

Highlight

Increasing Our Love for God & Neighbor

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Visit Our New Website!

www.cuccstc.org

This Year's theme of "One Great Hour of Sharing" is "We are One"

The focus is on sharing with our brothers and sisters in need around the world because we are "One" connected with them through Christ Jesus. It suggests that as long as anyone has an unmet need, we all have unmet needs. This idea is easy to understand when the person in need is a family member or neighbor in our community. It is not as easy when the person in need is someone we do not know, who lives far away.

In 2013, OGHS offering reached \$2,504,369. An additional \$935,161 was received to support specific disaster efforts with one-third designated to Hurricane Sandy relief fund. These funds were used for clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare, education and disaster relief both in the US and internationally. OGHS is showing the world God's love and compassion through acts of kindness, making us a vehicle through which lives are transformed. With your generous support, these vital ministries of life will continue.

On Sunday, March 16 we will be distributing coin boxes of hope during Moments with Children. These will be due back on Palm Sunday, April 13. All church members are encouraged to donate on or before the Palm Sunday offering. To donate online, visit the website at www.ucc.org/oghs.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 15, 2 PM
Line up at 1 PM

All are welcome

Sign up on the Christian Ed board
across from the office

Questions? Suzy Daly or Kim Barth



PLEASE **PRAY** FOR:

- Marc DeSilva**
- Carolyn Higgins**
- David Hinderliter**
(Barb Fairbairn's son)
- Ralph Minard**
- Rozella Nagy**
- Rich Stewart**

*Pray for each other so
that you may be healed....
James 5:16 (NIV)*

We don't really know where to begin to thank each and everyone of our amazing Church Family. You have all been so wonderful in sending your love, care, and concerns, all of your prayers, your visits, your beautiful cards. We appreciate everything so very much, thank you, thank you, thank you!!! As we have gone through this nightmare, I know you have been there for us, I could feel your love every day. Ralph continues to improve each day, although some days he's not so sure. We are hopeful that as this weather breaks, Ralph will be able to get out and enjoy the outdoors. And, get back to our Church Family that we love once again!

*With our appreciation and love,
Ralph and Ginny Minard*



Circle of Friends Wednesday, March 19

Please join us at 9:30 am in our church parlor to hear a presentation given by Steve Feddern. Steve will speak about his trips to Guatemala with the *Living Waters for the World* organization. All are welcome! Hope to see you there. Mary Anne Rebernak

Coffee with Rev. John

On March 13 at 9:15 a.m. the CUCC will be hosting a "Coffee with Rev. John" hour. We will be discussing what beliefs the CUCC has, religion in general and answering any questions you may have. Whether you belong to a church, are unsure, or not affiliated with a church, this may be the perfect opportunity to get your questions answered in a meaningful way. Children are welcome to come, stay and play while we chat. If you have any questions, please see Kim Barth.



Jesus Has Left the Building July 13

Save the Date! Sunday, July 13, will be our next "Jesus Has Left the Building....and We Are Following Him!" More information will follow as we move into Spring. Please see the Mission Committee with ideas and questions.



Become Part of Our Church Family

New Members will be welcomed on Sunday, April 27 at both worship services. An orientation evening will be held on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30pm in the Parlor. (Childcare provided, please contact the office with names and ages of children.) Please contact the church office to receive information and to register for the orientation

The Daniel Plan

Tuesday, March 11 from 1-2:30 we are beginning the study of *The Daniel Plan- 40 Days to a Healthier Life*. The concepts in this study will encourage you to deepen your relationship with God and develop a community of supportive friends who will encourage you to make healthy choices each and every day. What you do with your body sets the tone for everything else. Physical health influences your mental health, your spiritual health, your emotional health, your relational health, and even your financial health. Call the office or email Patti Molloy (nurse@ucstc.org) for more information or to sign up.

A PLACE YOU SHOULD KNOW-- COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide Safety, Hope, Advocacy, Respite and Education for those impacted by crisis and violence in the Fox Valley Region and Illinois.

The Crisis Center, which was founded in 1975, may be located in Elgin but the services they offer are more far reaching and include St. Charles. It is one of the oldest domestic violence shelters in the state and was instrumental in organizing both the Illinois and National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Although it is probably best known for its services for women and children, the center has become a known place to go for many others who need assistance including veterans. Comprehensive services are provided to individuals and families in crisis through their Economic Crisis Program, the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs, the children's services. The speaker's bureau is available to present on a variety of topics.

Growing from assisting 234 persons in 1975 to 6132 individuals in 2013 underscores the importance of the services offered by the Community Crisis Center, which provides most services at no cost.

Mission Committee

Thank you, Polly Rerko,
for taking on the important job
as the church publicity person.



Winter Weather Finances

March 2014 Highlight Winter Weather Finances

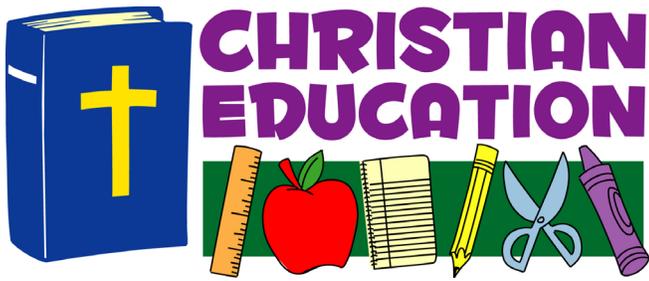
We are all aware of what an unusual winter this has been. With the sub-zero temperatures and close to record setting snowfall totals, we've all felt the effects in town, at home and here at Church. We've seen what the weather is doing to our roads with all the potholes we have to dodge as we drive around town. With more than 70 inches of snow so far this winter, you have probably shoveled, plowed or blown more snow off your sidewalks and driveway than you want to think about. Whether you have had to pay one of the kids down the street to shovel you out or know someone with a truck and plow, you have spent a lot more money this winter than in the recent past.

So has the Church! Since January 1st, 2014 we have been billed for \$11,252.50 in snow removal fees. That is just for January and February. That's nearly twice our budget of \$6,000.00 for snow removal this year and we aren't finished with the snow and cold yet!

If you could make a special donation for snow removal so that other areas of our budget do not bear the burden of these additional expenses please make your check out to the church and mark it "snow removal."

Let's all hope that spring really is right around the corner.

John Speck,
Council President



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



SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION

630 – That's how many children our Sunday school offering – so far - will be able to feed in places around the world where children do not get enough food to eat. Continuing through all of March and April, the M&M jar will continue to fill and then be shared with the Sunday school children the first Sunday of May. For every \$14 that is received, one of the tubes from *Feed My Starving Children* that holds \$14 in quarters will be filled with M&M's and dumped into our jar.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On March 16 during Sunday school the children will be receiving their coin boxes of hope to fill with loose change (or bills) to support One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). For almost 70 years this program has made a difference in the lives of others throughout the world, helping to lift them out of poverty by providing the skills to learn a trade, providing access to healthy food, education, healthcare and shelter after devastating storms. This year's theme is "We are One" meaning we are all one family of God throughout the world. Along with the box, there will be an info sheet for discussing what giving to OGHS means. On Palm Sunday, April 13, the boxes will be received during Sunday school. Remember - every coin helps!!!

EASTER EGG HUNT—Saturday April 12

Sign up for our Easter Egg Hunt on the bulletin board in the Sunday school hallway! Everyone through 5th grade – family, friends, neighbors – are welcome to join in the excitement. The event starts at 10am in Fellowship Hall with fun activities!

CHURCH CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Take a look at the church camps available this summer at Tower Hill or Pilgrim Park! Available are scholarships of \$100 for any week long camp or \$25 for any 3 day camp given by the Linder/Colson Camp Scholarship Fund and managed by the Christian Education Committee. The camp details and registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Sunday school hallway. Please bring in your registration form to have it signed and the amount of scholarship written in by Suzy Daly or Tassie Brautigam. From camper Linsey Turner: *"The memories I had and made at camp are unforgettable."*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

All 4 year olds through those going into 5th grade in the fall are invited to join us for VBS June 23 - 26 from 9:00-11:30am and Thursday evening from 5:00-6:30 for a family celebration. **Workshop of Wonders** where we will **Imagine and Build with God** will include Bible stories, games, science experiments, music, crafts, snacks, mission projects and more! Come and meet carpenter, Sandy Paper, and her sidekick, Rivet the Ant, who are sure to make you laugh and help you learn how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God. The registration form is coming and can also be found on the church website www.cuccstc.org under downloads, then at miscellaneous documents.

Help With VBS

If you would like to volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School from June 23 - 26, please email Tassie Brautigam at flower160921@gmail.com or call the church office. We will need people to help bring snacks, help in the mornings with crafts, help with storytelling and whatever else is needed.



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



GF Work Trip to Back Bay Mission, Leaving March 28

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



3/7-8 - Retreat to Pilgrim Park

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



HELPING HANDS
for 4-5th Graders

3rd Wed. of each month, 5-6pm
3/19 - Goodie Bags

Big thanks and a HIGH FIVE to all who supported GF at the Pancake Breakfast and turned in \$5 bills! GF really appreciates the support and we are looking forward to our spring break trip to Biloxi and Back Bay Mission. We have 24 youth and 7 adults going.

Adult Work Camp 2014

Sign up begins this month for this year's Back Bay Mission adult work camp. The dates are November 8 - 15. As usual some will be flying and some driving. Mark your preference when you sign up on the Mission Board. We have a limit of 25 so sign up soon.

Intentional Travel

"Treasures of Northern Italy"

The Intentional Travel trip to northern Italy has been moved from this fall to September 20 - October 3, 2015.

There were not enough people planning on participating to make it economically feasible but we already have 14 people planning on going in 2015. More information will be on the bulletin board soon.

CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

It's not too late! We have a couple of rooms left. We invite interested individuals, couples, and families of ALL AGES to join us July 27 - Aug. 1 for an amazing experience in Blowing Rock, NC. Questions? [facebook.com/CUCCFamilyCamp](https://www.facebook.com/CUCCFamilyCamp) or email Lisa (Lsidor@msn.com) or Suzy (suzyqdaly@sbcglobal.net).



Swing Set Preschool Registration 2014-15 School Year

Forms will be available in Miss Kim's Office.

Registration forms accompanied by a nonrefundable registration fee (\$75.00 for new students and \$50.00 for returning students) may be mailed or dropped off at the school or left in the church office. Any questions, please call Kim at 630 443 8570.



Patti Molloy, RN
Parish Nurse
nurse@uccstc.org

I've Got The Music In Me

It turns out I owe my 17 year old daughter, Maggie, an apology. She likes to study with music playing in her room. It's almost always instrumental music and it's never really loud. I often suggest she turn it off so she can concentrate without the distraction of the music. She insists it helps her concentrate. It's an ongoing discussion between us. I recently read an article in the Daily Herald about music therapy. That story led me to a few other research articles that had some expected and some surprising information.

Research suggests that music not only helps us cope with pain but it can also benefit our physical and mental health in numerous other ways. Music is one of the few activities that involves using the whole brain. It can have surprising benefits for learning language, improving memory and focusing attention. Of course, music can be distracting if it's too loud or jarring, or if it competes for our attention.

Research confirms that listening to music or playing an instrument can actually make you learn better. The power of music to affect memory is quite intriguing. Mozart's music and baroque music, with a 60 beats per minute beat pattern, activates the left and right brain. The simultaneous left and right brain action maximizes learning and retention of information. The information being studied activates the left brain while the music activates the right brain. Also, activities which engage both sides of the brain at the same time, such as playing an instrument or singing, cause the brain to be more capable of processing information. Easy listening music or relaxing classics improve the duration and intensity of concentration in all age groups and ability levels.

Music can also help to relieve symptoms of depression. Listening to pleasurable music can trigger the release of the feel-good chemical dopamine. Music can also induce a meditative state. Listening to slow musical beats can alter brainwave speed, creating brainwave activity similar to when a person is meditating or in a hypnotic state. This may have a therapeutic effect, easing symptoms of migraines, PMS, and even behavioral issues. Research suggests the kind of music may matter. Classical and meditative sounds seem to be particularly uplifting, whereas heavy metal and techno can actually make depressive symptoms worse.

Music can meaningfully reduce the perceived intensity of pain and is often used in hospitals to reduce the need for medication during childbirth, to decrease postoperative pain and complement the use of anesthesia dur-

ing surgery. It can have a significant positive impact on patients with long-term illnesses, such as heart disease, cancer, and respiratory conditions.

Numerous trials have shown that music can help lower heart rate, blood pressure and help relieve pain, anxiety and improve patient quality of life. It can be incredibly useful for somebody who is in a situation where they have lost a lot of control from their external environment such as an extended hospital stay with a serious illness and less able to move around. It can give the patient a sense of control back, as well as creating a calm personal atmosphere and blocking out some of the disturbances around the patient.

Research shows that listening to 30 minutes of relaxing music every morning and evening (Classical, Celtic and a form of Indian classical music called raga seemed to work the best), people with high blood pressure can train themselves to lower their blood pressure and keep it low. Music therapy may also help stroke patients with verbal memory and attention span and can help migraine and chronic headache sufferers reduce the intensity, frequency, and duration of the headaches.

As some of us prepare to begin The Daniel Plan which will include an exercise regime, here is some helpful information. Listening to your favorite "pump up" music may help you move faster, boost your workout motivation, and enhance workout endurance by as much as 15%. The best choices for exercise are up-beat songs that match the tempo of your chosen exercise (leg lifts, walking stride, push-ups, or even cleaning!). Also going along with The Daniel Plan, studies have shown that playing soft music (and dimming the lights) during a meal can help people slow down while eating and ultimately consume less food in one sitting.

The evidence is in and it's pretty clear. I will now use my daughter's favorite words. I'm sorry, Maggie. You are right!

Why not stop by the manna table for an iTunes gift card this Sunday. If you don't know where to start you could try *I've Got The Music In Me* by Kiki Dee. With lyrics like "Don't let life get me down. Catch a hold of my blues and just play them" you can't go wrong!



MEAL MINISTRY

If you could provide an occasional meal for a church member, please contact Patti Molloy at nurse@uccstc.org or Mary Lou Bracken at marylou1206@att.net or sign up on the Parish Nurse bulletin board.

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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.



Palm Sunday & Easter Decorations

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

Please return this form to the office with your donation by **April 6, 2014**. Information will be printed in the bulletins on Palm Sunday, April 13 and Easter Sunday, April 20. Thank you, *The Worship Committee*



PRINT CLEARLY

GIVEN BY—your name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

In HONOR of—name(s) _____

and/or In MEMORY of—name(s) _____

I would like to donate \$_____.

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

(Office Use –record on giving sheet, Acct # 3201
Cash \$_____ Check #_____)



Food on the 4th

Please bring healthy non-perishable food of your choice for the St. Charles Salvation Army & Elburn Food Pantries on March 23. (Household items dish soap, cleaning products, toilet paper, paper towels)

Go Green!

Please consider getting the Highlight Newsletter as a PDF by email. You will get it sooner and the church saves \$ on postage. Send your email address to office@uccstc.org



Pottawatomie Partnership

Volunteers are needed each Saturday at 8:30am.
#13, 1620 S. 13th Ave, St. Charles.

**Highlight Newsletter
Copy Deadline
Monday, April 7 BEFORE NOON**

We will serve our friends and neighbors in Humboldt Park and Pilsen on Tuesday, April 29, and our friends and neighbors in Lakeview on Tuesday, July 22.

FOG

On Sunday, March 16, F.O.G. Puppeteers will be doing a puppet presentation of the scripture followed by the song "Testify to Love," as an introduction to Rev. Rodgers sermon. This should be an inspiring combination as we learn more about God's gracious love. A thank-you to Miki Powell for her help in teaching the puppeteers signing for the song.



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

Men's Fellowship Walking Group
3rd Saturday of each month, 7am (Feb. 15)
Contact George Mohn for information and
location. 847-488-9179, sangeomohn@att.net

Swing Set Preschool's Fundraisers

It is that time of the year again for Swing Set Preschool's annual Butter Braid sale. Order forms are now in the church office. All orders are due on 3/25/14. The delivery will be made the week before Easter. Kim Barth will contact you via email when your order has arrived. Additionally, Swing Set Preschool is having a fundraiser on March 13 from 4:00-8:00 at Pot Belly in the Geneva Commons. Swing Set Preschool will receive 25% of all transactions to go towards school supplies. We appreciate your continued support of the school!

Thanks, Kim Barth, Director
Swing Set Preschool

"Children are a blessing and a gift from God" ~
Psalm 127:3
630.443.8570

www.swingsetpreschool.com

www.facebook.com/swingsetpreschool

Upcoming Mom's Group Activities: (Kids always welcome at activities unless otherwise noted)

March 18, 7pm, Rm. 114: MONTHLY MEETING
Please bring your leftover NB/size 1 diapers and small toys/toiletries/infant care items to make diaper cakes for upcoming births in the church family and select a for book discussion in April. Refreshments provided.

April 2, 11am-1:30pm: SPRING BREAK OPEN GYM. Please bring your own picnic lunches and let the kids run off some energy in the gym.

April 11, 7pm: WINE AND APPETIZER PARTY, home of Kelly Cameron, Mom's Group Leader. LADIES ONLY - please bring some wine and an appetizer to socialize and meet fellow church members for a kids-free ladies night.

April 15, 7pm, Rm. 114: MONTHLY MEETING - Book discussion and summer planning; refreshments provided.

MAY EVENTS: Stay tuned for a gathering at a local nursery to make floral containers for your homes with the guidance of the "pros."

Any questions: please contact cuccmoms@gmail.com or Kelly Cameron

Novel Approaches



April 11
The Grapes of Wrath

At Kathy & Jim Mizgalski's home.
Sign up to attend on the
Congregational Life board.

The Grapes of Wrath is a landmark of American literature. A portrait of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless, of one man's fierce reaction to injustice, and of one woman's stoical strength, the novel captures the horrors of the Great Depression and probes into the very nature of equality and justice in America. Although it follows the movement of thousands of men and women and the transformation of an entire nation, **The Grapes of Wrath** is also the story of one Oklahoma family, the Joads, who are driven off their homestead and forced to travel west to the promised land of California. Out of their trials and their repeated collisions against the hard realities of an America divided into Haves and Have-Nots evolves a drama that is intensely human yet majestic in its scale and moral vision, elemental yet plainspoken, tragic but ultimately stirring in its human dignity. At once a naturalistic epic, captivity narrative, road novel, and transcendental gospel, Steinbeck's fictional chronicle of the Dust Bowl migration of the 1930's is perhaps the most American of American Classics.

WOMEN'S FALL GET-AWAY

The date has been set, the deposit sent. All we need now is YOU!!! Just make sure it's on your calendar. Friday-Sunday, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2014, at Pilgrim Park, our Illinois Conference church camp near Princeton. More information and sign-up will be available within the next few months or so. Questions? Call Anne Graham, 630.584.5352.





NEW BOOKS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

ADULT LIBRARY

Fink, Sheri. *Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital*. Chautauqua Institution's February news highlighted the author, journalist, physician and reporter, Sheri Fink, and her book which "describes the horrific conditions at New Orleans Memorial Medical Center shortly after Hurricane Katrina. It draws the reader into the lives of those who struggled to survive and maintain life amid chaos. Fink's reporting has won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Magazine Award and the Overseas Press Club's Lowell Thomas Award."

Holmes, David L. *The Faiths of Postwar Presidents: From Truman to Obama*. Holmes was a recent guest at a presentation cosponsored by Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, and nearby Newberry Library. "The book is for anyone interested in either American political history or religion. Holmes looks at the role of faith in the lives of the twelve presidents who have served since the end of World War II."

McCourt, Frank. *'Tis. A Memoir not a story of fiction nor fantasy*. *'Tis* begins where McCourt's book, *Angela's Ashes*, ends. It covers the author's life from 1949 to 1985. It is his journey and a tale of survival from an impoverished immigrant with rotten teeth, infected eyes and no formal education to a school teacher.

YOUTH LIBRARY

Nelson, Kadir. *Nelson Mandela*. The words and paintings by the author retell the story of Nelson Mandela's life who was the youngest son in a family of four boys and nine girls and named Rolihlahla, "troublemaker." However, when he entered school his teacher changed his name to Nelson. The author continues the story through Nelson's twenty-seven and one-half years in prison followed by his release. This book will appeal to our youth and their parents.

Warner, Gertrude C. *The Boxcar Children*, Books 5-8. Following the first four books recently purchased for the library, youth may now read the next four books in the series: *Mike's Mystery*, *Blue Bay Mystery*, *The Woodshed Mystery*, and *The Lighthouse Mystery*.



Touring Family Diversity Projects Exhibit, *Love Makes a Family:* Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People and Their Families, visits Parlor Art Gallery.

Parlor Art Gallery guests can view the exhibit Monday through Thursday from 10am to 3pm and on Friday from 10am through 12 noon through March 15, 2014.

Linda L. Braggs, Biblical Storyteller *Come hear Biblical stories told in a new way...*

Linda Braggs is a Biblical Storyteller who will share the inspired Word of God with us in a profound way. One person described it this way: "Biblical Storytelling renews the dry spirit and lets worshippers hear the breath of God."

Here's how Biblical Storytelling works:

It teaches, as Jesus taught, by telling stories...

It places the audience in the space and time of the story...

It deepens the audience understanding...

Biblical Storytelling is Christian Education for all ages...

Linda comes to us as an Associate Minister at Covenant Faith Church of God in Chicago and is part of the Society of Biblical Storytellers, (<http://www.nbsint.org/aboutus>) an international, ecumenical, inter-denominational gathering of scholars, clergy, and laity whose mission is to encourage everyone to learn and tell biblical stories. Long before the narratives of the Bible became "scripture" ("writing") they existed in oral form as stories shared in the faith community and passed down from generation to generation. Even the early written records were regarded as notation for the performance of the stories as oral/aural events. Members of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, Int'l internalize and present biblical stories for audiences of all ages. Making use of the scholarship of performance criticism of biblical texts, these biblical storytellers present authentic, lively experiences of the scriptures for worship, conferences, retreats, festivals and other programs.

Linda will be a special guest at our 9:30 worship service on Sunday, March 9. She'll share her love of Biblical Storytelling with our entire congregation. Following this service Linda will lead a short workshop for all ages and interested parties on the craft of Biblical Storytelling in the downstairs Christian Education room. Make plans now to join us for both worship and workshop on March 9.

Please contact Tassie Brautigam, if you have any questions about this special 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 (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

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

Please pray for them on their March birthdays.

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

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CURRENT CHURCH CALENDAR Posted on church web site cuccstc.org

MARCH 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Communion Gf & Confirmation Pancake Breakfast (FH) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Happy Hearts Choir (111) 9:30 AM Jr Worship Puppets Perform (114) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Junior Worship, Sunday School through 5th Grade (114) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kerygma Bible Study (P)</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppets (FH)</p>	<p>4 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Arcadium) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Tuesday Bible Study (P) 7:00 PM Mission Cm (O)</p>	<p>5 Ash Wednesday 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship (P) 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM GF Youth Group (119) 7:00 PM Swing Set BD Mtg (111)</p>	<p>6 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM NAMI (114) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>7 World Day of Prayer 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 5:00 PM Confirmation Retreat (Pilgrim Park)</p>	<p>8 - 2:30 PM Confirmation Retreat ends (Pilgrim Park) Set clocks ahead one hour tonight 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM Lynne Green Recital (S, P)</p>
<p>9 Daylight-Saving Time Begins 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Happy Hearts Choir (111) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School through 7th Grade 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) 3:00 PM TGIJ Movie (FH) 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kerygma Bible Study (P)</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (P) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppets (FH) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Swing Set Dad's Night (FH)</p>	<p>11 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Bible Study-The Daniel Plan (P) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Swing Set Dad's Night (FH)</p>	<p>12 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)</p>	<p>13 9:15 AM Coffee with Rev John (P) 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Swing Set Dad's Night (FH) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>14 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112)</p>	<p>15 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Walking Group</p>
<p>16 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Happy Hearts Choir (111) 9:30 AM Drama Before Sermon 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School through 7th Grade 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Confirmation 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kerygma Bible Study (P)</p>	<p>17 8:30 AM Building Maintenance 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppets (FH) 7:00 PM Church Council (P)</p>	<p>18 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship (Arcadium) 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM POLLING PLACE (FH) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Bible Study-The Daniel Plan (P) 7:00 PM Mom's Group (114)</p>	<p>19 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Circle of Friends (P) 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM GF Youth Group (119) 6:45 PM Lazarus House Homeless Shelter (1/2 of Confirmation Class)</p>	<p>20 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>21 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112)</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Food on the 4th 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Happy Hearts Choir (111) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School through 7th Grade 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Adult Ed Speaker (115/117) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kerygma Bible Study (P)</p>	<p>24 No Puppets 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112)</p>	<p>25 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Bible Study-The Daniel Plan (P)</p>	<p>26 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM GF Youth Group (119)</p>	<p>27 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>28 GF Work Trip leave (Back Bay Mission, MS) 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112)</p>	<p>29 GF Work Trip (Back Bay Mission, MS)</p>



DON'T TOSS THOSE POP TABS!!!

A new Ronald McDonald House is to be built near CDH in Winfield. Our Golden K Kiwanis Club is collecting pop tabs for this project. If your pop tabs are not already committed, I would appreciate it if you would save them for me and my club! Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling while raising funds to help children and their families at the same time. Tabs are also now found on canned soups, veggies, etc.

What's a Ronald McDonald House? Many families travel far from home and spend several weeks or months to get treatment for their seriously ill or injured children – a long time to be away or to divide a family. And, for children facing a serious medical crisis, nothing seems scarier than not having mom and dad close by for love and support. A Ronald McDonald House is that “home-away-from-home” for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child.

The generosity of volunteers and donors make it all possible. In return, families either stay at no cost or are asked to make a donation up to \$25 per day, depending on the House. The RMHC Global Policy is that families are never turned away; if it's not possible to pay, the fee is waived.

You can either give the tabs directly to me, put them in my mailbox in the church office, or put them in the collection bag on the counter in the office. Each tab is much appreciated. Thanks so much to those of you who have already contributed your pop tabs – especially to Connor Speck who gave two huge bags full! -Pat Kitner chatwpat@att.net

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