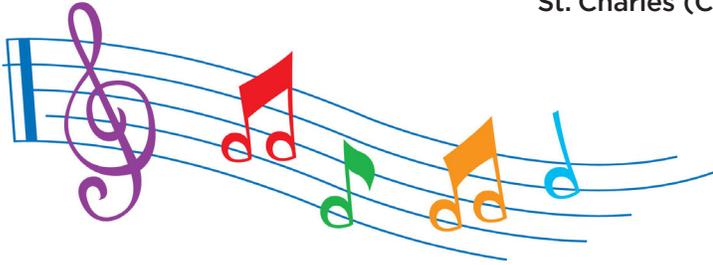




# Highlight

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

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## NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT REPAIRS

Do you remember what your cell phone was like in 1998? What about your computer? Did you own a laptop? Those old cell phones and computers are certainly considered obsolete today. 1998 was when our current organ and sound system were designed and installed. They too have become sorely outdated in the last 16 years. There are a variety of stops on the organ that will not play and the internal computer is no longer repairable – parts are no longer made. Our wireless microphones are on an illegal frequency and, as a result, there are a variety of sounds heard on a Sunday morning that are certainly unintended!

The Church Council reviewed bids from three different sound companies. In addition it reviewed the list of organ needs suggested by George Buck, who built and installed the present organ and has provided service over the past 16 years. At their April meeting they voted to proceed with the solicitation of funds for the necessary repairs.

In mid May, the *Sound of Music* campaign will begin with a goal of raising \$45,000. This is the amount necessary to bring the sound system and the organ up to date. Following the theme of *Sound of Music*, musical notes will be used to indicate the progress of the campaign which you will be able to follow on the musical display. You will find this on the window in the hallway by the parlor. A tear off contribution form with the levels of giving is below. Paper copies will also be available.

Thanks to the Organ Donor Concert held in March and sponsored by Dennis and Denise Beiermann, the fund has a \$1000 start.

After completion the organ will be back at full strength with some new pipes and instrumentation. The sound system should have no dead spots and the wireless microphones will work without a hum. A new leveling system will raise the volume of quiet speakers and dampen loud ones and the overall control of our system will be much easier. With your help in reaching our goal, our worship services will be enhanced because of a better sound system and updated organ.

So that work can be done during this summer you are encouraged to respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous contribution. If you have questions, please see Ted Hardison, Wyonne Hegland or John Rodgers.



## SOUND OF MUSIC CAMPAIGN

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO BRING THE SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM AND OUR BEAUTIFUL ORGAN UP TO DATE!**

Each note depicts a level of giving. Choose one note or combine notes of your favorite colors! Thank you for your support.



I/we wish to contribute the following amount to the *Sound of Music* Campaign

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tear off and return to the office or place in the offering plate.  
Write "Sound of Music Campaign" on the memo line of your check.*



PLEASE **PRAY** FOR:

*Pray for each other  
so that you may be healed....*

*James 5:16 (NIV)*

**Marc DeSilva**

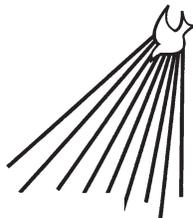
**David Hinderliter**  
(Barb Fairbairn's son)

**Michelle Jaynes**

**Margie Johnson**

**Connor Speck**

**Ruth Warren**



### **Our 2014 Confirmands**

*Jack Breseman*

*Alex Diorio*

*Caitlin Gregory*

*Kevin Kathe*

*Casey Klotz*

*Colleen Molloy*

*Jake Mroz*

*Drew Occhipinti*

*Meredith Reber*

*Erin Steele*

*Anne Stoner*

*A huge thank you to Bob Brautigam, Jim Hegland, George Mohn, Scott Powell, John Speck and Ken Stribling of Men's Fellowship who came out on April 12 to rake and mulch our leaves, gather branches and sticks on our lawn and edge around our trees and flower beds. It has been a long time since everything looks as good as it does now. Thank you also to Barb Pankoke who did some raking as well and who provided everyone with delicious homemade refreshments. We are truly blessed to be surrounded with such thoughtful and caring friends.  
Bill & Rozella Nagy*

*Jack and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, support, get well cards and all the great food during my recent heart surgery and recovery. We both feel extremely blessed that my recovery is going so well. It was truly a miracle I made it back from California after the heart attack and had a successful surgery. Many have told me that God was carrying me or was in my pocket. I truly believe that. The nurses made sure I had my prayer shawl over me at all times especially at night which again made me feel that God and my friends were with me. This was truly a blessed Easter. Thank you again!  
Sandie and Jack Bils*

*Over the past 6 weeks our family has been, again, deeply touched by the depth of love and caring that we have received by so many in our Church family. Your prayers, cards and phone calls, questions of concern and messages of hope since Connor was first diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma have been incredible. Many have shared your stories of experience with cancer, treatment and survival. We look forward to being able to monitor his continued treatment while he is home, now that he has finished his freshman year at college and the time we can look back on this period in our lives as a significant bump in the road and nothing more.*

*With sincere thanks, John, Kathleen, Mallory and Connor Speck*

*I want to thank my church family for their support following my recent knee replacement surgery. Phone calls, cards, visits, a prayer blanket, meals and prayers all add up to some of the best medicine there is. My recovery has gone well, and I'm sure that is due in large part to the support from all of you.  
Mike Linder*

**Congratulations to Jim & Carol Vial. They will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on May 8. If you would like to send them a card, their address is: James & Carol Vial  
255 S 18th St, St Charles, IL 60174**

**Thanks to your generosity and support of the Easter Giving Tree, 1000 diapers, 45 polo shirts, several games and dish towels and \$250 in gift cards were delivered to the Community Crisis Center in Elgin. The agency which is run almost totally by volunteers is grateful for your gifts and thoughtfulness. You helped to put smiles on many faces.**

**Mission Committee**

**Finally, it seems safe to say that we have survived another winter. While the winter was unlike those in recent memory, especially as far as snowfall goes, the response to it from the congregation at CUCC was quite typically, remarkable! With the prospect of completely blowing our snow removal budget a very real possibility, donations to help cover the extensive cost overages were requested and very graciously given. As is always the case, so many in the congregation made generous donations making it possible to stay on budget. The Church Council wishes to extend our sincere thank you to all who were able to donate to this special need.**

**John Speck, Council President**

## Middle East Seminars in May

Last Sunday there was an excellent presentation and discussion from local Rabbi Fred Margulies on the Israeli view of Israel/Palestine relationship. Causes and possible next steps were discussed. On May 18, Gary Burge, professor of New Testament at Wheaton College, will lead us through the eyes of his recently updated book "Whose Land? Whose Promise?" Of particular focus for both our leaders was and will be the issue of the Palestinians.

For the past 20 years I have studied the Middle East situation and have traveled there 3 times. Though by no means an expert, I know enough to know how complex and difficult any discussion on this topic can be. I have never met, read or seen an unbiased view. It is one of the most polarizing situation in our world—one that may be best avoided in a polite church setting.

But I cannot. I cannot because of history, theology and my dreams for peace in the "promised land." The history of Israel goes back to the beginnings of the Judeo-Christian tradition with the call of Abraham and Moses and continues through the birth/life/resurrection of Christ. It is not only our tradition but also this is sacred land for Muslims. And, of course, there were people there long before Abraham in this "cradle of civilization." You would hope that this small area (about the size of Indiana) being so sacred to so many would bring peace and prosperity for all - but it has not. It has brought tension and conflict and misunderstanding.

These May seminars were not designed to answer any Mideast questions; only to provide a framework for members of our church to view the issues of this volatile region. Again, you won't come away with answers - we are far from answers - but, hopefully, you will have new insights and convictions on this ancient sacred land. I hope you will plan on joining us on May 18 after the 9:30 service.

*Rev John Rodgers*



## A SUMMER NIGHT ON THE RED CARPET

**Thursday, June 26 at 7:30 PM  
at Morton Arboretum**

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra proudly partners with The Morton Arboretum to present an evening of favorite Hollywood movie classics for the whole family on the concert lawn.

Tickets are \$35 per person. Checks should be submitted to the church office by May 25. Please make them payable to CUCC and designate CSO/MortonArb in the memo area.

Pack a picnic supper, your lawn chairs and join a group from CUCC for a lovely evening amid the magnificent trees in the lovely landscape of the Arboretum. Please note that liquor may not be brought in but is available for sale at concessions.

More information about the program can be found at <http://cso.org/TicketsAndEvents/EventDetails.aspx?eid=6676>



**RAFFLE! ONLY UNTIL MAY 18!**

2 TICKETS TO **SOUND OF MUSIC**  
MAY 24

1:30 PERFORMANCE, MAIN FLOOR SEATS  
\$200.00 VALUE

**\$5 A TICKET OR 6 FOR \$25**  
Drawing on May 18

## Intentional Travel

*"Treasures of Northern Italy"*  
**September 20 - October 3, 2015**

More information will be on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall soon.



## Riganato's Restaurant

(700 E. State Street, Geneva)

**Dine In or Carry Out**

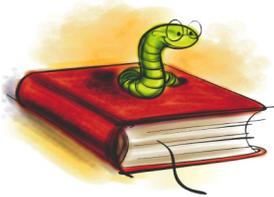
**Just tell your waitress,**

*"Women's Fellowship Sent Us!"*

**15% of your entire check will go to support our missions here and abroad.**

**Invite your friends and neighbors to join you.**

**Highlight Newsletter Copy Deadline**  
**Monday, June 2 BEFORE NOON**



## STOP BY THE LIBRARY TABLE IN THE PARLOR TAKE HOME A NEW BOOK FOR YOUR READING ENJOYMENT!!

McDonnell, Patrick. *The Gift of Nothing*. This special story is short, thought provoking and perhaps good advice for your next gift for a special friend. The simple message might become a conversation with family and/or friends.

Palacio, R. J. *Wonder*. The author and graphic designer has chosen to write her first book about Auggie Pullman, a ten-year old child born with extreme facial abnormalities. He is home schooled until fifth grade when he enters a private middle school in Manhattan. He experiences taunting and fear of his classmates as the "new student". The Wall Street Journal writes, "A beautiful, funny and sometimes sob-making story of quiet transformation."

Sidor, Steven. *Pitch Dark*. Church member, chair of Christian Education and an acclaimed author has donated his new book to our library. Sidor says, "(My) latest novel of terror, Pitch Dark, is about a young woman on the run from a dangerous apocalyptic cult." He is also the author of three other dark thrillers, *Skin River*, *Bone Factory* and *The Mirror's Edge*.

Strobel, Lee. *The Case for Faith*. The writer is the former legal affairs editor of the Chicago Tribune. He has received Illinois's highest honor for investigative reporting and he has also received from United Press International its highest honor for public service journalism. He documents his 1980-81 journey from atheism to Christianity in two books, one being *The Case for Faith*.

Walls, Jeannette. *The Silver Star*. The publisher of this book states, "The author is supremely alert to abuse of adult power, has written this deeply moving novel about triumph over adversity and about people who find a way to love each other. . .". Walls has been named a New York Times best selling author of two other books, *The Glass Castle* and *Half Broke Horses*.

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**For your information, exciting changes in the Youth Library are going to happen this summer as the library adopts a new automated system. Kim Barth, Connections Coordinator, has written an article in this issue of the Highlight with further details. We ask all families to return books from the Youth Library before the end of the school year so they are included in the new system. Thank you very much.**

## Community Library

As some of you may know, we will be opening a new Community Library that is available to all children in the area in October of 2014. We have received an abundance of donated books for the library by the community around us! In order to organize the library and catalog the old and new books into our new system, the library will be closed from June until early October. During this time, we will begin bringing in shelving units, cataloging books and organizing them all into a similar system that most school libraries use. We are asking that you please return any library books you may have checked out from the Children's Library by May 18. We are thrilled about the opening of this library and cannot wait to provide children with access to thousands of books. In the mean time, if you are interested in cataloging books or interested in volunteer opportunities once the library is open, please contact Kim Barth at [connections@uccstc.org](mailto:connections@uccstc.org).

*Kim Barth*

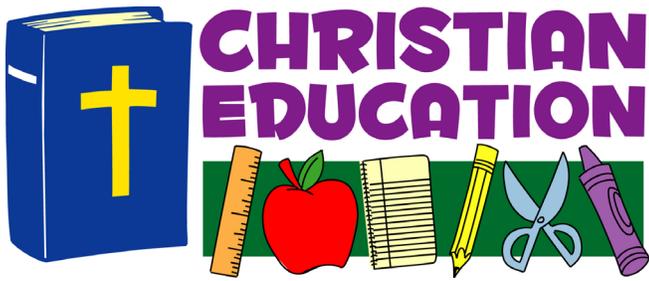
**June 8 has officially  
be changed to Carleen Bart Day!  
Please plan to come honor  
and celebrate Carleen's 18 years  
of service to our church after  
the 9:30 service.**



## Circle of Friends Wednesday, May 21

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](mailto:flower160921@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION

1449-That's how many boys and girls throughout the world that the Sunday school class' \$322 donated to Feed My Starving Children will feed. Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor. Proverbs 22: 9

Thanks for sharing and caring through our Sunday school mission!

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

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/Kindergartners in Clifford's Room and teachers to work with 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

\$209.69 is the final count for the Sunday school's contribution to One Great Hour of Sharing. All those coins collected will go to help provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. Thanks to Richard Caldwell for donating his coins as well!

### 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 week-long camp or \$25 for any 3 day camp given by the Linder/Colson Camp scholarship fund and sponsored by the Christian Education Committee.

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL "At the Zoo"

Thanks to everyone who made this past year of Sunday school happen. It does take our entire congregation to come together to work with our children so that they may grow in faith, caring, and sharing. What a blessing you are all to our church community!!! May 25 through August 31 finds us returning to our summer Sunday school schedule. Preschool and kindergarten will meet in Clifford's Room located in the Swing Set area. 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will meet in room 112/camel room. (**This is the grade the child is going into.**) Come join in our theme of *At the Zoo* where you will meet zebras, giraffes, ostriches, tortoises, and many more of God's wonderful creatures and learn what they can teach us. What a fun zoo you will experience!



## 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 [cuccstc.org](http://cuccstc.org) under Vacation Bible School. Click on VBS Registration 2014. Or pick one up a form from the CE Bulletin Board upstairs 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](mailto: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.

## SAVE - SAVE - SAVE

Our VBS program is in need of the following items. Please drop them off in the office on Tassie Brautigam's desk. Thanks!

- 20 oz plastic bottles (from water or pop)
- 1 Liter plastic bottles
- Baby food jars
- Skewers/chop sticks
- Paint brushes - the bigger the better - used ones will work
- Orange traffic cones (to borrow - please put your name on them)
- Large food containers (like the ones you get for cheese balls at Target)
- Pringles containers (empty)



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. [suzygdaly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suzygdaly@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**



**LAST MEETING IS MAY 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 [suzygdaly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suzygdaly@sbcglobal.net)  
**STARTING UP AGAIN IN THE FALL.**



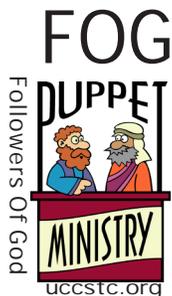
**TGIJ MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**  
**Meets once a month for various activities. May 21. LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR. 5-6pm**



**HELPING HANDS**  
**for 4-5th Graders**

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

**May 21. LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR.**



Puppets performing on Mothers Day, May 11 at both services. Last meeting of the year is May 12. New Puppet troupe members welcomed in the fall.

**GF Plant Sale Pick-up - For all pre-ordered plants, pick-up will be available Saturday from 9-10am in the back of the church. Orders will be sorted and placed on sidewalk with your names if you arrive at a later time. Any extra plants available will be sold on Sunday morning.**

## OUR CAMPS: TOWER HILL and PILGRIM PARK

This month, the Mission Committee is highlighting the Outdoor Ministries program of the Illinois Conference of the UCC. The two sites which comprise the program are Tower Hill Camp and Pilgrim Park Camp. They are two beautiful natural environments, and are very different from each other.

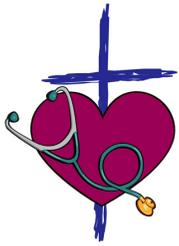
Tower Hill Camp, which is in Sawyer, MI, is the older of the two sites, having begun in 1923 with the generous gift of 55 acres of land from the Warren Family. The Warren Family also donated 200 feet of beautiful beach along the shores of Lake Michigan to be used by camp patrons. Over the years, Tower Hill has built and improved a number of buildings. The most recent is the St. Philippus Retreat Center, completed in June, 2007. Currently, Tower Hill Camp is working with the Deer Creek Open Space Association to preserve a wooded area on camp grounds as a conservation easement. For your information, they are soliciting funds for this project. (See [www.deercreekopenspace.org/projects/](http://www.deercreekopenspace.org/projects/))

Pilgrim Park Camp, which is near Princeton, IL, began in 1946 with the donation of 30 acres of land by two sisters. This parcel is now where most of the buildings are located. Additional acreage was purchased to add forests and prairie, for a total of 155 acres. Pilgrim Park is not far from Starved Rock and Illini State Parks and contains many of the natural features of these parks including woodland trails along rolling hills and a babbling creek.

During worship on Sunday, May 4, Margie Johnson, who is a church member and also member of the IL Conference Outdoor Ministries Board, shared her passion and commitment to our camps. She included memories of being a young camper and the importance of this experience in her faith journey. Many members of our church have expressed similar sentiments, including John Rodgers, who includes Tower Hill Camping as his first nudges toward ministry. Currently, Suzy Daly co-directs Sports Camp at Pilgrim Park, along with Scott Urban and Marc Urban. Countless youth from our church have attended this camp as campers and then have become junior counselors and adult counselors. Also, over the years many "mature adults" have attended "My Grandparents and Me Camp" with their grandchildren. I look forward to that experience this summer with my grandson! And there are many more camp opportunities at both sites this summer. Please check the Christian Education Bulletin Board, and/or [www.ilucc.org](http://www.ilucc.org) for more information about Tower Hill Camp and Pilgrim Park Camp. Through the Mission Budget of our church, you are supporting these important ministries !

Thank you!

*Susan Rodgers* for the Mission Committee



Patti Molloy, RN  
Parish Nurse  
nurse@uccstc.org

## I'll Just Have Water, Please.

I love an ice cold Diet Coke every now and then. Add a fresh lime and I'm really happy. But, I haven't had one since I started following The Daniel Plan-40 Days to a Healthier Life (danielplan.com). I missed it for a few days but I don't anymore.

Recently I saw a Facebook post stating all the reasons that diet pop is unhealthy. I decided to do a little research. Here's what I found. Warning...if you are a soda or diet soda drinker, prepare to be a little frightened.

When taken at face value, diet soda seems like a health-conscious choice. It saves you the calories you'd find in a sugary soft drink while still satisfying your urge for something sweet with artificial sweeteners like aspartame, saccharin, and sucralose. A real "chemical cocktail"! Artificial sweeteners have more intense flavor than real sugar, so over time products like diet soda dull our senses to naturally sweet foods like fruit. Even more troubling, these sugar stand-ins have been shown to have the same effect on your body as sugar. Artificial sweeteners trigger insulin, which sends your body into fat storage mode and can lead to weight gain.

Research has shown that over the course of about a decade, diet soda drinkers had a 70% greater increase in waist circumference compared with non-soda drinkers. And get this: people who drank two or more diet sodas a day experienced a 500% greater increase!! Scared yet? Drinking one diet soda a day has been shown to be associated with an increased risk of metabolic syndrome and diabetes. Metabolic syndrome describes a cluster of conditions (including high blood pressure, elevated glucose levels, raised cholesterol, and large waist circumference) that put people at high risk for heart disease, stroke, and diabetes. How about now?

Dave Bauer, the owner of Integrated Fitness Solutions in Wasco, says that what we put in our body should always nourish it. When you drink diet soda, you're not taking in any calories-but you're also not taking in anything that does your body any good, either. The best no-calorie beverage? Plain old water. It's essential for many of our bodily processes, so replacing it with diet soda is a negative thing. If it's the fizziness you crave, try sparkling water instead. Female soda drinkers have been shown to have lower bone mineral density in their hips than women who didn't drink soda. Hip replacement, anyone?

Lastly, dental research compared the mouths of a cocaine-user, a methamphetamine-user, and a habitual diet-soda drinker, and found the same level of tooth erosion in each of them. The culprit is citric acid, which weakens and destroys tooth enamel over time. Don't say I didn't warn you!

Just water for me, please!



Mike and I had the opportunity to participate in the Night Ministry program on Tuesday, April 29. This was our first experience with Night Ministry and we wanted to share our thoughts on the ministry and our experience.

First, let me say how lucky we are to have Ann Richards as coordinator of this program. Ann's commitment to the program and the ministry is remarkable and the facilitation of the excursions are well organized. I'm in awe of her work ethic! Mike and I were not able to work with the kitchen crew prior to the departure, but we were amazed at the number of sandwiches that were assembled and other lunch side dishes which were counted and organized by location to ensure we would have enough for all, including homemade cookies. We were a crew of 10 on this evening and we all loaded up into the church van and headed to the city with our first stop being Humboldt Park. This was an interesting stop based on the diversity of the area..... we all hear about the scary atmosphere in Humboldt Park through different news agencies, but we were actually serving our food on the sidewalk alongside the Divvy bike stand. If you don't know what "Divvy" bikes are, this is a bicycle sharing program that I would say services typically "yuppy" type neighborhoods throughout Chicago. One would not typically associate Divvy bikes with homelessness.

The population we served at this stop was adult men and women, with some children and not necessarily homeless, but not able to put 3 meals a day on the table. All of the people we served were very appreciative, polite and ready to assist us with unloading upon arrival. The 2nd stop was in the Pilsen neighborhood and it had started to rain as we traveled from Humboldt Park to Pilsen, but upon our arrival there was a line of people waiting patiently in the rain. We unloaded quickly and thankfully the rain stopped long enough for us to serve the food and visit a little before we made our way home. This experience truly makes you thankful for the things you have, like a clean dry bed and a kitchen full of food, but these reminders like service work opportunities through our church and specifically Night Ministry helps you keep your focus on truly what it important in life. Give back and often, it will fulfill you.

In Christ's service, *Susan Klopmeier*

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>



On May 25 please bring non-perishable food for the St. Charles Salvation Army Food Pantry and the Elburn Food Pantry. This month's suggestion – **baby supplies & toiletries** (baby wipes, diapers, shampoo, toothpaste, lotion)



## 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!"

Organizational meeting on May 25 at 10:45am in the Parlor for those who will consider being team leaders. Come with any ideas for projects.

More information will follow as we move into Spring. Please see the Mission Committee with ideas and questions.

## Peaceful Heart Yoga

with Donna Burg

New session beginning 6/16

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

June 16 – Aug 18, no class July 7.

\$90 for 9 weeks, \$12 per week (drop in)

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



## Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Please continue to save pop tabs. Bring them to the church office.  
This is an ongoing project, reaching to infinity and beyond....  
Thank you, Pat Kitner

## The *Highlight* Needs You!

We are currently sending out the *Highlight* via email to 541 people, WOW! Now that we are emailing our *Highlight* mailings we have a project for the congregation. We have 96 people left who currently receive the *Highlight* by mail that we do not have email addresses for. We would like to get this number down to zero so we can save the postage. We have a list in the office of the missing addresses. If everyone could stop by and look over the list maybe you know an address or two. Just write their email address right on the list and we will take it from there. Let's make our goal of 637! Thanks in advance for helping us Go Green.

email us at [office@cuccstc.org](mailto:office@cuccstc.org)

web site [cuccstc.org](http://cuccstc.org)

## Guide Book & Directory

We are in the process of updating the annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. The book is being provided at no cost to our church due to the local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to advertise in our directory please call the church office 630-584-0929.

It is also time to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Please let the office know if anything has changed in your family - phone number, address, births so we can include them in this year's directory. Thank you!

## 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.

**CALLING ALL PARADE LOVERS!**

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**MAY 26**

**ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO MARCH  
WATCH FOR SIGN UP ON THE CONGREGATIONAL  
LIFE BOARD NEXT TO THE MATTHEW CLOSET**

## **United Fall Fest**

**Coming Soon!**

**2014 UNITED FALL FEST  
SEPTEMBER 6**

**Watch for more details on the  
board in Fellowship Hall**



## New Members Welcomed April 27, 2014

**Mike & Annie Adams, 630-550-9513**  
**1185 Sarasota Dr, Pingree Grove, IL 60140**

The Adams recently moved to Pingree Grove. They've enjoyed getting to know their new neighborhood! They have a cat named Scooby-Doo and are eagerly expecting the arrival of their first baby. *(Congratulations to Mike & Annie. Parker Lee was born May 1.*

**Sean & Leanna DeMarre, 630-391-3210**  
**Adalaide**

**901 Prairie Street, St Charles, IL 60174**

Leanna and Sean currently reside in St. Charles with their daughter Addy. They are thrilled to meet new families and take an active role at this church.

**Allan Higgins, 630-240-8607**  
**4N015 Trotter Ln, St Charles, IL 60175**

Although Al Higgins is no stranger to us all, he is a new member of this church. During his free time, he likes to garden, restore corvettes and spend time with his children and grandchildren. He has been attending church here for 30 plus years.

**Jacob & Alexandra Rosborough, 630-742-9075**  
**Reid**

**935 S 4th St, St Charles, IL 60174**

The Rosborough's both grew up in St. Charles. Back in 2011, they purchased their first home together right after getting married by Pastor Pat Kitner. Last year they welcomed their first child and son, Reid. They are excited to become active members at church.

**Dave & Marilyn Schave 630-762-1744**  
**3N430 Campton Woods Dr, Elburn, IL 60119**

The Schave's have lived in St. Charles for 31 years. They have 3 sons and 6 grandchildren. They are both retired teachers and enjoy spending time with their 4 dogs. During the winter months, you won't find them around here though! They enjoy spending those months at their home in Florida.

**Debra Voirol**  
**Jenn Voirol 630-770-5583**  
**1496 Legacy Dr Unit 2, DeKalb, IL 60115-2080**

The Voirol's, Debra and Jennifer, are mother and daughter. They have lived in Sugar Grove, but currently live in DeKalb. They love to volunteer their time for a better cause. They are eager to become more involved with our church and meet new friends.

## New Members Received

### September 21, 2014

An orientation evening will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7:30pm. Mark your calendars. Contact the church office.

## Planting Day Around the Church

Monday, May 19, 9am

Bring your garden tools, a hat and a bottle of water. Join us to plant flowers around the church.



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

## Men's Fellowship

Tuesday, May 20  
Peter Ball "Wine Making" Video  
Presentation w/samples

Evening Agenda:  
5:30 to 6:30 – Peter Ball's  
Wine Making presentation w/samples  
6:30 to 7:30 – Pizza Dinner  
(we'll chip in for the cost once known)  
7:30 on – Bag Toss and various games  
Location – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 19  
Making Italian Sausage  
with Steve Oberle





## Dress A Girl Around The World

*(Pictured are dresses  
that Marsha made.)*

Imagine a little girl who has never owned a dress! Dress A Girl Around The World provides missionaries with handmade pillowcase-style dresses to give girls in impoverished countries, thus giving these little ones the dignity they deserve. I have been sewing for DAG for several years and with the help of your generous donations of supplies in the past, I have been able to make over 1100 dresses!

My fabric cupboard is bare and I could really use your help so I can continue my mission. I am in need of cotton fabric of any size. A yard of fabric makes one dress. Smaller pieces and your unwanted remnants can be used for pockets and embellishments. Ric Rac, lace and fancy buttons also make the dresses special. I have started to add a pair of new panties to each dress pocket and will also be collecting these.

There will be a box in the "Mark" closet to place any donations. Thank you so much!

Marsha Hofner Campbell  
[Twogoldens1116@gmail.com](mailto:Twogoldens1116@gmail.com)  
630-377-9194

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

**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](mailto: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. (2015 Altar Flower Donation poster will be posted soon to sign up for important dates.)

## Novel Approaches

June 6, 7:30pm  
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.

## Brunch Bunch to Meet June 1

As a welcome to summer, the Brunch Bunch will meet on Sunday, June 1, after church at McNally's in downtown St. Charles (109 W. Main St.) Recently voted the "best breakfast in St. Charles," you're bound to find something appealing. The Brunch Bunch is for singles, age 50 and over. Please let me know if you can come - I need to make a "firm" reservation. Thanks! -Pat Kitner  
[chatwpat@att.net](mailto:chatwpat@att.net) or 630.584.1205

# Who's in the Pews?

by Sue Peterson



## Kelly Cameron

Kelly has had many connections to our church for a long time. She was born in Freeport, but for her elementary school years (around 1984) moved to a home just off Campton Hills Road. Who knew it would later be near the church she would join in 2010. Of course the most important church connection is her husband Rob who grew up in this church when it was located downtown St. Charles. Rob and Kelly first met at St. Charles High School junior year in Kathy Brens' speech class. Besides Kathy, Kelly also sees other familiar faces amongst our members - friends, teachers and principals. Rob and Kelly started dating senior year, graduated in 1997 and went off to different colleges. They continued dating and were married in our church by Rev Suzy (Suzy's first wedding ceremony) in 2004 after Kelly finished grad school.

Kelly graduated from Marquette with a B.S. in human biology and an M.P.T. (Masters in Physical Therapy). She worked at the Rehab Institute of Chicago in the out-patient orthopedics area from 2003 to 2010. Their son Ryan was born in 2008 and was baptized in our church. Kelly and Rob moved from Chicago to the Fox Mill area a block from the church in 2009 but Kelly continued to commute to Chicago to work. In 2010 Kelly began working at Fox Valley Orthopedics and continued for a couple years until Cara was born in Sept of 2011.

In 2010, Kelly started a Fox Mill mom's play group and then when Ryan started Swing Set Preschool, Kelly made more connections with several Swing Set Preschool moms. As you have probably guessed, Kelly keeps busy. She is currently the leader of our Mom's group, working with our Connections Coordinator, Kim Barth, to continue to improve and grow the group. Daughter Cara will start the 2 1/2 year Swing Set program this fall so Kelly will continue to meet new moms.

Kelly keeps thinking of what's next. Maybe someday she may start a church running club. She would be good at it as she just ran a 1/2 marathon last weekend. Or maybe she might start an "after care" program. When physical therapy stops but a person isn't quite ready to be on their own, she could help that in between stage.

For sure Kelly has a goal to continue to grow in her faith. She loves the sermons on Sunday. Teaching Sunday school helps her learn more about her faith. Ryan's questions help her seek out answers for herself. Not having grown up in a church, she is looking forward to learning about and becoming more familiar with the Bible. She would love to start opening up the Bible she has from her grandfather and discover more about "why she is here." The church is her family, the community that means so much to her. She feels so connected in this place. Thanks for being here, Kelly.



## Connections Coordinator

For those of you I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, I am Kim Barth, the Connections Coordinator for the church. You may know me additionally as the Swing Set Preschool Director. During the day you will find me downstairs in my office; however, in my spare time you will find me spending time with my family, walking on the prairie path with my dog Howie, visiting local farmer markets and reading! I currently am living in downtown Wheaton, which I love, but hope to live closer to St. Charles in the upcoming years.

As the Connections Coordinator, my role has been to welcome visitors into our Congregation, help new members acclimate into our church and assist current members to really make this church their own. As I continue in this role, my current priorities begin with the building of a welcome center right in front of the church office. This will provide a go to area for visitors with any questions they may have. In addition, we are working on creating events that meet the various interest levels of all our members. This summer, be on the look-out for events like an "Evening in the Texas Wine Country" at Country Garden Cuisine, CSO Morton Arboretum Concert, and a Canvas and Wine Night in Fellowship Hall. With new, exciting events, we are hoping that we are reaching more of the interest levels of our members.

My future goals begin with reaching out to our most recent New Member Group and their Sponsor Families. The idea behind a sponsor family is to allow our New Member Families to have a familiar face at our events as well as to be more aware of the different programs our church offers. Another future goal is the opening of the Community Library. As the Library opens, my hope is that many families in the community will use our library on a weekly basis allowing families to enter our building and see just how welcoming we can be! Lastly, I have a focus on the expansion of Women's Fellowship which creates an opportunity for young women of the church to become actively involved as well as provide an opportunity for fellowship among the younger families in the church.



Please pray  
for them  
on their  
birthdays.

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



## Music Appreciation Sunday

You are invited to attend a special Music Appreciation Service on Sunday, May 18. Our choirs, soloists and directors involved in the music ministry of our church will be recognized for their commitment and devotion. The choirs will offer special beautiful anthems that morning in praise to our God.

Special thanks to the members of the choirs and directors as they meet to rehearse on a weekly basis. And a special thanks also to Tony Giamberdino as he performs regularly on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

**Happy Hearts Choir:** Miki & Scott Powell, and Amy Bishop, Directors; Kathy Mizgalski and Nola Boyd, Accompanists; Grace Bishop, Charlie Bishop, Audra Brown, Tori Leifel, Allison Schultz, Linsey Turner, Emma Moffit, Johnna Rohlman, Olivia Rohlman, Chloe Daly, Erin Milhousen, Bryn Kurtz, John Kurtz, Madison Netcel, Ella Kobleur, Jocelyn Webster, Callie Webster

**Bellissimo Bell Choir:** Denise Beiermann, Director; Dakota Acosta, Dennis Beiermann, Charlie Bell, Jack Bils, Sandra Bils, Karen Boltz, Nola Boyd, Katie Burke, Amy Luckner, Alycia O'Connor, Cyndi Peterik, Susan Peterson, Kathy Shuman, Judith Stephens, Bonnie Wallace, Dee Westphal

**Chancel Choir:** Dennis Beiermann, Director of Music; Dakota Acosta, Charlie Bell, Denise Beiermann, Amy Bishop, Mark Bishop, Katie Burke, Charles Caldwell, Heather Falls, Ed Green, Pat Kitner, Mike Klopmeier, Amy Luckner, Loren Nagy, Alycia O'Connor, Miki Powell, Scott Powell, Jan Roman, Judith Stephens, Anne Valsa, Bonnie Wallace, Dee Westphal

*Thank you, O  
God, for letting  
us make music  
with each other,  
for each other,  
and for you.  
Amen.*

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MAY 2014

CURRENT CHURCH CALENDAR Posted on church web site [cuccstc.org](http://cuccstc.org)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>11</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>Mother's Day Puppet Performances (S)</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Brief Worship (S)</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Happy Hearts Choir (111)</b> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <b>Coffee Fellowship (FH)</b> 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM <b>Kerygma Bible Study (P)</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM <b>Language Stars-Mandarin (112)</b> 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM <b>Yoga (S)</b> 10:00 AM <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)</b> 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM <b>Puppets (FH)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM <b>Luncheon for Susan Rydin (FH)</b> 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF Youth Group (119)</b> 6:30 PM <b>Worship Committee (O)</b> 7:00 PM <b>Christian Education Committee (114)</b> 7:00 PM <b>Congregational Life Cm (P)</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Swing Set Field Day (115/117, FH)</b> 6:00 PM <b>Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</b> 7:30 PM <b>Chancel Choir (S)</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Steel Beam Theater</b> 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM <b>Language Stars-Spanish (112)</b> 5:30 PM <b>Freidel/Merry Rehearsal (S)</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 AM <b>Men's Fellowship Walking Group</b> 1:00 PM <b>Freidel/Merry Wedding</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Music Sunday</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Brief Worship (S)</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Happy Hearts Choir (111)</b> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Sunday School through 7th Grade</b> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b> 10:30 AM <b>CE Speaker Gary Burge (115/117)</b> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <b>Coffee Fellowship (FH)</b> 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM <b>Dining Out Riganato's</b> 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM <b>Kerygma Bible Study (Powells home)</b>	<b>19</b> 8:30 AM <b>Building Maintenance</b> 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM <b>Language Stars-Mandarin (112)</b> 9:00 AM <b>Planting Day</b> 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM <b>Yoga (S)</b> 7:00 PM <b>Church Council (P)</b>	<b>20</b> 4:30 PM - 10:30 PM <b>Men's Fellowship (FH)</b> 7:00 PM <b>Mom's Group (114)</b>	<b>21</b> <b>TGIJ End of the Year Party (FH)</b> 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM <b>Circle of Friends (P)</b> 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM <b>Helping Hands (FH)</b> 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF Youth Group (119)</b> 6:45 PM <b>Lazarus House Homeless Shelter</b>	<b>22</b> 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM <b>Fox Valley Justice &amp; Witness(P)</b> 6:00 PM <b>Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</b> 7:30 PM <b>Chancel Choir (S)</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM <b>Swing Set Graduation</b> 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM <b>Language Stars-Spanish (112)</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Food on the 4th Memorial Day Sunday</b> <b>Summer Sunday School through 3rd Grade</b> 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM <b>Brief Worship (S)</b> 9:30 AM <b>Skowronski Baptism</b> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM <b>Worship (S)</b> 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM <b>Coffee Fellowship (FH)</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM <b>GF Youth Group (119) - Pot Luck Dinner (FH)</b>	<b>29</b> 6:00 PM <b>Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)</b> 7:30 PM <b>Chancel Choir (S)</b>	<b>30</b> 1:00 PM - 5:45 PM <b>Language Stars-Spanish (112)</b> 6:00 PM <b>Companiott Rehearsal (S)</b>	<b>31</b> 4:00 PM <b>Companiott Wedding (S)</b>

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*No matter who you are, or where ever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

## 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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## 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.



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*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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