



Highlight

Increasing Our Love for God & Neighbor
THE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Holy Week



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12, 10am

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 downstairs in room 117 with fun activities! Please park in back of church.

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, April 17, 6pm Dinner

On this meaningful evening everyone will share a simple meal provided by the Worship committee, followed by Holy Communion and a Tenebrae service in Fellowship Hall. Sign up on Worship board near the elevator.

On GOOD FRIDAY, April 18, the Sanctuary will be open for personal prayer from 9am to Noon.



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

APRIL 20

“A TRIO OF EASTER FOLLIES”

8:30am–Brief Service, 9:30am & 11am–Identical Services
Chancel Choir and Bellissimo Bell Choir
Sunday School through 5th Grade at 9:30 and 11am
Nursery Care 8:30-

SPECIAL EASTER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM

Join us for a special Coffee Fellowship on Easter.
Sign up on the Congregational Life board to bring a treat,

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 – SPRING BRUNCH (Week following Easter!)
10:30am. Sign up on the Congregational Life board to tell us how many are coming and what you are bringing.

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



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**



PLEASE **PRAY** FOR:

Sandie Bills

Marc DeSilva

David Hinderliter
(Barb Fairbairn's son)

Michelle Jaynes

Margie Johnson

Mike Linder

Ralph Minard

Connor Speck

Ruth Warren

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

Congratulations

*Beckett Geoffrey Rodgers
was born March 17.*

Congratulations to new parents

Matt & Talia Rodgers

Grandparents John & Susan Rodgers

Great-grandparents Bob & Lois Rodgers

*Gwen Elsie Hoepfner was born April 4
Congratulations to Maggie & Nick Hoepfner
and big brothers Hank & Dean
Proud grandparents are
Trish & JT Thompson*

Our Sympathy

*Carolyn Higgins passed away on March 30.
Her memorial service will be held at church
on Saturday, April 12, 11am, followed by a
luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Our sympathy
to Al, Chris, Nate & Devon and family.*

I would like to thank everyone for the food and letters of care sent to me as I recover from 2 surgeries. I am doing much better now and hope to be back at church very soon. It is wonderful to see the kindness shown to those who are having a rough patch. I can state absolutely that it is appreciated. It also teaches a good lesson in stewardship: Giving can be done in many ways. Please know that my family and I have been very grateful for the caring shown us.

Sincerely, Margie Johnson

Teacher Appreciation Sunday, April 27

Many thanks to all the teachers who have worked with all of our children and adults! You have truly made a difference in the lives of others!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Laurie & John Baloun
Amy & Mark Bishop
Natalie & Eric Bohner
Jeanine Borst
Mary Lou Bracken
Barb & Chris Brennan
Lisa & Kevin Brown
Kelly & Rob Cameron
Bridget & Sean Cho
Deb Dieckman
Kiera & John Doster
Rachael & Jon Freedland
Linda & Brian Geni
Lynne Hardison
Maggie & Nick Hoepfner
Rachel & Joe Innis
Brian Kobleur
Mike Linder
Teresa & Robert Melton
Laura Milhousen
Aimee Miller
Tara & Greg Moffitt
Brynn & John Moore
Kim & Mark Oeltgen
Scott Powell
Mary Anne Rebernak
Ann & Ron Richards
Tracy Richter
Jane & Rob Ritchie
Katie & Sean Roots
Renee Schroeder
Carie Schultz
Lisa & Steve Sidor
Ashley Swanson
Tammy Swanson
Trish Thompson
Amy Tidler
Dawn Turner
Stephanie & Rob Van Dinther
Kim & Steve Wascher
Candice Webster
Andrea & Aaron Williams

BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS

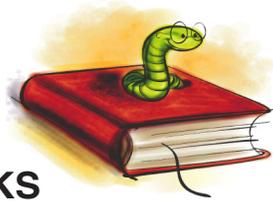
Patti Molloy
Mary Anne Rebernak
John Rodgers
Trish Thompson

NURSERY

Tricia Steele
Katie Dieckman
Colleen Molloy
Erin Steele



**THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS**



ADULT LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

YOUTH LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

Crossan, John Dominic. *Jesus, a Revolutionary Biography*. The book's flyer reads, "Crossan is widely regarded as the leading authority on the words and life of Jesus. In this book, the author presents the best possible historical depiction of Jesus—the man and his message." Crossan is a professor of biblical studies at DePaul University.

Youth in our Sunday school classes requested that we purchase Roald Dahl's book and the Rick Riordan series. The last two books by R. L. Stine were donated by one of our young readers.

Crossan, John Dominic and N. T. Wright. *The Resurrection of Jesus*. Robert B. Stewart, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, states, "The two writers and scholars air their different understandings of the historical reality and theological meaning of Jesus' resurrection. This lively and informative book highlights points of agreement and disagreement between the authors concerning Jesus and his resurrection."

Dahl, Ronald. *James and the Giant Peach*. "After James Henry Trotter's parents are tragically eaten by a rhinoceros, James goes to live with his two horrible aunts, Spiker and Sponge. Life there is no fun until James accidentally drops some magic crystals by the old peach tree and strange things start to happen." --Publisher, Puffin Books

Keller, Timothy. *The Prodigal God. Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith*. "Pastor Keller uses Jesus' most familiar parable to reveal God's grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. He hears many difficult questions like, 'How can a loving God allow suffering?' In this book, Keller addresses this and other questions and gives his reasons for believing in God unconditionally." --Library Journal

Riordan, Rick, Author of The New York Times #1 best selling series focuses on Percy Jackson & The Olympians. *Book One: The Lightning Thief*, Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school. . . again. And that's the least of his troubles. *Book Two: Percy and his friends must journey into The Sea of Monsters* to save their camp. *Book Three: Percy finds himself faced with his most dangerous challenge yet—the chilling prophecy of The Titan's Curse*. *Book Four: The Battle of the Labyrinth*, Percy and his friends must set out on a quest through the Labyrinth. *Book Five: The Last Olympian*, the long-awaited prophecy surrounding Percy's sixteenth birthday unfolds.

Qureshi, Nabeel. *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus. A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity*. "The author masterfully argues for the gospel while painting a beautiful portrait of Muslim families and heritage. The book will feed your heart and mind, while keeping your fingers turning the page!" --Josh D. McDowell, author and speaker

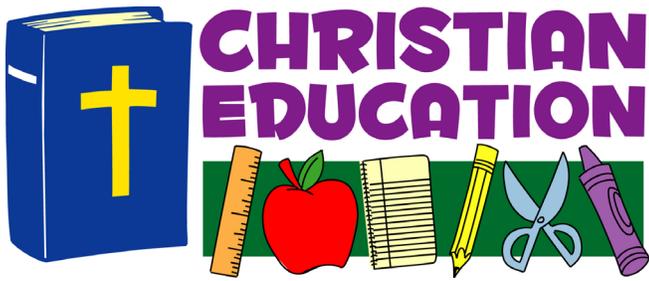
R. L. Stine. *Goosebumps Most Wanted Planet of the Lawn Gnomes* and *Goosebumps Most Wanted Son of Slappy* were donated by Chloe Daly. She writes, "The books are very good, but still have scary moments, but always have happy endings. They end with a question."



Circle of Friends Wednesday, May 21 (NO Circle of Friends in April)

Please join us at 9:30 am in our church parlor to hear a presentation on wine making at home by Peter Ball.

Mary Anne Rebernak



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



SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION

1134 and climbing – 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 the next 3 Sundays of April, the M&M jar will continue to fill and then to 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. What will our final number be?

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

April 13 – We are looking forward to receiving all those coins from the children's OGHS boxes! Remember every coin will make a difference!



Want something fun to do on a Sunday morning? Please sign up on the CE board to teach summer Sunday school from May 25th through August 31st. Needed are teachers to work with the Preschool/Kindergarteners in Clifford's Room and teachers to work with 1st through 3rd graders to meet in room 113. (The children will go to the class they are attending in the fall.) Teaching materials will be provided for you. If you have any questions, please contact Tassie Brautigam.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

Save the Date! 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. The theme will be *Workshop of Wonder* where we will imagine and build with God. Registration forms are available on our website cucscstc.org under Vacation Bible School. Click on VBS Registration 2014. Or pick one up from the CE Bulletin Board or the bulletin board in the lower level Sunday School hallway.

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.

CHURCH CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Take a look at the church camps available this summer at Pilgrim Park or Tower Hill! Available are a scholarship of \$100 for any weeklong camp or \$25 for any 3 day camp given by the Linder/Colson Camp scholarship fund and sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. The camp details and registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Sunday school hallway and on the CE board outside the office. Think about these 2 great reasons to send your middle schooler to camp: 1) The experience will give them the opportunity to know that the world is bigger than their school, hometown, or state. 2) The kids will have additional mentors in their life that they can look up to as positive role models who want each and every child they work with to be the very best they can be. 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."



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



April 27th Road Clean Up

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



April 13th Visit to Trinity UCC
 April 27th Road Clean up

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



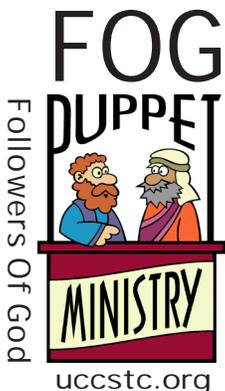
Apr. 12th FMSC



HELPING HANDS
 for 4-5th Graders

3rd Wed. of each month, 5-6pm

April 23rd
May 21st



April 11th Lock-in
 April 14th Rehearsal
 April 21th Rehearsal

Puppets performing on Mothers Day at both services

Adult Work Camp 2014

Sign up 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.

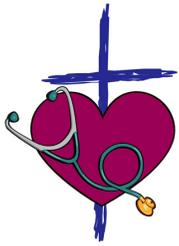
CHURCH FAMILY CAMP

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).

WESTPHAL SCHOLARSHIP

Submit your application before Sunday, May 4 for the Westphal Scholarship Award. Forms are now available in the church office and on OUR website uccstc.org. Any member of the congregation who is planning to enter post-high school education is eligible for the scholarship. This may include, but not be limited to, four-year college, community college and trade or professional schools. Members currently enrolled in these programs are eligible to apply, providing they are not completing their education this spring. Criteria for the award will include financial need, academic achievement and church involvement.

Contributions to the scholarship fund, established in 1994, are encouraged and appreciated. The annual scholarship award is funded by the interest portion of the account only, so that the principal may grow and fund additional scholarships in the future. Please consider giving to this worthwhile cause that directly benefits members of our congregation.



Patti Molloy, RN
Parish Nurse
nurse@uccstc.org

As parish nurse it is my responsibility to stock, re-stock and order new CareNotes. I have noticed over the years that there are a few that I need to continually re-stock. Among those are the ones called *What Everyone Should Know About Stress*, *Easing the Burden of Stress*, *Dealing With Difficult People* among others. The ones, however, that I replace the most frequently, deal with the topic of anxiety. I know of a few people recently who believed they were experiencing cardiac symptoms. After undergoing medical testing it was determined that the physical symptoms were the result of anxiety. This led me to do some reading.

Most people do not recognize their anxiety for what it is, and instead think there is something wrong with them. Some people are preoccupied with the symptoms of anxiety with good reason. Panic attacks and heart attacks can feel frighteningly similar: shortness of breath, palpitations, chest pain, dizziness, vertigo, feelings of unreality, numbness of hands and feet, sweating, fainting, and trembling. A panic attack occurs spontaneously or a stressful event can trigger it, but it poses no immediate danger. A heart attack is dangerous, and it requires prompt medical attention. In women, though, heart disease symptoms are sometimes mistaken for a panic attack. Therefore, the first step to successfully managing anxiety is to learn to understand and recognize it. Also, have a thorough physical examination to determine heart health.

Anxiety is a common and normal experience, and it CAN be managed successfully! It is a system in our body that helps us to deal with real danger. When anxiety is experienced the body's fight or flight response is triggered. This prepares the body to defend itself. Anxiety is a problem when the body reacts as if there is danger when there is no real danger. It's like having an overly sensitive smoke alarm system in the body. A smoke alarm can help to protect us when there is an actual fire, but when a smoke alarm is too sensitive and goes off when there isn't really a fire, it is rather annoying. Like a smoke alarm, anxiety is helpful and adaptive when it works right. But, if it goes off when there is no real danger, it is not only scary, it is also very exhausting. However, we DO NOT want to get rid of the alarm or eliminate the anxiety because it protects us from danger. We want to fix it so it works properly for us!

Whatever the depth of your anxiety, you can learn to manage it, even overcome it. Here are few tips to help get control of your anxiety rather than to feel controlled by it.

- Develop a relaxation response. This may sound simple but is far easier said than done for people who suffer from anxiety. Try relaxation exercises, meditation, imagery and/or positive self-talk. Train yourself to become aware of your physiological symptoms of anxiety, so that you can use them to trigger your relaxation response. To find more about developing a relaxation response, check the internet or library.
- Take charge of the situation. No matter how your anxiety began, you may now be so afraid of the way it makes you feel that you allow it to control your life. Work on the idea that feelings can be uncomfortable, but they can never hurt you.
- Avoid "awfulizing." Playing the "what if" game is a sure way to intensify your fears. Actively stop such thoughts and substitute other thoughts to fill the vacuum. Remember, internal doom dialogue only feeds panic. Whether you say, "I cannot cope with this," or you say, "I can cope with this," you will be right.
- Take care of yourself. Too much pressure and stress, combined with too little emotional support, sets the stage for a low tolerance for anxiety. Strengthening yourself physically by eating nutritiously and getting enough sleep and exercise can also make you more resistant to anxiety.
- Seek help for extreme anxiety. Sometimes anxiety can be completely out of proportion to the situation and may persist long after the perceived danger has passed. An anxiety disorder is as real as appendicitis or ulcers, and you need help to heal. Consult your physician. Anxiety disorders are among the most treatable conditions, usually responding well to some combination of medication, behavioral techniques, and psychotherapy. Treatment usually involves learning about coping strategies, and changing behavior through setting goals and taking gradual steps to confront fears. Anxiety does not have to limit your living life to the fullest!

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.

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.





Food on the 4th

Please bring healthy non-perishable food of your choice for the St. Charles Salvation Army & Elburn Food Pantries. On April 27 please bring – **Fruits & Veggies** – canned fruit, canned vegetables, dry potatoes, raisins.



Pottawatomie Partnership

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



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.



APRIL PARLOR ART

By
Preschool through 7th Grade Sunday School

Enjoy the warm colors of spring and the vibrant designs of all. The butterfly is a symbol of this very special season and especially Easter. From its beginnings as a tiny egg that can hardly be seen, it then emerges as a caterpillar. But the caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis and almost appears lifeless. Finally out of the chrysalis comes this beautiful butterfly, more powerful than before. Enjoy this time as all God’s nature emerges more wonderful and abundant than ever! It is the season of hope! May all your hopes come true!

Many thanks to all the Sunday school teachers and especially to Terry Morton who helped to make this display happen!

The *Highlight* is going GREEN!

Did you know each issue of the *Highlight* newsletter uses almost 2,000 sheets of paper – that’s close to 27,000 sheets of paper a year - in addition to toner and other supplies? Postage costs for the *Highlight* last year were close to \$600.

In an effort to be green and save the church money this will be the last PAPER issue of the *Highlight* that will be bulk mailed. In addition we will be under the number of paper *Highlights* that the post office requires for bulk mail.

- If you are currently receiving the paper copy of the *Highlight* by bulk mail and want to receive it via email as a PDF document please make sure we have your correct email address by sending us a quick email at office@cuccstc.org.

- If you would like to continue to receive the paper *Highlight* by post office first class mail, please let the office know by phone or email (\$20 suggested donation to cover the first class postage costs per year.)

- If you would prefer to not receive the *Highlight* at all, let us know that too.

Beginning with the May issue, we will be sending the *Highlight* out via email. Paper copies will be available on the hutch outside the church office and in the Narthex by the Sanctuary for you to pick up. You can also read it online on the church web site at cuccstc.org. Back issues are also available on the web site.

If you have questions or concerns about this, please speak with Pastor John, Carleen or Tricia.

email us at office@cuccstc.org
web site cuccstc.org



Galilee of Friends Youth Group

PLANT SALE



Plants are from Shady Hill Gardens

Return order with payment to the church office by **Sunday, April 13, 2014.**

Pick up at church in back yard-Sat. May 10 (9-10am) or Sun. May 11.

GERANIUMS - 4 1/2 inch POTS \$6 each X # _____ = \$ _____ Total

___ Red ___ White ___ Salmon ___ Light Pink ___ Bright Pink

10 inch HANGING GERANIUM BASKETS \$20 X # _____ = \$ _____ Total

___ Red ___ Bright Pink ___ Candy Stripe ___ White ___ Lavendar

IMPATIENS FLATS - 48 plant \$18 flat X # _____ = \$ _____ Total

___ Red ___ White ___ Salmon ___ Pink ___ Pastel Mix ___ Bright Mix

PETUNIA FLATS - 48 plants - \$18 flat X # _____ = \$ _____ Total

___ Red ___ White ___ Mix ___ Pink ___ Deep Purple

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

ASSORTED ___ Sprengeri (asparagus fern) ___ Spike ___ Vinca Vine ___ English Ivy

___ Million Bells Petunias Assorted ___ Bacopa White

___ Sweet Potato Vine Chartreuse ___ Sweet Potato Vine Blackie

HERBS ___ Italian Basil ___ Parsley ___ Thyme ___ Rosemary

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

NAME _____

Evening Phone _____ Day Phone _____

The Congregational United Church of Christ, Galilee of Friends Youth Group

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

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

This issue of the Highlight is the last one to be mailed by bulk mail. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the faithful volunteers who have come to help prepare the paper copy for mailing. Not that long ago 550 copies were mailed, 2 times a month. Thanks Josie Ball, Joe Bart, Bob Beavan, Audrey Bowie, Mila Englert, Barb Fairbairn, Sue Hamer, Sally Harvey, Lynne Hardison, Ivy Johnson, Margie Johnson, Pat Kitner, Carol Klopp, Mike Linder, Carolyn Lykins, Barney Lykins, Rozella Nagy, Bill Nagy, Hannah Nieman. They always came when called, whenever they could, most of them for so many years, we were still at the old church. And a very special thanks to Hugh and Virginia Cole who were in charge of the mailing of the Highlight until they moved. They faithfully took care of attaching and sorting mailing labels, keeping the post office happy with us, delivering the mailing to the post office, bringing us new mailing trays. For years and years of faithful service, Thanks!

Carleen Bart



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

Peaceful Heart Yoga with Donna Burg

New session beginning April 7

8 weeks, Mondays from 9-10:15am.

April 7 - June 2, No class May 26

\$80 for 8 weeks, \$12 per week (drop in)

Pay at class. Sign up on Congregational Life Bulletin Board.



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.

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

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

2014 Altar Flowers Donations

Sign up on the Worship Bulletin Board next to the elevator for 2014 altar flower donations. Ginger Krichbaum from the Worship Committee will contact you by e-mail or phone to make arrangements for your flower donation and what you would like printed in the bulletin.

Novel Approaches

April 11
The Grapes of Wrath



At Kathy & Jim Mizgalski's home. 7:30pm

June 6 Novel Approaches

Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski
 Carol and Bill Ludemann's home

Sign up to attend on the congregational Life Board.

Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose thoughtful companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar's paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles' once peaceful home. When Edgar's father dies suddenly, Claude insinuates himself into the life of the farm—and into Edgar's mother's affections.

Grief-stricken and bewildered, Edgar tries to prove Claude played a role in his father's death, but his plan backfires—spectacularly. Forced to flee into the vast wilderness lying beyond the farm, Edgar comes of age in the wild, fighting for his survival and that of the three yearling dogs who follow him. But his need to face his father's murderer and his devotion to the Sawtelle dogs turn Edgar ever homeward.

David Wroblewski is a master storyteller, and his breathtaking scenes—the elemental north woods, the sweep of seasons, an iconic American barn, create a riveting family saga, a brilliant exploration of the limits of language, and a compulsively readable modern classic.



The MISSION COMMITTEE has chosen the COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER as the recipient of gifts from this year's Easter Giving Tree.

The Easter Giving Tree tags represent some of the needs of the children and families who seek help and support through the Community Crisis Center in Elgin. On an average day there are 26 women and children living in transitional housing with 31 persons living in the emergency shelter.

The Community Crisis Center 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. Among the many services they offer is emergency shelter for women and their children fleeing abusive situations. They also provide advocacy with schools and other social service agencies as well as small group counseling through their Children's Services.

Many of the schools in Elgin require the children to wear uniforms, navy or white polo shirts and khaki or navy pants. Polo shirts, either long or short sleeved, for both girls and boys and diapers were among the most identified needs at this time. It is suggested that one try Target and WalMart for the polo shirts as both have on line uniform stores.

We all recognize the importance of family time, hence the need for family games and puzzles for children.

The gift cards provide the staff of the Community Crisis Center to purchase items as needed and of course, it is a wonderful way to support our own Manna program.

The Mission Committee asks that you prayerfully consider support of this very worthwhile agency through the 2014 Easter Giving Tree. Most services offered by the Community Crisis Center are provided at no cost.

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

Mission Committee

CUCW Weekly Wednesday E-mail BLAST is a quick reminder, submitted in 25 words or less, published for 2 weeks. Detailed information about events and thank you notes are published in the *Highlight* Newsletter, condensed information will be in the Sunday bulletin insert.



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

June 8 has officially been changed to Carleen Bart Day!

You are invited to come worship and celebrate this special day! There will be a brunch to honor our amazingly talented Carleen who has served as Office Manager since 1996. As of May 31, Carleen will officially be retired. As a church, we have been blessed to have a talented artist, loving friend, organized manager and wonderful person greeting visitors and members throughout the years. On the phone, in the office, Carleen has ministered to a variety of situations with grace and ease. Watch for a change in the parlor art this June - Carleen's watercolors will be featured!

Please plan to come honor and celebrate Carleen's 18 years of service to our church on June 8, after the 9:30 service!!

The Congregational United Church of Christ

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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 April birthdays.

Kayla Eichstaedt	1	Ashley Vial	5	Garett Collins	12	Jenny Koulback	18	Travis Pettijohn	22	Shannon Eichler	27
Ashley Fortcamp	1	Bailey Harding	6	Hayley Contorno	12	Hunter Sneed	18	Ron Richards	22	Bryn Kurtz	27
Abigail Gust	1	Mike Baer	7	Dee James	12	Tammy Swanson	18	Madison Wnek	22	Larry Nothnagel	27
Alexis Lindsey	1	James Brennan	7	Stella Moran	12	Pam Reed	19	Barbara Pankoke	23	Benjamin Shurts	27
Kate Masinick	1	Kim Stines	7	Cole Balzanto	13	Callie Webster	19	Sloan Samuelson	23	Jocelyn Webster	27
Robin Pokorski	1	Miki Powell	8	Sandra Bils	13	Ed Boltz	20	Andy Schulthess	24	Jenifer Anhalt	28
Emily Avellana	2	Joanne Rickard	8	Larissa MacNeille	13	Emily Freiny	20	Jacqueline Turyna	24	Ben Banwart	28
John Rodgers	2	Bill Landgraf	9	Mike Daly	14	Dave Kathe	20	Shae Urban	24	Brian Kleckner	28
John DeBates	3	Colleen Samuelson	9	Nicole Severson	14	Judy Legat	20	John Campbell	25	Abbey McAuliff	28
Faith Powell	3	Derrick Baer	11	Andrew Diorio	15	Jim Lorenz	20	Alexandra Johnson	25	Mallory Mroz	28
Brianna Wascher	3	Mitchell Baer	11	Haley Tams	15	Joshua Stewart	20	Madi Juby	25	Ateka Piper	28
Kathy Brens	4	Charlotte Caprini	11	Megan Lukaszuk	16	Madeline Wadington	20	Cam Moore	25	Garrett Gust	29
Bradley Graupner	4	Kameron Cluchey	11	Janet Munz	16	Ruth Warren	20	Marc Urban	26	Dan Bata	30
Dea Hamilton	4	Carol Holmes	11	Samantha Harding	17	Eric Weidl	20	Mark Wodrich	26	Drew Blakeley	30
Trish Thompson	4	Carolyn Lykins	11	Candi Inc	17	Dean Hemmingsen	21	Brendan Daly	27	Maryellen Moran	30
Kevin Kathe	5	Rich Megliola	11	Megan Moffitt	17	Sandra Devermann	22	Kirby DeBates	27	Kelly Skowronski	30
Kayla VanBergen	5	Peter Santucci	11	Joseph Schultz	17	Chris Fernandez	22	Katie Dieckman	27		

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CURRENT CHURCH CALENDAR Posted on church web site cuccstc.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 5th Sunday in Lent <i>Communion</i> GF Work Trip return home 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 Junior Worship, Sunday School through 5th Grade (114) 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)</p>	<p>7 Highlight Deadline (NOON) 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppets (FH)</p>	<p>8 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Bible Study-The Daniel Plan (P)</p>	<p>9 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>10 9:30 AM Mail Highlight (P) 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>11 Green Van Rental Novel Approaches (Jim & Kathy Mizgalskis') 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112) 6:00 PM - 8:00 AM Puppet Lockin</p>	<p>12 Green Van Rental Puppet Lock In ends at 8am 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt (117, S) 11:00 AM Carolyn Higgins Funeral (S, FH) 12:45 PM TGIJ FMSC</p>
<p>13 Confirmation visit Trinity UCC Green Van Rental OGHS Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing Palm Sunday 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Happy Hearts Choir (111) 9:30 AM Kanter Baptism (S) 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) 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kerygma Bible Study (P)</p>	<p>14 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S) 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)</p>	<p>15 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Bible Study-The Daniel Plan (P) 7:00 PM Mom's Group (114)</p>	<p>16 NO Circle of Friends 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM GF Youth Group (119) 6:45 PM Lazarus House Homeless Shelter 7:00 PM Swing Set BD Mtg (111) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>17 Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM Tenebrae Service, Communion and Dinner (FH)</p>	<p>18 Good Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sanctuary Open for Personal Prayer 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112)</p>	<p>19 7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Walking Group</p>
<p>20 Easter Sunday 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Easter Worship 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Happy Hearts Choir (111) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Easter Worship 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School through 7th Grade 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Special Easter Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Easter Worship</p>	<p>21 8:30 AM Building Maintenance 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppets (FH) 7:00 PM Church Council (P)</p>	<p>22 Tentative Morton Arboretum date 7:30 PM New Member Orientation (P)</p>	<p>23 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Helping Hands (FH) 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM GF Youth Group (119)</p>	<p>24 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>25 Steel Beam Theater 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112)</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Food on the 4th New Members Received (S) Road Clean Up (GF & Confir) Teacher Appreciation Sunday 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Brief Worship (S) 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Happy Hearts Choir (111) 9:30 AM Spring Brunch (FH) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School through 7th Grade 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Kerygma Bible Study (P)</p>	<p>28 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Language Stars-Mandarin (112) 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S) 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Puppet Performance at Marklund</p>	<p>29 1:00 PM Night Ministry, Pilsen & Humboldt Park (FH)</p>	<p>30 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM GF Youth Group (119)</p>	<p>1 National Day of Prayer 6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM NAMI (114) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>2 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM Language Stars-Spanish (112)</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Confirmation Practice</p>

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 – EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

“A TRIO OF EASTER FOLLIES”

8:30am Brief Service, 9:30am & 11am Identical Services
Identical services with the Chancel Choir and Bellissimo Bell Choir
Sunday School through 5th Grade at 9:30 and 11am.



Easter

SPECIAL EASTER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP, 10:30AM

Join us for a special Coffee Fellowship at on Easter.
Sign up on the Congregational Life board
to bring a treat, or to help serve.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 – SPRING BRUNCH, 10:30am.

Sign up on the Congregational Life board
to tell us how many are coming and what you are bringing.

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