

# Highlight

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Increasing Our Love for God & Neighbor*

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## ***Circle of Friends***

*Wednesday, September 18*

*9:30am*

*Back By Popular Demand!!*

This fall's first meeting of Circle of Friends, or "CF" for short, will be held on Wednesday, September 18 at 9:30 am. We will meet in the church parlor to enjoy a continental breakfast and fellowship. Mr. Ken Cooper (Jane Murtaugh's dad) has graciously agreed to join us and share his heart warming experience as a World War II Veteran and 2013 Honor Flight participant.

CF (*previously known as Senior Set*) has no age requirement so everyone is invited! Sign up sheet can be found on the Congregational Life bulletin board.

If you have questions and program suggestions call Mary Anne Rebernak at 630-377-9336.

## United Fall Fest

**Saturday, Sept. 7, 3 to 10pm**

**VOLUNTEER SIGN UP STARTS AUGUST 4**

Plans for UNITED FALL FEST are under way and there are some exciting new additions for this year. Just to mention a few and to pique your curiosity, KID'S CORNER will feature the magician and illusionist, *Chezaday* who will thrill everyone when he makes someone float in thin air. You can check out his website at [www.chezaday.com](http://www.chezaday.com). Our very own puppets will be performing and there will be other surprises for kids of all ages as well throughout the evening.

Denise & Dennis Beiermann will again be hosting the CAMP-TON'S GOT TALENT event, which will be fun for everyone.

Music will be provided by *Disbarred* during the afternoon and early evening and *Billy Croft* and the *5 Alarm* will take the stage for the late evening's entertainment.

It is rumored that in addition to pulled pork, hamburgers and hot dogs, a very special sausage made exclusively for United Fall Fest will be available. And kids, look for pizza and ice cream, too!

The "Bags tourney" is a huge draw so get your team together and get registered early.

Watch the church bulletin and next *Highlight* for more information and be sure to check out the new and updated website [www.unitedfallfest.com](http://www.unitedfallfest.com).

To make all this happen, MANY volunteers are needed. Please take a look at the UNITED FALL FEST sign up board and fill in one of the many blanks for the event that interests you. You will have the time of your life! Just ask anyone who volunteered last year.



**Maurice French  
Ted Hardison  
Carolyn Higgins  
Sue Lellbach  
Bill Ludemann, Sr.  
Rozella Nagy  
Hannah Nieman  
Ann Richards  
Bob Rodgers  
Nancy Salisbury  
Kathleen Speck**

**Congratulations to parents  
Steve & Mandy Kanter  
and grandparents  
Barney & Carolyn Lykins,  
Ariel Rose Kanter  
was born July 29.**

## **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**“The Challenge of Jesus”**

**A Video Based Discussion**

**Featuring John Dominic Crossan**

**Begins Tuesday, September 17**

**1:00 - 2:30 pm**

**Cost for Year - \$20 (Pay at the first class)**

**Sign up to attend on CE board.**

*Thank you for the Altar Flowers*

*July 14—Charlotte Surta in recognition of the  
Manna program.*

*On behalf of my family, I would like to express our thanks for all the prayers, cards, emails, food, and support we received before, during, and after the recent passing of my Mom, Frances Thompson. We are so thankful to be a part of this wonderful, caring church. Blessings to all of you.*

*Anne Valsa and family*

*Thank you to all for the cards, calls, e-mails, and concerns at the time of my Dad's death in early July. I have great sadness but am comforted to know he is now in a place of peace.*

*Barb and Dudley Pankoke*

### **Thank You for 14 Enjoyable Years**

*This is my last week and my last Highlight. I just finished my last VBS. It's been a month of "this is my last" time I will do this. What a "funny" feeling. I have enjoyed working with the kids and parents, with many members of the congregation and the CE Committee to help provide a program for the children. I have tried to create the same four areas with the children as the adults have - worship, education, fellowship and social activities (Congregational Life). It has been a great process. Thanks for the memories! No, I don't know what I will be doing. No, I'm not leaving the area. Yes, I will still be a member of the church and I will be here for worship. That's a new experience - sitting through the whole worship service and not going downstairs to check on Sunday school. I'm excited to pass the baton to Tassie Brautigam. She will do a fabulous job. When she first joined the church she jumped in to help with Christian education wherever needed. So, see you soon!! Loving all of you. Thanks for the memories!!*

*Sue Peterson*



### **Ball Horticultural Tour Sun. August 11, 6pm**

We are all set to tour the Gardens at Ball again this year. This private display/trial garden consists of 10 acres of annuals, perennials, vegetables and flowering shrubs in landscape plantings and containers. Please join us on Sunday, August 11 beginning at 6:00 pm at Ball Horticultural Company (622 Town Road, West Chicago). Please park in the parking lot on the east side of Town Road and enter the gardens at the south end of the main building on the west side of Town Road. Your tour guides will be Mike & Susan Klopmeier (630-253-8251). See you then!

## BIRDS AND OTHER THINGS THAT FLY



### Parlor Art Gallery August 2013 Charles Peterson Photographs

This exhibit was inspired primarily by a trip to the St Augustine Alligator Farm in April/May of 2012. Herons and Egrets flock to this location to nest and raise their young. It's a great place to photograph these magnificent creatures.

As I was putting it together, I guess my love of nature in general kicked in and I started looking at other examples I had photographed of things that fly. Nature has been a part of my life since I can remember. Growing up next to a forest preserve, my friends and I spent as much time as possible exploring the woods and fishing in Salt Creek. My dad would take us fishing before I could go on my own and we would catch Bullheads. By the time we moved from that location 11 years later, there was nothing left in the creek to catch due to pollution. Of course, I didn't realize that until later, after I had begun a career in landscape architecture and I started getting involved in Wetland Mitigation and Prairie Restoration. As the issue of pollution became more and more of an issue, I realized why, after only a few years, the creek we thought was alive and well had died.

What happened to Salt Creek was happening all over the country and, indeed, the world. And it had been happening for a long time. As I have shown in some of these photographs, the feathers of these birds are beautiful. In the early 1900's, they adorned the hats of millions of women around the world and, because of the demand for their feathers, these birds almost became extinct.

Today, we are facing additional attacks on our environment. The Honey Bee is an example of this. As our increasing population puts more demand on food production, increased use of pesticides is reducing the Honey Bee population. Since bees are responsible for the pollination of 30% of our nation's food crops, it is essential we find a way to protect them.

Dragonflies and Robber Flies are essential predators of other insects in the environment and help to keep the whole insect population in balance.

Which brings us back to birds. Birds eat insects. Insects pollinate plants. Plants provide the energy for ALL living things.

*Charles Peterson*  
RIVER VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC RESOURCES  
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Our VBS week - Everywhere Fun Fair, Where God's World Comes Together - was fun and energetic. We had 87 kids, 17 class leaders, 24 station leaders, Suzy the sound equipment lady, 3 registration leaders, 6 leaders for Thursday dinner and many people who donated food! We had 22 kids stay for lunch and afternoon puppet activities. They performed for the children in the morning. Godwin Merryfeather (Erin Steele) was a crazy bird who entertained us each day in the opening.

Thank you to everyone who helped! Theresa Biddle helped create the storytelling station and plan for the storytellers each day. Storytellers were Ben Shurts, Joe Giamberdino, Luke Molloy, Amanda Eckstrom and Emo Furfori. The kids learned the main Bible stories in the storytelling station. Terry Morton created the crafts and did a lot of prework. Anastasia Kurth, Aleah Molitor, Ashley and Tammy Swanson, Carie Schultz, Lisa Brown, Kim Oeltgen, and Mary Whitney helped Terry in the craft stations making wonderful creations each day. Aimee Miller, Karen Diesel and Josh Morgan planned and led the games for our hot VBS week. The water games were especially welcomed! Lots of fun activities. The snacks were prepared by Debby Graham and Barb Pankoke each day. Thanks to everyone who donated the snacks! They were much appreciated. Lisa Brown and Laura Milhousen led the music. Lots of fun, active songs. I'm sure the kids will continue to sing them for awhile. Rebecca Reber and Ethan Morgan planned and led the science activities. The kids heard a lot about the countries we were traveling to - Japan, Africa, Mexico, Australia, and the United Kingdom.

It feels funny to have directed my last VBS. Tassie Brautigam will do a wonderful job as the new Children's Ministry Coordinator! So signing off for now -

Telly Ticket (aka, *Sue Peterson*)



Join us on Wednesday September 4 for the first meeting of the year. All women of our church are invited and encouraged to participate as we plan our activities for the year and renew our friendships put on hold over the summer. We all join in Christian fellowship to make friends, learn new things and raise funds to help our church and others around the world. We meet at 9am in the parlor for socializing and start our meeting at 9:30am. We hope to see you!

*Barb Pankoke*



**Women's Fellowship  
Rummage Sale  
Week of September 23**  
Please sign up to help work.

**DROP OFF DONATIONS**

- Monday-Wednesday  
Sept. 23-25, 8:30-4:30
- Thursday, Sept. 26, 8:30-NOON
- Baked goods drop-off  
starting Thurs. Sept. 26

For donation pickups please  
call Barb Pankoke 630-365-5449

**SALE DATES**

**Thurs, Sept. 26 • 4-7pm**  
**Fri, Sept. 27 • 9am-6pm**  
**Sat, Sept. 28 • 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, large pieces of furniture, couches, curtain rods, TV's, adult bikes, encyclopedias, large pieces of exercise equipment, computers, or soiled clothing.



**Men's Fellowship Walking Group**  
**3rd Saturday of each month, 7am**  
**Saturday, August 17**  
**Contact George Mohn**  
**for information and location.**  
**847-488-9179**  
**sangeomohn@att.net**

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**Highlight Newsletter**  
**Copy Deadline**  
**Monday, Aug. 19, before NOON**  
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**Intentional Travel 2014**

*"Treasures of Northern Italy"*

Our sixth Intentional Travel adventure returns to Italy and the beautiful lakes mountains and coast of Northern Italy. We will visit the Lake District of Lake Como, Cinque Terre on the coast and enjoy the unique city of Venice. The dates are October 5 - 18, 2014. Travel itinerary and registration forms are on the bulletin board near the office. An informational meeting will be held in the early fall. Join us.



**Dinner and the Opera**

If you joined us last year for "Les Mis" you know what a great time can be had. If you missed it, you should join us this year. August 15, 16, 17 and 18 at 7:00 and August 18 at 1pm...dinner will be served followed by some of the best music around. For \$20 you can have your choice of cordon bleu, beef tournedos or Caesar salad. Included in the price are an appetizer plate, vegetable and potato, dessert and drink. Come and meet the Phantom. Dinner proceeds will benefit the church.



## Having The Conversation

There may come a time when children must have a conversation with their parents about how long they can live independently in their own home. Or, for the aging parent, there might come a day when a child relays concerns. Conversations such as this are difficult to have and they are even harder to begin.

Beginning the talks with your aging parents needs to be like learning to swim. You start with learning to hold your breath and put your face underwater. You don't start with the swimming leg of a triathlon.

With an estimated 76 million baby boomers in the United States, this is the generation that's facing these conversations. The earlier children talk with their parents about issues such as how long mom or dad can live in their own home or drive their own car, the better. It's a good idea to start having conversations about your parents' future even before you see changes in them---before you are in crisis mode. Crisis leads to confused elders, disorganized yet well-meaning children, and a family in chaos.

You'll want to start small. And you do want to start now. Start while your aging parents are fairly healthy. That way you do have the time to build slowly and have conversations about every area of their life and health without panic or pressure.

Discussions conducted with careful consideration, respect, and solid information work best. Remember when you think about HOW to have your conversation to frame it around the five most important considerations for aging seniors: security, freedom, peace of mind, friends, and choices. How can your parents best achieve these things.

Start by setting the T-E-M-P-O...*Timing, Experience, Motivation, Place, Outcome.*

**Timing**—You'll want to time your conversations appropriately. Make sure all parties involved have time to talk and to listen.

**Experience**—Often you can open the door to talk to elderly parents by tying your specific topic to direct experience. “Mom, I just finished working with my lawyer on updating my will. I was wondering when the last time was you looked at yours.”

**Motivation**—Be clear about your motive for asking. If you are frustrated or angry, it is not the time to engage in an important conversation about the future. Your motivation needs to be solely for safety, well-being and quality of life.

**Place**—Create some safe space to have this conversation. The holiday dinner table is likely not the place to talk about a sensitive issue.

**Outcome**—What you're trying to establish is an ongoing, honest conversation about everything related to your parent's future. You're laying the ground work to understand your parent's feelings, wishes and needs. You want to get information and to share information

The idea of “parenting your parents” starts with a benign agenda of providing care and help at a time when your parents may need it. The problem is that to stay in that mindset, you quickly lose perspective on what the appropriate roles really are.

No matter how frail or ill your parents become, they will always be your parents. We must take care to never diminish that respect or their independence. Try a switch from “parent your parents” to “partner with your parents.” This shift of perspective can make a huge difference. As a parent you are in charge. You make the rules and set the agenda. As a partner you have a common goal and a mutual interest. You figure out how to collaborate for a common purpose. As a parent your values are what matter. As a partner you share what's important to you, but also listen to understand the values, goals and needs of your partner.

If you are reading this and realize you are the “aging parent” referred to above, be the one to start the conversation with your adult children. Believe me, as a person with aging parents, this is on their minds. My parents have done this for my sisters and me and it is a gift.

There is a very helpful website at [www.HavingTheConversation.com](http://www.HavingTheConversation.com) that includes articles, resources and much more regarding this topic.

**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.





**High School Youth Group  
Game Nights with SEM's.  
Tuesday, August 5  
6:30pm at church**

As a first experience going to Night Ministry (July 23), the night did not go at all as the way we thought it would. We were positioned in Lakeview, on a relatively commercial street. We could tell that there were regular attendees to the Night Ministry van that night, as well as some passers-by who could pick up some food walking back from their late night jobs. The majority of the community that came by was African-American youth, most likely between the ages of 18 and 25. Not one person who came through the food line was ungrateful or cold shouldered to us. The attitudes of these people showed that they have been resilient in their hard times and that coming to get food from the Night Ministry truly was something they valued. There was always a "thank you" of some sort, and most everyone that got food looked you in the eye and responded genuinely when we asked how they were doing. Most were witty and would make light conversation, which made serving these people not a chore, but something to enjoy.

One of the most interesting aspects of this community was the diversity in gender identification. Being close to the Boy's Town neighborhood of Chicago, we had many eccentric and bold personalities, even some memorable outfits (such as bright blue feathered hair with sparkling battery powered lights). Despite the difference in personal identity and comfort zones, the interaction from our volunteers to these people was nothing short of enjoyable and downright fun.

As the food line dwindled and a crowd began to build in the parking lot next to us, we had the wild experience of learning to jump double-dutch from some of the people we had fed just minutes earlier. Not only were we allowed to participate, but encouraged to try jumping and be a part of their community as it existed in their own element.

*Ben Shurts & Luke Molloy, SEMs*

**Following is a thank you note we received after the July 23 visit to the Chicago Lakeview neighborhood that Ben & Luke referred to above.**

**THE NIGHT MINISTRY**  
connecting at the crossroads since 1976

**Mission**  
The Night Ministry compassionately provides housing, health care, outreach, spiritual care, and social services to adults and youth who struggle with homelessness, poverty and loneliness. We accept individuals as they are and offer support as they seek to improve their lives. We invite others to join this hope-filled work.

**Thank you for your partnership!**

Dear St. Charles Friends,  
You guys are totally awesome!  
Your sandwiches and food  
were killer-diller good. And  
you were so engaged with  
the youth! Thank you for  
making tonight a wonderful  
evening for all of us!  
Love, Keeper Jake

Jocci  
Jen  
Monica  
Tico



## PERMANENT RECORD

Name: Peterson, Sue A.K.A. Fabulous

Position: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Employer: Congregational UCC, St. Charles

Years Employed: 1999-2013

Children's Lives Touched: Too many to count

Hours of Dedication to Position: Immeasurable

Status: Retiring August 1, 2013

**Comments:** After 14 years of hard work and dedication, Sue is retiring as the Children's Ministry Coordinator. Please celebrate Sue's endless hours of devotion to the children of our church at an all church brunch in Fellowship Hall following the service on September 15, 2013.



Friends,

If we were to try and name all the ministries in which Sue Peterson has been involved over the past 14 years we could name dozens but we're sure we would miss many more. Sue has been involved with all ages throughout the years. She is often at church organizing or leading programs far beyond her job description. In short, Sue has been a wonderful, creative and, extremely, hardworking Children's Ministry Coordinator.

Sue is now retired and we say "*go forth in peace thy good and faithful servant.*" We hope you will be able to participate in Sue's farewell – from the position not the church – celebration as described above. I also hope you would consider a monetary gift to Sue that will be presented at her celebration. Checks should be made out to church with Sue Peterson celebration noted on the check or attached note and received in the church office by September 10.

Please join us in thanking Sue for her ministry among us – both seen and unseen. Thank you.

*Terry Morton*, Christian Education Chair

*Wyonne Hegland*, Church Council President

*Rev. John Rodgers*, Senior Minister



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next meeting for Prayer Shawl Ministry will be Monday, September 9 at 10am in the church parlor. (We will not meet in August.) Please know that you are welcomed to be part of our group whether you are an experienced knitter, a beginner or would like to learn how to knit or crochet. Our supply of prayer shawls is getting low, so if you would like to contribute to this meaningful project it would be greatly appreciated. If you are not able to attend our meetings you can still be part of this ministry. For more information, including patterns for knit or crochet, please give me a call. 630-377-9336

*Mary Anne Rebernak*



### Novel Approaches

#### *A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry

**Sign up on the Congregational Life board to attend.**

**September 20, 7:30pm at Peter & Josie Ball's**

With a compassionate realism and narrative sweep that recall the work of Charles Dickens, this magnificent novel captures all the cruelty and corruption, dignity and heroism, of India. The time is 1975. The place is an unnamed city by the sea. The government has just declared a State of Emergency, in whose upheavals four strangers--a spirited widow, a young student uprooted from his idyllic hill station, and two tailors who have fled the caste violence of their native village--will be thrust together, forced to share one cramped apartment and an uncertain future. As the characters move from distrust to friendship and from friendship to love, *A Fine Balance* creates an enduring panorama of the human spirit in an inhuman state.

# Who's in the Pews?

by Lynne Hardison



On July 14, Kim Barth was introduced as our congregation's new Connections Coordinator. But wait a minute, wasn't Kim Barth introduced as the new Swing Set Director last July? Hey, I'm confused! Is this the same Kim Barth?

Yes it is!

"I am thrilled that Kim is our newest staff member, Connections Coordinator," said Wyonne Hegland, Church Council President. "Her enthusiasm and energy made her a perfect choice."

"I looked at the position and looked at the position over and over again," said Kim, who grew up with 2 sisters and 1 brother in Carol Stream, but now lives in Wheaton. "I would never want either job to interfere with the other. I'm a prideful person and wouldn't want my work to look sloppy or that I hadn't done it to the best of my abilities."

If Kim's first year as Swing Set Director is any indication of her "abilities", we're "cooking with a blue flame" as my sister says!

A 2010 graduate in Elementary Education from Northern Illinois University, Kim started at Swing Set in 2011 teaching 3 year olds. "I did my student teaching in the kindergarten level and was hooked," said Kim beaming. "I realized I wouldn't want to teach anything higher than kindergarten. The kids are so innocent, so cute and so playful. I love it."

The opportunity to teach those lovable tykes didn't come right away, however. "I started as a nanny for a family in St. Charles after college because I couldn't find a full time teaching position," said Kim. "The boys I stayed with went to Swing Set and their mom, in a conversation with Sue Farr, discovered they needed a 3 year old teacher." One great recommendation and an interview later-the job was hers.

For as long as she can remember, which at her age (25) isn't as difficult for her as it is for some of the rest of us, she's always wanted to be a teacher. "A lot of that had to do with the teachers I had and the relationships I had with them," said Kim, who admits to being teacher's pet.

When Sue Farr, director of Swing Set, announced her retirement in 2011, Kim was approached and asked if she might be interested in the position. Was she interested, "Of course!" But was she ready to give up the day-to-day's a little tough, but she decided to take the leap and interviewed for the job.

Kim was hired in May of 2012 as the new director and spent the entire summer collecting her thoughts, preparing, familiarizing, organizing and asking for help from those "upstairs and downstairs". "At first it was a little overwhelming, but by the time school started we were ready," she smiled. "I never thought in a million years I'd be as happy as I am. I absolutely love this job."

During her first year as Director, Kim achieved some major goals she set for herself-improving enrollment, bringing the teachers closer together and working with the teachers, initiating new enrichment classes.

Enrollment was down when Kim took over and there was talk that there might come a time when a couple of classes would be closed. "All but one class is now on a wait list," said Kim, who was very creative in promoting Swing Set to the public. "We had a budget of \$25 for publicity," she laughed. She found that writing a heartfelt editorial about something or someone at the school was just as effective as any big expensive ad.

"The enrollment has increased through her efforts of reaching out to the community and promoting the program," said Wyonne. "She is one who thinks out of the box."

Kim also faced the challenge of managing a "veteran" teaching staff. So she engaged the teachers in open dialogue about new ideas, what was important for the children, the school and the teachers while building a camaraderie among the staff. (There are 8 teachers including Kim)

"I feel very happy about this past year," said Kim, who knew every child's name and got into the classrooms as often as she possibly could. "We worked out all of our transitioning pieces last summer and we're all here together with the exact same goal. We want these kids to go into kindergarten prepared, excited and loving school."

Now, along with her Swing Set duties, Kim will be using her energy, "out of the box" thinking and good listening skills, to promote and connect our church while coordinating the efforts to do so.

"As Connections Coordinator she will be working with our entire congregation as well as new members," said Wyonne. "It will be her responsibility to help connect members and visitors into the life and ministries of our church."

Kim looks forward to and is certainly up to the task, but as they say, "it takes a village." Let's all be a part of her vision and the Connection!

# 2013 PROGRESSIVE DINNER SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF "FAMILY FAVORITES"

It's a great night of fellowship and delicious dining with the added bonus of traveling to various host home locations which makes it fun to see who you'll meet next.

5:30 p.m. Appetizers, 7:00 p.m. Dinner, 9:00 p.m. Dessert

Cost: \$20 per person



Make your reservations now by returning the below form and payment by *Sunday, September 14*. Questions? Contact Susan Klopmeier at 630.253.8251

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## 2013 Progressive Dinner-- -- Saturday, September 28th

Diners Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

Please choose one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ We would like to help get the fun started by hosting appetizers

\_\_\_\_\_ Count us in for being a dinner host (number of guests you can seat including yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_ We can bring an appetizer or dessert



New Members will be welcomed on Sunday, October 6 during the 9:30 worship service. An orientation evening will be held on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:30pm (tentative date). Contact the church office if you have questions for the ministers, staff or office. Make sure the church office has your correct address, phone number and email to receive information about the class. Childcare will be provided for the orientation if you let us know the names and ages of your children ahead of time.

office@uccstc.org or 630-584-0929

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## Lazarus House

August 21 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](mailto:tigowner@comcast.net)



## Summer Food on the 4<sup>th</sup>

Please bring healthy non-perishable food of your choice for the St. Charles Salvation Army & Elburn Food Pantries on Aug. 25.

## WEEKLY BLAST & Highlight

Please consider receiving the e-mailed version of the Highlight newsletter. *You will save the church staff time, volunteer time and money (postage, paper and ink)!*

Carleen & Tricia, office@uccstc.org

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(Highlight PDF's,  
sermon recordings  
and email staff members)



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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.

## 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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of Christ  
[ucc.org](http://ucc.org)

## 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.

## STAFF

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## Swing Set Preschool

630-443-8570

Kim Barth, Director

[kim@swingsetpreschool.com](mailto:kim@swingsetpreschool.com)



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Ginny Minard—Worship Chair  
Barb Pankoke—Women's Fellowship President  
Jeff Graham—Youth Director  
Rev. William L. Nagy—Pastor Emeritus  
All Members—Ministers

## Please pray for them on their August birthdays.

Amy Bishop	1	Taylor Hecht	3	Steve Munz	10	Cindy Hardy	14	Michael Gonzales	22	Nicholas Rickard	27
Katie Hardison	1	Anthony Rickard	4	Stacey Wodrich	10	Violet McCann	14	Doug Shuman	22	Jamie Breseman	28
Sarah Hill	1	Chelsey Trembley	4	Bob Beavan	11	Corrin Stines	14	Rebecca Reber	23	Tony Giamberdino	28
Kevin Kiesel	1	Sue Evans	5	Jake Borst	11	Samantha Kiesel	16	Kathy Roland	23	Pat Wasmond	28
Peggy Lorenz	1	Kate Nickols	5	Claudia Field	11	Casey Klotz	16	Dawn Turner	23	Josie Ball	29
Susan Rydin	1	Ryan Bata	6	Andrea Plamondon	11	Rozella Nagy	16	Bill Chapman	24	Jake Mroz	29
Cynthia Schif	1	Bob Keck	6	Tinsley Schroeder	11	Heather Veldhuizen	17	Michael Murtaugh	24	Beth Grimaldi	30
Katherine Altergott	2	Emily Lorenz	6	MacKenzie Smith	11	Ted Heise Sr.	18	Anne Stoner	24	Linda McCullagh	30
Stephanie Gregory	2	Elliott Churchill	7	Laine Balzanto	12	Hank Hoepfner	18	Susan Rodgers	25	Audrey Bowie	31
Nicholas Lancor	2	Nathaniel Field	7	Lauren Gaydos	12	Miya Megliola	18	Jacob Taft	25	Cort Kormos	31
Bob Lennon	2	Colleen Hofmeister	7	Becky Hale	12	Henry Provencher	18	Eliese Miller	26	Larry Weber	31
Natalie Michels	2	Sue Prigge	7	Matt Ritchie	12	Mila Englert	19	Helena Miller	26		
Diana Sandberg	2	Carrie Miller	8	Tom Scorby	12	Flora Lipke	19	Randy Nelsen	26		
Tyler Stewart	2	Maggie Hoepfner	9	Joshua Turyna	12	Megan Mackowiak	19	Colin Turner	26		
Megan Baer	3	Hannah Chapman	10	Fonda DeMaar	13	Bob Broeker	21	Cathy Flesher	27		
Jack Bils	3	Angela Churchill	10	Katie Johnson	13	Joe Innis	21	Madeline Heise	27		
Bryan Fank	3	Sarah Klemm	10	Anne Valsa	13	Grace Algrim	22	Matthew Munz	27		



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Sunday

Monday

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Saturday

<p>4 Communion 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School (through 3rd Grade) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Belermann Phantom Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>5 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S) 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Belermann Phantom Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>6 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Arcedium) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 6:30 PM Mission Cm (O) 6:30 PM Youth SEM Game Night (FH)</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Belermann Phantom Rehearsal (FH)</p>	<p>8 Belermann Play Tech Week (FH) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>9 Belermann Play Tech Week (FH) 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons</p>	<p>10 Belermann Play Tech Week (FH)</p>
<p>11 Belermann Play Tech Week (FH) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School (through 3rd Grade) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) 6:00 PM Ball Horticultural Tour</p>	<p>12 Belermann Play Tech Week (FH) 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S)</p>	<p>13 Belermann Play Tech Week (FH) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons</p>	<p>14 Belermann Play Tech Week (FH) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons</p>	<p>15 Belermann Play Tech Week (FH) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>16 Elburn Days 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 6:00 PM Phantom- Belermann Play (FH)</p>	<p>17 Elburn Days 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Walking Group 6:00 PM Phantom- Belermann Play (FH)</p>
<p>18 Elburn Days 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School (through 3rd Grade) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) 1:00 PM Phantom- Belermann Play Matinee (FH) 6:00 PM Phantom- Belermann Play (FH)</p>	<p>19 HIGHLIGHT Newsletter Deadline NOON 8:30 AM Building Maintenance 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 9:00 AM Yoga (S) 7:00 PM Church Council (P)</p>	<p>20 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Arcedium) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 6:45 PM Lazarus House Homeless Shelter</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 9:30 AM Mail Highlight 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 6:00 PM Swing Set Back to School Night (FH)</p>	<p>23 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 6:00 PM Bethlehem Lutheran Church Retreat (115-117)</p>	<p>24 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Bethlehem Lutheran Church Retreat (115-117)</p>
<p>25 Food on the 4th 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 9:30 AM Summer Sunday School (through 3rd Grade) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)</p>	<p>26 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons</p>	<p>27 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons</p>	<p>28 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 7:00 PM Preschool-7th Grade Sunday School teachers meeting (114/116)</p>	<p>29 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>30 8:30 AM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Belermann Lessons</p>	<p>31</p>

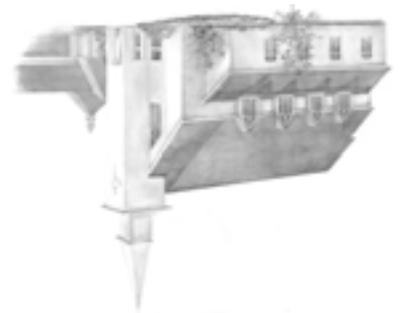
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