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The Congregational United Church of Christ

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Join us in thanksgiving to God as the
Fox Valley Association
installs

The Rev. David Pattee
Senior Pastor

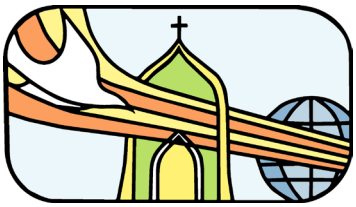
Congregational United Church of Christ
St. Charles, Illinois

**Sunday 12 June 2016**
**3:00 PM**

A festive liturgy followed by
Food and fellowship beginning at 4:00 PM

40W451 Fox Mill Blvd (at LaFox Rd.)
St. Charles (Campton Hills)

Clergy are invited to vest (red) and process.
Please report to the church by 2:45 PM.



**SAVE THE DATE**

August 7, 2016

***Jesus Has Left the Building***

(And you are invited to join Him!)

Watch for further information and details in the Blast and future Highlight newsletters!

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

***James 5:16 (NIV)***

## Please Pray for

**John Baloun's father passed away on March 27th**

**Rosemary Caldwell**

**Joshua Drommerhausen**

**Ruth Folota**

**Maurice French**

**Fran Gustafson (Mrs. G) died on April 20th at the age of 101**

**Marla Hecht**

**Kay Cameron**

**Elmer Passow passed away on April 6th**

**Bill & Abby Landgraf's daughters, Alane & Christy**

**Betty Linder passed away on April 19th**

**Ralph Minard**

**Rozella Nagy**

**Beverly Piper**

**Ron Timm**

**Mark Stoner's mother Barbara passed April 29th**

**Barb Wiebmer**

*Did you know that... receives 9% on sales of Manna Red Lobster gift cards? Good at all locations.*

# MEAL MINISTRY

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Monday of each month in the church parlor from 10am until noon. Knitters and crocheters can be part of this group even if they are unable to attend meetings. For more information call Mary Anne Rebernak at 630 377 9336 or email her at mrebernak@yahoo.com.

**Men's Fellowship Walking Group**
**3rd Saturday of each month, 8am**
**Contact George Mohn for information and location.**
**847-488-9179 sangeomohn@att.net**

Congregational Life is looking for volunteers to help serve coffee fellowship. There are step -by-step directions available by the sign-up sheet on the Congregational Life bulletin board. Volunteer today - it's fun and easy!

## 2016 Altar Flower Donations

The sign up is now available for altar flower donations in 2016. Get your special Sunday while the date is still available! Sign up on the Worship Bulletin Board next to the elevator. You will be contacted to make arrangements for your flower donation and what you would like printed in the bulletin. And after church you get to take them home!

## Mel's Diner

Effective immediately Mel's Diner, located in Campton Hills Center, on the corner of LaFox and Rt 64, will be holding a year long fund-raiser for our church. 10% of all church members' receipts will go towards our missions budget. All our church members need to do is write "Congregational Church" on the tab the waitress gives you. Help support our missions budget and a local business by dining out!

## Child Sponsorship

Our adopted daughter from China needs your help. There is still one month open to provide support for QiuGe Shen. For $30 you can cover the costs of her daily needs in the orphanage in which she lives as well as fund her education. Please sign up on the Mission board in Rodgers Hall.

**Highlight Newsletter Copy Deadline**
**Monday, June 6th BEFORE NOON**

The Congregational UCC - St. Charles, a vibrant and growing congregation, seeks a

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR**

to lead the church's Sunday School and to coordinate education and formation ministries with children, from infancy through age 14 (middle school).

This position is half-time professional employment with a flexible ten-month schedule. A fuller position description is available for download from the church's website, www.cuccstc.org.

Interested persons may send a resume with cover letter to

office@cuccstc.org
attn: CMC Search Committee

## First Quarter 2016 Financial Summary

At the January Annual Meeting, our members approved a deficit budget in the amount of about $21,000. Very simply this means that if our actual income and expenditures at the end of the year are in line with our budget as planned, we will need to reduce our long-term savings by the same amount, or about 10% of our cash assets.

Council is working hard to live within this budget, and actually end the year with a smaller deficit.

At the end of the first quarter (January thru March), our pledges and contributions are about $4400 over budget, with pledges trending below projections. In addition, our expenses are about $5900 under budget. Together, these numbers mean we are currently not in the red as much as planned.

Please note however that while this sounds like a better than anticipated financial situation, because we are only 25% into our budget cycle; many planned expenses (and some anticipated income) are still pending. The largest unknown are the planned salaries for open staff positions. Our budget was built on the assumption that an Associate Minister and Parish Nurse would be on-board by mid-June. Should these hires be delayed, this scenario will provide some further reduction in the planned deficit.

A mid-year summary will be provided in July.

*Tom Palansky, Council President*
*Mark Bishop, Financial Coordinator*

## Food on the 4th

**FOOD ON THE 4TH, MAY 22**

**The theme is Baby Supplies & Toiletries.** On **MAY 22** please bring baby wipes, diapers, shampoo, toothpaste, lotion for the St. Charles Salvation Army Food Pantry and the Elburn Food Pantry.

## Concerts in the Park

On June 18th the CUCC will be heading to Concerts in the Park listening to the sweet sounds of Brass from the Past. We will meet outside the Lincoln Park Gazebo at 6:30 PM. Feel free to bring blankets, chairs, picnic dinners. Alcohol prohibited at this event.

Please pray for them on their birthdays.

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| Chase Higgins | 1 |
| Sally Anderson | 2 |
| Aaron Williams | 2 |
| Melissa Bradley | 3 |
| Joshua Dieckman | 3 |
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| Tommy Nickols | 3 |
| Debbie Pemberton | 3 |
| Sienna Piazza | 3 |
| Connie Hodson | 4 |
| Rod MacNeille | 4 |
| Shannon Nore | 4 |
| Mike Plamondon | 4 |
| Garrett Rickard | 4 |
| Allison Stephens | 4 |
| Stefanie Stephens | 4 |
| Aerika Haeseli | 5 |
| Sheri Odman | 5 |
| Ginger Weber | 5 |
| Sophia Banwart | 6 |
| Gerda Boone | 6 |
| Carol Klopp | 6 |
| Edna Cline | 7 |
| John Kleba | 7 |
| Meg MacNeille | 7 |
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| Emily Rugg | 7 |
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| Hannah Borst | 9 |
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| Blake Lorenz | 9 |
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| John Baloun | 10 |
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| Dakota Acosta | 19 |
| Bridget Cho | 19 |
| Jack Etten | 19 |
| Natalie Krause | 19 |
| Darby Nafziger | 19 |
| Carie Schultz | 19 |
| Nicholas VerVynck | 19 |
| Nicole Amstadt | 20 |
| Dennis Beiermann | 20 |
| Gwen Miller | 20 |
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| Allison Holing | 26 |
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| Tracy Ridgway | 26 |
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| Carter Black | 28 |
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| Penny Walsh | 31 |
| Michele Weidl | 31 |

*Did you know that...receives 9% on sales of Manna Marcus Theatre gift cards? Visit the Elgin location on Randall Road.*

The Bright Stars of Bethlehem benefit will be Friday, May 20th, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Cooper's Hawk Winery in Arlington Heights. Our church has supported this ministry in the past, and we encourage members of CUCC to participate in the May 20th event. Tickets are $75 per person and can be purchased at http://brightstarsbenefit.eventbrite.com

The evening will include a wine tasting, delicious food, and a silent auction featuring many items from the Holy Land. The focus of the evening will be on raising money for scholarships for students in Bethlehem. Mitri Raheb, Senior Pastor with Christmas Lutheran Church and President of Bright Stars of Bethlehem, will make the keynote presentation. Mitri recently received the Olaf Palme Award from the Parliament of Sweden for his work in building hope in the Holy Land.

## Circle of Friends

Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 am

The Republic of South Africa: Kruger to Capetown! What an Adventure!

Please join us for a presentation and luncheon at the home of Marilyn and Dave Schave located at 3N430 Campton Wood Dr., Elburn, IL. A few side salads to share would be greatly appreciated. To RSVP, for directions or any questions, phone Mary Anne Rebernak at 630-377-9336. Thanks to the Schaves for opening their lovely home to us, for our last meeting of this season, as we break for summer.

## CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

### We Are a Team! Ending Hunger One Step At a Time! We Need Your Support!

You are invited to support Wyonne Hegland, Kim Barth and Tricia Steele as members of the Stompin' Out Starvation team who will join walkers from the Community Congregational Church in Elburn on the Crop Hunger Walk on May 15.

To support Stompin' Out Starvation through your sponsorship is very easy. Simply go to **https://www.crophungerwalk.org/elburnil/Team/View/20788/Stompin-out-Starvation** and click on the donate button. If you prefer, there is an envelope and sponsor sheet in the office.

Would you like to join the Stompin' Out Starvation team and walk on May 15? To add your name to the team, please e mail Wyonne Hegland at wyhegland@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you!! Stompin' Out Starvation appreciates your support!

## In Loving Memory

*Remembering*
*Ron Koeppl and Frances Gustafson*

*Our church family has recently lost two of our long-time beloved members.*

*Ron Koeppl , 78, died March 10. He served on most committees and boards as well as directing the Maundy Thursday productions of the portrayal of The Last Supper. He directed over 50 plays in our community, beginning his career at Haines Junior High School , Thompson High and then at St. Charles East. After his wife, Gretchen, died on November 9, 2004, he had our Quiet Garden created in her memory. A graduate of Elmhurst College, Ron was honored a few years ago as one of their Distinguished Alumni.*

*Fran, or Mrs. G, as she was so fondly called, died on April 20 at the age of 101. She was passionate about so many things - her Monday Bible Study Group, a long walk every morning, children - she taught Sunday School for 30 years and was a PE teacher in the St. Charles School system - and missions. A graduate of the University of Illinois, she was an avid football fan. She met her husband, Wirth, a recipient of the coveted Charlemagne Award, when they were each starting their educational careers in St. Charles.*

*This is only a very brief synopsis of the lives of these two. Their loss has indeed left a big hole in our lives and in our hearts. Ron is now with his Gretchen, and Frances is now with her Wirth. We have been so blessed to have known them and having had them as a part of our lives.*

*Thank you, God, for Ron and for Frances.*

*-Pat Kitner*

## *Novel Approaches 2015-2016*

**May 13** – "The Blind Assassin" Margaret Atwood

The Blind Assassin opens with these simple, resonant words: "Ten days after the war ended, my sister Laura drove a car off a bridge." They are spoken by Iris, whose terse account of her sister's death in 1945 is followed by an inquest report proclaiming the death accidental. But just as the reader expects to settle into Laura's story, Atwood introduces a novel-within-a-novel. Entitled The Blind Assassin, it is a science fiction story told by two unnamed lovers who meet in dingy backstreet rooms. When we return to Iris, it is through a 1947 newspaper article announcing the discovery of a sailboat carrying the dead body of her husband, a distinguished industrialist. Brilliantly weaving together such seemingly disparate elements, Atwood creates a world of astonishing vision and unforgettable impact.

Our last gathering for the year will be at Ken & Debby Graham's home, 509 15th Court, St. Charles.

**Tassie Brautigam**
**Christian Education Coordinator**
**christianed@cuccstc.org**

**Many thanks to everyone who taught or helped out in any way with the children's programs this past school year. What a blessing you are! Our programs are strong and vibrant because of each and every one of you.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP:** What a wonderful year it has been!! We are winding down with our school year Sunday school program. Starting on May 29th Sunday school will be provided for preschool through 3rd grade (the grade they are going into on the fall). Preschoolers and kindergarteners will meet in Clifford's room in the Swing Set wing. Our 1st through 3rd graders will meet in room 113. Each week the lesson will be centered on a different cereal. The verse that will be used each Sunday is ***Psalm 34:8. O taste and see that the Lord is good; Happy are those who take refuge in him.***

**HELPING HANDS:** Our 4th and 5th grade youth group will meet for the final time for this school year on Wednesday, May 18, from 5 to 6 pm. This will be a combined time with TGIJ, the 6th and 7th grade youth group. We will start in the kitchen in Rodgers Hall making lunches for Lazarus House, and finish up with games and an ice cream sundae bar!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION:** Our offering from now through May 22 is being used to "Feed Our Hungry Neighbors" by supporting the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Wondering how much we have collected? So far we are up to $330. Keep an eye on our thermometer located on the bulletin board in the Sunday school hallway. ***Remember:*** No matter what you put in the offering bucket, it will make a difference in someone's life. Northern Illinois Food Bank is the source of nutritious food, innovative feeding programs, and hope for ***more than 71,000 people each week*** who receive food through them. Want to know more about **volunteering** at the Food Bank? Check out their website - solvehungertoday.org.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** The coins are all in and our Sunday school donated $172. 84. Thanks to everyone who has helped make the lives of refugees around the world better.

**ACOLYTES:** Thanks to all of our acolytes this year. We are finishing up the school year on May 22nd. Staring September 11 we will start again with Sunday school acolytes. Look in the fall for the new sign up located on the bulletin board in the Sunday school hallway.

**READING THE CALL TO WORSHIP:** Thanks to all of our readers who read during the worship service. You all did an amazing job!! This will also be starting up again on September 11. Look for a new sign up located next to the acolyte sign up on the bulletin board in the Sunday school hallway.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SURF SHACK: CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD'S AMAZING LOVE!** Surf's up!!!! All 4 year olds through 5th graders (as determined by the class they are going into in the fall of 2016) are invited to join us for VBS **from June 20 to 23 from 9 - 11:30 am and** Thursday evening, June 23 from 5-7 pm for a **family luau.** Everyone will experience God's awesomeness through Bible stories, games, crafts, music, science, snacks and more! Come join in the excitement and get stoked about God's mission in your life! And to add to the fun, we'll laugh, learn and have fun with Snappy the Crab each day. This year our mission project will be supporting CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Kane County through making hygiene kits and putting together fun activity bags for children to use while at court. Registration forms may now be found in the Sunday school hallway, on the Christian Ed board in Rodgers Hall, or on our website at www.cuccstc.org. For questions, please call Tassie Brautigam at (630) 584-0929 or send an email to christianed@cuccstc.org. Bring your friends and family and come join us for this ocean full of fun! All are welcome!

# YOUTH INFO

***Signups and permission slips for all youth activities are on the bulletin board outside the youth room #119, lower level.***

**GF** 9-12th graders
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:15pm

## Helping Hands

4-5th graders, once a month on the 3rd Wednesday at 5-6pm.
May 18th End of Year Party 5-6pm

**TGIJ MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**
May 18th End of Year Party 5-6pm

## Peaceful Heart Yoga

### with Crystal Healing bowls

**Saturday, May 28, 4-5:30pm**

**Cost is $30**

Are you one of the many people who have wanted to try our Peaceful Heart Yoga, but were hesitant to sign up for a full session? This opportunity gives you the chance to experience gentle yoga with Donna accompanied by Crystal Healing Bowls with Yolanda in the serene atmosphere of our beautiful sanctuary. This afternoon will be intimate without being intimidating, and our gentle class will leave you feeling long, strong and totally de-stressed! We welcome and encourage you to try Peaceful Heart Yoga with Healing Bowls.

Donna Burg 630-309-0614 donnabbb@comcast.net

Our next date to serve meals with The Night Ministry is September 22 in Lakeview. Sign up sheets will be on the Night Ministry board in Rodgers Hall in August. Four people from our church will also be going to serve dinner at the Crib on June 24. This is a shelter for homeless youth 18-24 years old. If anyone is interested in serving dinner at the Shelter this summer, please contact Ann Richards arich4@sbcglobal.net.

On Sunday, April 17, 2016, Rae Anne Heinz and I joined a group of volunteers from the Congregational United Church of Christ to provide sandwiches, fruit, water, etc. as part of Night Ministry's work in the Humboldt Park neighborhood of Chicago. I was impressed with the spirit of all that went into this great collective effort involving members of the church and others who provided the food and water. We had such a beautiful spring afternoon for our venture into the city. The trip back and forth was enjoyable for the fellowship including sharing of our experiences. What a great group with whom to work.

I particularly enjoyed meeting our 'customers' and developed a respect and admiration seeing how they have developed a system for their individual survival. Yet, for the most part, they seemed most grateful that we cared to come to their neighborhood and provide this token of care for their needs. I look forward to future opportunities to do my part, following the example set by our Lord Jesus Christ.

*~Dr. Patrick Alden*

Night Ministry is something that I have wanted to do for a long time and I just recently signed up to donate some food items and found myself signing up to participate as well. I never realized what a glorious experience it would be and now I wonder why I didn't do this a long time ago. The whole day was just so heart warming and eye opening beginning with the drive into Humboldt Park and meeting my fellow travelers. Wyonne was such a good driver who let nothing stand in her way such as detours, heavy traffic at the park, and several people talking and chatting and giving advice. I also learned on the way in that some of the people we might be passing out food to could be 9 years old and by themselves with no parents along to supervise. I must admit that I love to go into the city for many different activities, but I am 71 years old and always have stayed in the 'right' or 'safe' neighborhoods with enough money in my pocket to pay for a very nice meal. I just couldn't wrap my brain around a 9 year old traveling alone with no food or money. Ann passed out some printed material to us that gave me a better understanding about Night Ministry and what they are all about and my eyes were opened to the mission that they so faithfully serve.

My time was spent handing out sandwiches to our clients and telling them that they were welcome to have seconds as soon as everyone had gone through the line once, other members of our group spent their time greeting our clients and talking to families and just being good and very welcoming hosts. I noticed that many of our clients had been through the line at least 5 or more times and were collecting very heavy bags of food and I checked to see if we should continue serving them or perhaps save the rest of our food for other clients that maybe hadn't shown up yet. Then I learned that this might be the only food they would have for the next several days and to go ahead and keep serving them until our supplies were gone.

When we got back to the church, I started to realize what a beautiful and rewarding experience I had just had. I was able to help in some very small way those much less fortunate than I and connected with other church members some of which I knew before and some I had not, and most importantly go to learn about and appreciate Night Ministry and the good that it does. My thanks also to Night Ministry and Ann Richards for providing me with the opportunity to learn more about myself.

*~Rae Anne Heinz*

**Lazarus House**
Wed., May 18, 6:30 pm
214 Walnut Street,
St. Charles

Our meal items for May will be provided by Women's Fellowship. May 18th will be pizza night, a highly anticipated and appreciated event.

Questions? Grace Caldwell - H- 630 762 1347 Cell- 630 886 3482. Email - gracecaldwell@comcast.net
Diane Brown - dianegreg@sbcglobal.net.

# Who's in the Pews?

## Barb Arloff

*By Sue Peterson*

Barb Arloff joined the church in 2009 and jumped right in to serving where she felt drawn to help. She served on the Worship Committee for two terms. She enjoys the women's retreats and also helps Ann Richards once a month in the library. She is now on the Mission Committee and has served night ministry meals with the church group. She has always had a heart for mission and for working with creative people.

One of the creative jobs she enjoyed the most was working for the Paramount Arts Center. She helped the managing director and enjoyed working with all the interns. She was the oldest person and became Mom to them all. One intern went on to work at the Auditorium Theater in Chicago, one went on to work at the MET, and one at the Arts Center in Alaska. Since then, the Paramount has grown and continues to produce quality performances. Barb was there at the beginning to experience how the Paramount has become what we see today. Other jobs Barb had include working at the St. Charles Public Library, an administrative secretary for SSPF and for the Chris Lannert Group.

Barb met her husband, Bill, at the University of Illinois and married their last year in between semesters. They lived in Kansas City for awhile until they moved to St. Charles when Bill's Dad became ill. Bill taught art in the middle school in St. Charles and then at the high school level in Wheaton. They have two sons. Bill and his wife, Brenda, live on Long Island and have one boy. Bill is a teacher and Brenda is a neuropsychologist. Steve and his wife, Crystal, live in Geneva and have two boys and one girl. Steve is a sales manager for Continental Envelope in Geneva.

After retirement, Barb and Bill spent 15 years wintering in Destin, Florida. Sadly, in 2008, Bill died. Barb was looking for a church home for a long time and heard about the church from good friends, Ron Koeppl and Ginger Krichbaum. When she visited, she found she knew many other people in the church. She loved how our church has a sense of community and that we encourage service to others.

Barb enjoys traveling, reading and of course theater. She especially enjoys time with her wonderful grandkids. If you don't know Barb, introduce yourself. You'll be in for a treat. Barb is a kind, gentle person with a passion for mission.

## Mike Linder Elected as Illinois Conference President

There's a new banner hanging at the back of our sanctuary, and it says: "Church Home of the Illinois Conference President." It is a very honorable and respected office, and comes with a great many responsibilities.

Mike has already served two years preparing – first as 2nd Vice President, then 1st Vice President, and now on to President. It's actually a 4-year term – he will then serve as Past President. So it truly is quite a commitment on his part.

Mike is actually the third individual from our church who has had this title in recent years. Reverend Christine Barton and Reverend Dr. John Rodgers also carried this mantle. Several from our church have served in the past on Conference and Association boards and committees. During the next fiscal year, Charlotte Surta and Margie Johnson have also accepted positions within the Illinois Conference.

Congratulations, Mike! We are all very proud of you, and thank you for your service to the wider church as well as to our own CUCC here in St. Charles!

-Pat Kitner

### PENTECOST BANNERS

Here's a riddle from the Worship Committee:

**How many folks does it take to bring our congregation new banners for Pentecost?**

It took Sue Flower Peterson to help with beautiful ribbon.
It took Carleen Bart, Janet Bell and Carol Ludemann to measure, cut and sew.
It took Joe Bart to drill and create storage hangers.
It took Eric Leifel to climb the ladder and hang the banners.
It took Tricia Steele to cheer everyone on.
So the answer is 7–7 willing volunteers.
Thank you so very much!
We hope the congregation enjoys the added beauty in our sanctuary.

*Did you know that...receives 9% on sales of Manna Classic Cinema gift cards? There is a location in the Charlestowne Mall.*

**AED** Automated External Defibrillator

**Automated External Defibrillator**
**is 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.**
**A second AED was recently donated to the church and is located on the lower level across from the drinking fountain.**

## About the Parlor Art Gallery Exhibit

For the 3rd year in a row, parlor art from Easter through the end of May is featuring creations by the Sunday school kids from preschool through 7th grade; however, this year we are happy to add in several of our high schoolers. The art this year focuses on each child adding his or her unique fingerprint to one of the symbols of Christianity. Especially note the crosses above the table with the 2 lamps in the parlor. Our 4th through 7th graders designed 2 crosses each - one to represent what God means to them and one that represents their uniqueness. The crosses placed in the shape of a cross are centered with a yellow cross with the verse from Romans 12:5 -In Christ, we, though many, form one body. Many thanks to Laura Herra and Tracy Richter for lending their creativity and time to produce and display these works of art. May these beautiful art pieces remind us of the wonderful community of faith we have here at the Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Charles.

The Garden Angels will be gathering on Monday, May 23rd anytime after 9am in the Memorial Garden to plant this year's lovely flowers. Bring your favorite garden tool, a yard waste bag and lots of energy! Children are welcome too. Questions??? Call Anne Graham 630-584-5352 or email her at abgraham5352@gmail.com

### Save the Date!

Start practicing your smile! Pictorial Directory picture dates are set for Aug 9, 10, 11 or Sept 22, 23, 24. Sign up will begin soon for your family pictures. You will select a time slot on one of those days. Each family will recieve a free directory and 8x10 portrait. You can order other family pictures which will be in time for Christmas gifts.

### Outdoor Ministries

Information and registration forms for all Outdoor Ministries summer camps are now available on the CE board in Rodgers Hall as well as on the bulletin board in the Sunday school hallway or online at il-outdoorministries.org.

Sportscamp (June 19-25) registration is now open. Spots are limited and filling up fast and the cost is $374.

Scholarships funds are limited this year and will be given out on the basis of need. Please see Tassie Brautigam to request a scholarship.

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## 2016 Vacation Bible School Registration 4 years old through 5th grade

**June 20-23, 9-11:30am & Thurs. Night June 23, 5-7pm**

**The Congregational United Church of Christ, St. Charles**

## Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!

***Remember that the Lord is great and awesome! Nehemiah 4:14***

Name_____
Last First (Preferred) Male/Female

Address _____
City ZIP

Birthdate_____Age_____Grade Entering _____ Circle One: Church Member or Friend

Parent(s) Guardian_____Email_____

*Are you available to help? Yes_____ No_____ Nursery available for children of volunteers–check if needed_____*

Cell Phone_____ Home phone_____

Allergies or other conditions which may limit activity_____

In case of emergency, contact_____

**One form per child $20 ATTACHED $_____ (You can write one check for more than one child.)**

Check if you need a scholarship for registration._____

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# The Congregational United Church of Christ Calendar

*May/June 2016*

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| **8**<br>Mother's Day Puppet Performance (S)<br>8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Happy Hearts Practice (115)<br>8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Worship (S)<br>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School<br>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S)<br>10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) | **9**<br>HIGHLIGHT Deadline NOON<br>9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S)<br>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)<br>2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Language Stars(112)<br>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Beiermann (S)<br>5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppets (FH) | **10**<br>4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Beiermann (S) | **11**<br>3:30 PM - 7:30 PM Beiermann Lessons (S)<br>6:30 PM GF<br>6:30 PM Worship Cm (O)<br>7:00 PM CE Cm (114)<br>7:00 PM Congregational Life Cm (P) | **12**<br>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Swing Set Field Day (FH)<br>2:00 PM Schindler Elevator inspection<br>2:00 PM - 3:15 PM Yoga (S)<br>3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Beiermann (S)<br>6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Wasco Sanitary District Mtg (FH)<br>7:30 PM Choir Practice (S) | **13**<br>2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Language Stars(112 & 117)<br>4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Beiermann (S)<br>7:00 PM Novel Approaches (Ken and Debby Graham's) | **14**<br>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Beiermann (S) |
| **15**<br>Music Appreciation Sunday<br>8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Happy Hearts Practice (115)<br>8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Worship (S)<br>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School<br>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S)<br>10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)<br>1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Kaspzyk Piano Recital rental (S) | **16**<br>8:30 AM Building Maintenance<br>9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S)<br>2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Language Stars(112)<br>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Beiermann (S)<br>7:00 PM Church Council (P) | **17**<br>1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Bible Study (P)<br>4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Beiermann (S) | **18**<br>9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Circle of Friends (P)<br>3:30 PM - 7:30 PM Beiermann Lessons (S)<br>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Helping Hands (FH)<br>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM TGIJ End of the Year Party (FH)<br>6:30 PM GF<br>6:45 PM Lazarus House | **19**<br>2:00 PM - 3:15 PM Yoga (S)<br>3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Beiermann (S)<br>6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>7:30 PM Choir Practice (S) | **20**<br>12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Swing Set Pre-K Game Day (FH)<br>2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Language Stars(112 & 117)<br>4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Beiermann (S) | **21**<br>Pub Crawl<br>7:00 AM Men's Fellowship Walking Group<br>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Beiermann (S) |
| **22**<br>Baccalaureate Sunday (S)<br>Food on the 4th<br>Last Sunday School<br>8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Happy Hearts Practice (115)<br>8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Worship (S)<br>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School<br>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S)<br>10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)<br>12:30 PM - 6:30 PM Beiermann Recitals (S, P) | **23**<br>9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S)<br>2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Language Stars(112)<br>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Beiermann (S) | **24**<br>4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Beiermann (S) | **25**<br>Swing Set Graduation Set Up (FH)<br>9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Director Meeting<br>3:30 PM - 7:30 PM Beiermann Lessons (S)<br>6:30 PM GF | **26**<br>2:00 PM - 3:15 PM Yoga (S)<br>3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Beiermann (S)<br>6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>7:30 PM Choir Practice (S) | **27**<br>10:45 AM Swing Set Graduation (FH)<br>2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Language Stars(112 & 117)<br>4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Beiermann (S) | **28**<br>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Beiermann (S)<br>4:00 PM Yoga and crystal bowls (S) |
| **29**<br>8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Happy Hearts Practice (115)<br>8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Worship (S)<br>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School thru 3rd grade<br>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S)<br>10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH) | **30**<br>Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED<br>2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Language Stars(112)<br>3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Beiermann (S) | **31**<br>4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Beiermann (S) | **1**<br>12:00 PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon (FH)<br>3:30 PM - 7:30 PM Beiermann Lessons (S)<br>7:00 PM Swing Set BD Mtg (114) | **2**<br>2:00 PM - 3:15 PM Yoga (S)<br>3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Beiermann (S)<br>6:00 PM Bellissimo Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>7:30 PM Choir Practice (S) | **3**<br>Rickard Rehearsal (S)<br>Steel Beam Theatre Outing<br>2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Language Stars(112 & 117)<br>4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Beiermann (S)<br>4:00 PM Rickard Rehearsal (S) (P) | **4**<br>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Beiermann (S)<br>2:30 PM Rickard Wedding (S) (P) |

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*No matter who you are, or wherever 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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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 and ministry.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*We, as a community in Christ, shall provide and administer a continuum of opportunities for worship, education, fellowship and outreach. It is our mission to serve individual, local, national and world needs.*

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