camp (FH) 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>14 Country Garden Cuisine BBQ Cooking Class 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 9:00 AM Swing Set Sports Camp (FH) 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set Cooking Camp (FH)</p>	<p>15 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Financial Worship (117)</p>



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

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Name _____

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Address _____

City

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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. _____

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