Highlight

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Stewardship Missional Giving

You should have received your copy of the Narrative Budget Brochure and your 2014 Estimate of Missional Giving Card in the mail. Please return your giving card as soon as possible. (Extra copies of the brochure and giving cards are in the church office.)

A narrative budget helps answer questions by:
- Telling the story of what is being accomplished here.
- Showing how we support mission and ministry.
- Conveying that story through various reports and information.
- Showing each category in the narrative budget with a supporting scriptural reference as a base, and examples of activities taking place in the church.

A narrative budget shows how we give *through* the church, not just *to* the church.

The Stewardship Committee asks that you carefully read the narrative budget, learn about our many opportunities for ministry and then respond generously by completing your 2014 Estimate of Giving card.

Please consider signing up for the direct debit/automatic withdrawal of your pledges. Doing so enables the church to maintain stable cash flows throughout the year. A form to sign up for this service is provided on our website for you to print at www.uccstc.org under *Documents Online* to the left on the home page, or in the church office.

Respectfully, *John Speck*, chair,
2014 CUCC Stewardship Committee

Jim McCullough
Appreciation Sunday
November 17, 10:30am

Overflowing with Notes of Thanks

Honoring Jim McCullough

for 12 years of Music.
Please join us at the 9:30 service on Sunday, November 17, as we thank Jim McCullough for his ministry of music with us the past 12 years.
You will have an opportunity to personally thank him at the reception hosted by the Worship Committee to be held in his honor in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Norma DeMaar
Marc DeSilva
Ted Hardison
Carolyn Higgins
Bill Ludemann, Sr.
Rozella Nagy
Fred Norris
Rich Stewart
Rich Westman

Thank You for the Altar Flowers

Oct. 6 – Mike & Jane Harland in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary on October 8.

Oct. 13 – Mike & Susan Klopmeyer in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary, October 13.

Oct. 27 – In honor of breast cancer awareness month.

Nov. 3 – Ron Koeppl in memory of Gretchen.

Taste of the Congo
Sunday, Nov. 10

The Sixth Annual Taste of the Congo will be held Sunday, November 10 after the 9:30 service.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship
1st & 3rd Tues. 7am
Arcedium Coffee House, St. Charles

Bob Brautigam will present a slide show of the church's recent European trip on Tuesday, November 19th at Arcedium.

Men's Fellowship Walking Group
3rd Saturday of each month, 7am (Nov. 16)
Contact George Mohn for information and location.
847-488-9179
sangeomohn@att.net

Tassie Brautigam, Children's Ministry Coordinator
flower160921@gmail.com

On Sunday October 27, it was wonderful to present eleven 4th graders with Bibles during Moments with Children. On the previous day, the 4th graders along with their parents came together to learn about the ins and outs of the Bible. On behalf of the congregation and Christian Education Cm., may the words and stories they find in the Bible be a light to them for the rest of their lives. Many thanks to the group leaders: Janet Bell, Kathy Mizgalski, Mary Anne Rebernak, Ann Richards, and Kathleen Speck; and to Sue Peterson and Rebecca Reber for preparing and serving lunch including a yummy sundae bar. (Check out the photo gallery in the Sunday school area.)

Our preschoolers through 5th grade continue through November 24 to discover the story of Exodus. There have been lots of games in the hall and cutting, pasting and gluing going on! Sixth and 7th grade will follow Joseph as he works his way through dealing with pharaoh in Egypt.

As always, many thanks to all the teachers who have and will teach Exodus: Nick and Maggie Hoepfner, Tammy and Ashley Swanson, Bridget Cho, Tara Moffitt, Jane and Rob Ritchie, Lisa and Kevin Brown, Carie Schultz, Amy and Mark Bishop, Katie and Sean Roots, John and Laurie Baloun, Aimee Miller, and Candice Webster. And thanks to our 6th and 7th grade teachers: Deb Dieckman and Dawn Turner. As you can see, it takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to do the very important job of teaching the children in our Sunday school program. What they do will last a lifetime!

Soon the calendar will turn over to December – where does the time go? The preschoolers through 7th grades are invited to pick up a printed sheet with the title "Happy Birthday Jesus!!!" and create a drawing to depict what that means to him/her. All of the pictures will be displayed in the Sunday school hall, and look for some on the bulletin cover for the Family Christmas Eve service. If your child did not get a paper to draw on in Sunday school, please pick up the page for the drawing in the office during the week or ask your child's teacher for one. Completed drawings may be dropped off in the Sunday school room or the office by December 1. Some fun art work has already been received!!

Also, speaking of December: This year instead of staying in the building for our Advent Event, we will be spreading Christmas cheer with caroling on December 15 to many who are not able to get out. See the column to the right!

As Thanksgiving approaches, I wish you a holiday filled with the blessings of family and friends.

Tassie Brautigam, Children's Ministry Coordinator

The best way to spread Christmas cheer,
Is singing loud for all to hear!!!

Wanted are singers of all ages and abilities!!!! We will be at each of the following places for 20 to 30 minutes singing Christmas carols for the residents. Thank you for bringing the heart of Christmas to many who would not experience it otherwise.

There will be a hot cocoa bar in Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 service as well as treats provided by the Christian Ed Committee for coffee fellowship to tide everyone over.

Sign up on the Christian Ed board near Fellowship Hall to sing carols on Sunday, December 15 at ONE of the following sites:

- ***Holmstad Retirement Community starting at 11:30***
- ***Marklund (a facility for developmentally disabled adults) starting at 12:00***
- ***Pineview Care Center starting at 12:00***
- ***Delnor Glen Senior Center starting at 12:30***

Questions? Please get in touch with Tassie Brautigam or Terry Morton.

Bellissimo Bell Choir Cantata
Sunday, December 15, 9:30am

Signups and permission slips for all youth activities are on the bulletin board outside the youth room #119, lower level. Contact Rev. Suzy Daly with questions. suzyqdaly@sbcglobal.net

GF YOUTH GROUP
Every Wednesday in Room 119
6:30 - 7:00 Socialize time
7:00-8:00 Activity/discussion
8:00-8:15 GF Circle
NO GF Nov. 27, Dec. 25, Jan. 1

CONFIRMATION is a class program for 8th graders and above who wish to become members of the church. Contact Rev. Suzy Daly with questions at suzyqdaly@sbcglobal.net

Sunday, Nov. 10, 11am-12noon

TGIJ MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
Meets once a month for various activities.

Sunday, Nov. 17, Scavenger Hunt

HELPING HANDS for 4-5th Graders

3rd Wed. of each month, 5-6pm
November 20. Stuffing Christmas stockings for Night Ministry.

November Helping Hands are Stuffing Stockings for Night Ministry.

Please help donate the following items so we can have full stockings!

Toothbrush/toothpaste (small size)
Small pack of tissue • Small first aid kit (99¢ size)
Full size deodorant • Pair of adult thermal socks
Lip balm • Hand cream
Hand warmers • Pair of magic gloves
Small memo pad/pens
Assorted candy, chocolates
Breath mints and gum • Deck of cards

Baskets outside church office...please have all donations in by November 17! Helping Hands and the Mission Committee thank you in advance!

F.O.G. Puppet Troupe NEWS

We have already met 4 times and have a great turnout of 15 members, 5th - 8th grade, and our junior leader, Amy Burgholzer, a high school junior.

Here are some notes of what we have done and what's to come:

- Played a lot of games and worked on team spirit.
- Performed at Sunday School Jr. Worship, Oct 6.
- Lock-In at church - Nov. 15 - Tie-dye team shirts, eat, play games, practice Christmas musical, eat, watch a movie, eat, play sardines, etc.
- Dec. 2 - Perform at Delnor Glen (5 - 7:30)
- Dec. 9 - Perform at Marklund, home for developmentally disabled adults, (5:30 - 7:30). We need help here. There will be a signup sheet for 30 pushers, age 14 and older, to push wheelchairs to the main building for this program.
- Dec. 15 - Perform for Sunday School, 9-10:30. A good time for any parents, who wish, to videotape the program.
- Dec. 15 - Participation with puppets at the church caroling event.
- Dec. 16 - FOG Christmas party.
- Winter break until Jan. 27, 2014

If you would like to find out more or join this group and are at least a 5th grader, please call or email Jeanne Humke, 630-584-7108, humkegrp@aol.com

We would love to have you join us on this creative ministry team.

Patti Molloy, RN
Parish Nurse
nurse@uccstc.org

The following is a re-print of an article written by Mary Schmich and printed in the Chicago Tribune on October 16, 2013. Thanks to Trish Thompson for bringing it to my attention.

Once upon a time, in a land inhabited by people of many creeds and colors and shopping habits, there was a holiday beloved by all.

This day was called Thanksgiving.

On this special day, the people retreated from the getting and spending that consumed their ordinary hours, and, instead, they gathered with friends and family to give thanks for the bounty of their lives.

Love. Nature. Community. Freedom. Naps. Life itself. These were the intangible things that on Thanksgiving the people recognized as the greatest gifts.

And even if they were really bored, as the people often were on this special day, and even if they kind of wished they could allay their existential dread by going out and buying some stuff, they were also glad they couldn't. They were grateful that there was a day, just one lazy day, dedicated to the proposition that the best things in life cannot be shoved into a shopping bag.

Yeah, well, that's ancient history. At 8 p.m. this Thanksgiving, Macy's stores all around the country will throw their doors open to shoppers who haven't even had time to digest their turkey or tofu. Macy's logic is the rationalization that drives bad behavior of all kinds: Others are doing it.

It's true that a few other retailers — Lord & Taylor, Sears, Target — have recently breached the ancient covenant between stores and consumers that forbids shopping on Thanksgiving. So what's one more? One more is the nail in the coffin of Thanksgiving as we've known it.

In a country so often divided, we could reliably agree on Thanksgiving. It was a one-of-a-kind day, verging, in its nondenominational way, on sacred. Pause. Eat. Say thank you. That was the small demand Thanksgiving made, the huge opportunity it offered.

It was a quiet day, unless you count football blaring from the TV. Boring? Yes, oh yes, often deeply boring for everyone but the harried cook. Nowhere to go. Nothing to do.

You might escape by taking a long walk, maybe go to the gym before it closed early or find a cafe that would be open for a few hours to accommodate people who absolutely had to get out of the house.

But no shopping until Friday, unless, in recent years, you could sneak away for a brief tryst with the Internet.

There was no law that said Thanksgiving had to be this way. No religious edict. Just an agreement among civilized folk: We'll all feel better if for this one day we aren't allowed the temptation to be our usual frenzied, acquisitive selves.

Now it's over.

Bet on it: This year it's Macy's. Next year there will be more stores. 8 p.m. will become 7 p.m. Then 6. Then noon. R.I.P. Thanksgiving.

The loss of Thanksgiving as a shopping-free day is disturbing for several reasons. One reason is that the change is beyond our control. The retailers decide to open, and then it's done. They get to change Thanksgiving.

And shoppers will come. That's another reason the shift is troubling. People will leave their homes, get in their cars, be distracted by shopping lists. The ambient energy of the day will change. The deep quiet will vanish.

Someone at your Thanksgiving will insist on leaving before the dessert plates are cleared to be in line for the sales, to get a "head start" on the holidays.

And here's another cause for distress. You who protest this sacrilege? That early shopper may be you. We're all vulnerable. Most of us anyway. That's the really scary part. Consumer creep is like kudzu.

How easy it will be to tell yourself that you're taking advantage of your "free time" to shop on the holiday. And as fast as you can swipe a credit card, the freedom of Thanksgiving will be forfeited.

If this vision of Thanksgivings to come sounds bleak, I present it with the best of intentions, as a cautionary tale.

We can't stop Macy's. But, even led into temptation, we can stop ourselves.

MEAL MINISTRY

If you could provide an occasional meal for a church member, please contact Patti Molloy at nurse@uccstc.org or Meal Ministry Coordinator Jane Harland at jane_harland@comcast.net or sign up on the Parish Nurse bulletin board.

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.

Women's Fellowship Pie Sale–Nov. 24

Our famous annual pie sale will be Nov. 24, the Sunday just before Thanksgiving. All the pies are ten dollars each, and the proceeds will go to the Salvation Army. We need bakers so please sign up on the poster outside the office. Let us know what kind and how many pies you will be baking.

A pie sale is a good thing! Thank you.

Habitat for Humanity® of Northern Fox Valley

Pottawatomie Partnership

Renovations have started on house #13, 1620 S. 13th Ave. St. Charles. Volunteers are needed each Saturday at 8:30am. Work has begun on roof shingle replacement, garage clean out and interior clean-up of the house.

Food on the 4th

Please bring non-perishable food for the St. Charles Salvation Army & Elburn Food Pantries on the fourth Sunday of the month.

NOV. 24–Pasta

Ramen noodles, macaroni & cheese, dried pasta, rice, spaghetti sauce.

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. Now is the time to send in your reservation for next year's Italy trip. An informational meeting will be after church (10:30) on December 8. Join us.

Highlight Newsletter
Copy Deadline
Monday, Dec. 2 BEFORE NOON

THE NIGHT MINISTRY®
connecting at the crossroads since 1976

Thank you everyone who agreed to donate food and/or serve our friends and neighbors in Pilsen Thursday, November 7. They will enjoy your hot soup, sandwiches, homemade cookies, fruit, snacks and drinks. Special thanks to Bob Beavan who has loaned us his van. (The green van is in Biloxi.) We will also distribute over 100 t-shirts that were donated at the Rummage Sale.

I remind you that Aidan McCormack, Night Ministry Community and Congregational Relations Coordinator, will share a moment for Mission on Sunday, November 17. You may also speak with him during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

Our next trip to Chicago will be January 28 when we will serve our friends in Lakeview. Beginning in January, we will collect hats, mittens and sweatshirts to give to our neighbors. In the meantime, if you find a good sale on these items or have extras at home, please consider donating one or more in January. Thank you again for your continued generosity in expressing your love for "God and neighbor."

Ann Richards

Come Join Us...We're Painting

...on Saturday November 16 at 8:30 AM we are inviting all interested and skilled with a paint brush or roller to meet at the church for a day of interior beautification. We intend to paint the hall from Fellowship Hall to the Narthex. Please join us if you enjoy fellowship while painting. Questions? Call Bob Brautigam 630-222-2714.

Lazarus House

November 20 6:45pm

You're invited to prepare and deliver a portion of the meal we provide. Signup is on the Mission board. Questions? Call Bob Brautigam.

Lazarus House Benefit Concert

Lazarus House invites music lovers to join in a Home Town Celebration, December 7 at the Arcada Theater in St. Charles. This concert will feature local talented groups with a featured performance by *Ides of March*. This event is a great way during the holidays to lend support to people in our community who need help to gain their freedom from homelessness. 75% of the ticket price will benefit Lazarus House when purchasing tickets using the promo code: lazarus13 at oshows.com

For more ticket sale and sponsorship information, visit the events page at www.lazarushouseonline.com or call Julie at 630-587-2144.

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.
– Dale Evans

Mission Committee Christmas Giving

Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white'
– Bing Crosby

On December 1, the first Sunday of Advent, the Giving Tree will be up with opportunities to give this season. There will be different tags with gifts for the following organizations:

- ♦ Night Ministry- long underwear and gift cards* (look for the red bulb tag)
- ♦ Lazarus House- Christmas wish tags from LH residents (look for yellow star tag)
- ♦ Salvation Army- Christmas wish tags from Salvation Army families (look for green Christmas tree tags)
- ◇ Church Family fund- gift cards* or financial donation towards the church fund which support members of our church community who are in need. (white church tag)

All gifts will need to be returned *UNWRAPPED* by December 14. The date is set so organizations can organize and distributed the gifts prior to Christmas.

All gift cards can be purchased through Manna- Manna Team will be ready and waiting for you in Fellowship Hall!

Mitten Tree will be up in Fellowship Hall to collect gently used, homemade, new hats, gloves, scarves for the Salvation Army and Night Ministry.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing signup will be up on Mission Bulletin Board to give of your time. Date announced

Sanctuary & Church Christmas Decorations

The Worship Committee is accepting donations to provide Christmas decorations for the church and sanctuary. Your donation may be made in memory of or/and in honor of a person or people special to you and your family.

Please return this form to the office with your donation by **December 8, 2013.**
Thank you, *The Worship Committee*

PRINT CLEARLY Information will be printed in the bulletins on Dec. 22.

In HONOR of–name(s)_____

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and/or In MEMORY of–name(s)_____

_____

GIVEN BY–your name(s)_____

_____

Phone Number_____

I would like to donate $_____for Christmas Decorations.

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

(Office Use Only, Record on giving sheet, Acct # 3201
Cash $_____ Check #_____)

Library News

We are enjoying the opportunity to have preschool through fifth graders coming to the library once a month. Special thanks to Sunday School teachers for sharing the last ten minutes of the class time. We will continue with the same schedule, 1st Sunday preschoolers, 2nd Sunday Kindergarten and 1st graders, 3rd Sunday 2nd and 3rd graders, and 4th Sunday 4th and 5th graders. We have also shelved the books by grade level believing that it is easier for the students to find their appropriate reading level. Parents, please feel free to make suggestions.

Ann Richards arich4@sbcglobal.net.

BOOKS FOR YOUTH

Adler, David A. *Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones.*

Classic Starts. *Alice in Wonderland, Black Beauty, and Heidi.*

Cleary, Beverly. *Ramona Quimby, Age 8.*

Dandi. *The Good Samaritan.*

Day, Alexandra. *Carl at the Dog Show.*

Disney Books: *Beauties in Bloom, Cars, The Little Mermaid, The Little Mermaid Ariel's New Friend, The Little Mermaid Sebastian's Story, What is a Princess? Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too.*

Good Will Publishers, Inc. *Chosen to Serve, Men of the Bible, Young People of the Bible, Women of the Bible.*

Griffin, Sunny. *Moses and the Very Special Basket, and Jonah A Very Big Fish.*

Khan, Hena. *Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns. A Muslim Book of Colors.*

Konigsburg, E.L. *The View from Saturday.*

Saint Francis of Assisis Canticle of the Creatures. Reimagined by Katherine Paterson. *Brother Sun Sister Moon.*

Simpson, Annie and Karen Morrison. *Itsy Bitsy Spider.*

Taylor, Kenneth N. *Big Thoughts for little people.*

BOOKS FOR ADULTS

We would like to order new books for the adult library. Please send me titles and authors of books you would enjoy reading. Thank you. Ann Richards arich4@sbcglobal.net

Brown, Dan. *The DaVinci Code.*

Hurston, Zora Neale. *Their Eyes Were Watching God.*

Wilson, Sandra, *TAJ.*

Women's Christmas Party

Enjoy Holiday Fun and Fellowship
Wednesday, December 4, 2013
7pm, Church Parlor

Women's Fellowship
invites all women of the church
to their annual Christmas party.

Appetizers, desserts &
beverages provided.

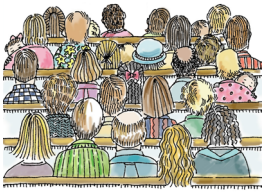
Save the Date!

Circle of Friends

Join us at 9:30am on Wednesday, November 20 as we gather in the Parlor for fellowship and to experience a presentation given by
Rev. Bill Beckmann
"Stuff You Always Wondered About Christmas."
Hope to see you there!
(Rev. Beckman is a pastor and co-director of Children's Ministries at Emmanual Lutheran Church in Batavia)
Questions? Email Mary Anne Rebernak at mrebernak@yahoo.com

Who's "Rocking the Cradle"

by Lynne Hardison



Tricia Steele with Katie D & Colleen M

Most of us know Tricia Steele as "our girl Friday" in the church office. "I'm there on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, but actually not on Friday," she laughed.

On Sundays, however, Tricia becomes "Mary Poppins" (our nursery coordinator). She was hired in June of 2003 and has only missed 20 Sundays over the past 10 years.

"Tricia is a real gift to our church," said Tassie Brautigam, Children's Ministry Coordinator. "Her caring and nurturing nature surround our wee ones each and every Sunday in the nursery. The fact that Tricia has only missed 20 Sundays in 10 years (an average of 2 per year!) has made our Sunday morning nursery such an easy place for parents to leave their children. Tricia really embodies God's love and passes it on every Sunday."

Although Tricia doesn't wield a magic "carpet bag" like Mary, she has her own ways to keep things cheerful and under control in the nursery. "A magic carpet bag would be nice to have on some days," said Tricia, who moved from Carol Stream with husband, Scot and 9 month old Erin to St. Charles in 2000. "We do a lot of soothing, rocking, playing and distracting."

Tricia provides a comforting, consistent environment for our infants-36 month olds and feels it's important for them to see that familiar face every Sunday. "They get very attached," she said. "And when you're not there, some of them don't want to stay."

It's no surprise that not every child is willing to be apart from mom and dad when they come to church. Not all the reassuring in the world that, "they'll be back", or cuddling will do the trick. "I try to keep them in the nursery as long as I can, but when a child gets so upset and upsets the others, it's time to go find mom or dad."

She says the toughest age is actually 12-18 months. She calls it the "stranger danger" age. "You can have these little ones since they were in carriers, but for some when they hit 12 months, it's no way!"

Averaging 9 to 12 baby/toddlers a week, this isn't a job for sissies, as they say, and Tricia has had some excellent help over the years. Along with caring for "her babies", she has also nurtured several young ladies who have helped in the nursery. "There are times when all of us have a baby on our hip," she smiled. The last few years, Katie Dieckman and Colleen Molloy have been her go-to girls.

So for the past 10 years, Tricia Steele has kept our baby/toddler population entertained, happy, loved and dry! Make it a point to let Tricia know how much we appreciate her service, even though my guess is she feels the smiles and giggles she gets every week are thanks enough.

"On behalf of the entire congregation and the Christian Education Committee, thank you Tricia from the bottom of our hearts for the past 10 years."

Novel Approaches

January 24
Friday
7:30pm

Mary Anne & Tom Rebernak's home.
Sign up to attend on the
Congregational Life board.

Kindred
by Octavia Butler

Dana, a modern black woman, is celebrating her twenty-sixth birthday with her new husband when she is snatched abruptly from her home in California and transported to the antebellum South. Rufus, the white son of a plantation owner, is drowning, and Dana has been summoned to save him. Dana is drawn back repeatedly through time to the slave quarters, and each time the stays grow longer, more arduous, and more dangerous until it is uncertain whether or not Dana's life will end, long before it has a chance to begin.

Church Family Camp

We invite interested individuals, couples, and families of all ages to join us for an amazing experience in Blowing Rock, NC next summer. Please sign the interest sheet on the Family Camp bulletin board. We're reserving our rooms on Nov. 15! Questions? facebook.com/CUCCFamilyCamp or email Lisa (Lsidor@msn.com) or Suzy (suzyqdaly@sbcglobal.net).

Adult Wheelchair Pushers Needed Dec. 9

The Puppet Troupe performs at Marklund, home for developmentally disabled adults, (5:30 - 7:30). We need help here. There will be a sign up sheet for 30 pushers, age 14 and older, to push wheelchairs to the main building for this program.

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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 (½ 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

Sunday school for children through 7th grade. 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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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 November birthdays. List of birthdays is in last month's Highlight

A big THANK YOU to our congregation for participating in Manna for Night Ministry on October 27 and November 3. Through your patronage of Manna, profits totaled $417.45. This money will be donated to the Night Ministry Emergency Fund to cover shortfalls of food and supplies.

November 2013 CURRENT CHURCH CALENDAR Posted on church web site uccstc.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 Sunday School through 7th Grade 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Happy Hearts Choir (115) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM Taste of Congo (FH) 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Confirmation (P) 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kerygma Bible Study (P)	**11** Veterans Day VETERANS DAY, OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (P) 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppets (FH)	**12** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Tuesday Bible Study (P) 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 7:00 PM Connections Team (P)	**13** 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM GF Youth Group (119) 6:30 PM Worship Committee (O) 7:00 PM Christian Education Committee (114) 7:00 PM Congregational Life Cm (P)	**14** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)	**15** Swing Set Vision & Hearing Rescreening (115/117) 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115)	**16** Set up FH for Sunday 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Walking Group 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 6:00 PM Puppe Lock in ends a 8am Sat
17 Celebration honoring Jim McCullough Sunday School through 7th Grade TGIJ Scavenger Hunt 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Happy Hearts Choir (115) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kerygma Bible Study (P)	**18** 8:30 AM Building Maintenance 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S) 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppets (FH) 7:00 PM Church Council (P)	**19** 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Arcedium) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Tuesday Bible Study (P) 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Swing Set Inservice (P) 7:00 PM Mom's Group (Megan Selck's home)	**20** 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Circle of Friends (P) 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 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	**21** Swing Set Thanksgiving Feasts (112) 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Fox Valley Justice & Witness(P) 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)	**22** Swing Set Thanksgiving Feasts (112) 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115)	**23** 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Campton Hill Kiwanis (FH)
24 Food on the 4th Sunday School through 7th Grade THANKSGIVING SUNDAY 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Happy Hearts Choir (115) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) 10:30 AM Pie Sale 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kerygma Bible Study (P)	**25** No Puppets 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115)	**26** 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115)	**27** 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115)	**28** OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day	**29** OFFICE CLOSED 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115)	**30** 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115)
1 1st Sunday of Advent *Communion* Sunday School through 7th Grade 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Happy Hearts Choir (115) 9:30 AM Jr Worship (114) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Confirmation (P) 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kerygma Bible Study (P)	**2** HIGHLIGHT Newsletter Deadline NOON 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S) 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Puppet Performance at Markland	**3** 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Arcedium) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Tuesday Bible Study (P) 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 6:30 PM Mission Cm (O)	**4** 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM GF Youth Group (119) 7:00 PM Swing Set BD Mtg (111) 7:00 PM Women's Fellowship Christmas Party	**5** 9:30 AM Mail Highlight 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115) 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM NAMI (114) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)	**6** 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115)	**7** 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S, 115)

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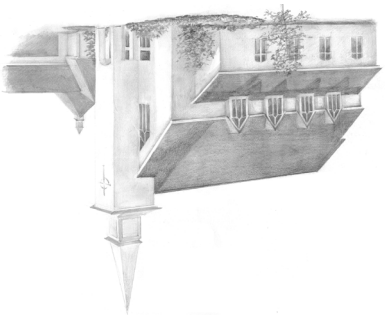

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