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WORSHIP *With* US

Christmas Worship Services

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

6:30pm traditional but geared to families with kids

10:30pm lessons, carols & candlelight

Nursery care available at 6:30pm

Sunday, December 25, one service at 9:30am

NO Sunday School, NO nursery care

Sunday, January 1, one service at 9:30am

NO Sunday School, NO nursery care

Church office closed December 26th and January 2nd.

Best to all!
Dennis

Peace to All!
David

Peace & Joy!
Victoria

Merry Christmas!
Lauren

Merry Christmas!
Ann

Christmas Blessings to
all

Merry Christmas!
~Kristen

Blessings!
~EFF

Best wishes for a wonderful 2017!
Trish

Merry Christmas from the Staff

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

James 5:16 (NIV)



Please Pray for

Kathy Brens

Rosemary Caldwell

Wayne DeMaar

Barb Fairbairn

Maurice French

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

Ralph & Ginny Minard

Rozella Nagy

Hannah Nieman

Lois Rodgers died Nov. 12th

Barb Wiebmer

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

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: **Highlight Newsletter Copy Deadline** :
: **Tuesday, Dec. 27th BEFORE NOON** :
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The stockings were sewn and now they have been filled by our Sunday School elves. Many thanks to everyone who so generously donated items to fill the 50 stockings that were sewn by members of our congregation. There is so much need in our world and when asked you, the members of this congregation, came through with flying colors to make life better for many people. On behalf of the mission committee and the Sunday School, thank you, thank you, thank you. Wishing everyone all the warmth and love of the Christmas season!!!

The entire Lois Rodgers family thanks our church for all the notes, cards, calls and kindness extended to each of us. Lois was a member of this church for almost 70 years and over 50 in the choir. She valued all the varied faith developing experiences and the many friendship. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

*Blessings.
Lois' family.*

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.



Coffee Fellowship

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!

2017 Altar Flower Donations



Altar Flowers

The sign up for altar flower donations in 2017 is now up. 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!



Are You Interested in Walking?

A hearty group of men and women walk a 2+ mile paved trail within Fox Mill subdivision most Thursday mornings. We begin at the front of the church at 8am. If you are interested please contact Carol Ludemann, ludemann@sbcglobal.net, to be added to an email reminder list. If you would like more info, please feel free to call Carol, 630-377-2564 or send an email.



AED 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 is located on the lower level across from the drinking fountain.

DEPosition: by the Rev. David Pattee, senior pastor

This season brings so many delights – festive gathering with family and friends, special music, food and decoration – pointing us toward a holy birth and a renewal of Christ's hope, peace, love and joy in our lives. I pray you will be with us on Sunday mornings to share in the spirit of Advent.

Along with a mostly-musical service led by our chancel choir and bell choir on December 11, each Sunday brings something special – children singing, lovely decorations, a favorite carol, and even fun with puppets – all of it to open our hearts to the blessing of Christmas.

There will be two Christmas Eve services, Saturday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. The earlier service will be especially engaging for families with younger children, and child care will be available in the nursery if needed. The later service will be more formal and includes our chancel choir and bell choir.

And don't forget! Christmas Day is a Sunday. We will gather for worship on December 25, but only one service, at 9:30 a.m.

I wish you hope, peace, love and joy, in Advent, and always.

Third Quarter 2016 Financial Summary

(Sorry for the lateness of this summary. Your humble Council President and Financial Coordinator have had busy work travel schedules recently.)

Our financial status at the end of the third quarter (through the end of September) is more or less OK in terms of our budget vs. actual results. Pledge and contribution income has continued to fall below our budgeted plan, and is currently tracking to be about 4% below our projected income for this time period. The fantastic efforts by all the volunteers that made our annual Fall Fest such a great success helped to close the gap.

Notwithstanding our Fall Fest income, which was higher than planned, we are still about \$30,000 below income expectations.

Many members do not pledge or contribute to support our faith community. We pray that you step forward and support our Church! To those members who have pledged but have neglected to keep current with those commitment, we ask that they step forward as well and catch up on their pledges.

As we have noted previously, a reduction in income simply means less of an ability to execute programs, maintain our nice facility and fund mission activities. It takes nearly \$50,000/month to operate the Church.

Church Council continues to manage our financial resources within the confines of the deficit budget approved by the Congregation at the 2016 Annual Meeting. Recall we started about \$21,000 in the red (negative).

With all this said, as of the end of September, our balance sheets are about \$38,000 in the black (positive). This is primarily due to the fact that we have not paid an Associate Pastor's salary and benefits. The Associate Pastor Search Committee continues their evaluation and assessment efforts and we prayfully hope this position is filled soon! When the position is filled, obviously we will reverse this positive trend. This is why it is important to step-up contributions and pledge income even though we are just getting by at present.

As a side note and in recognition of our 20-year old facility, Council will be recommending that a formal Facilities Management Committee be formed and incorporated into our by-laws. A vote on this amendment will occur during the 2017 annual meeting. This new committee will be responsible for the identification and management of our building, grounds, and parking lot. One of their first tasks will be some major repairs to our roof. Our hope is that this committee will enable us to identify potential issues early on and allow the Church to plan to address those issues before they become critical and potentially more costly.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Palansky, Council President

Mark Bishop, Financial Coordinator



With an open heart and an open mind, The Night Ministry provides housing, health care and human connection to members of the Chicago community who are struggling with poverty or homelessness.

Our next date for Night Ministry is Sunday, January 15, 2017. Sign up sheets are posted on the Night Ministry bulletin board in Rodgers Fellowship Hall. We will also be delivering the hats, scarves, mittens and gloves collected from the Christmas mitten tree. Thank you.

A Yuletide Celebration



The Women's Fellowship will host its annual Christmas party, "A Yuletide Celebration," from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the Church parlor. All the women of the church are invited to this magical, inspiring evening of delectable treats, holiday beverages and a violin performance by Lauren Gaydos of favorite Christmas music. Come share the joy of the yuletide season! No RSVP is necessary, a free-will donation will be taken to benefit Tri-City Health Partnership.

Questions? Email Janet Zohorsky at zohorj@aol.com.



The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 29 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary. All members are encouraged to attend. Copies of the Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 22. Any motions that members wish to make need to be submitted to Council President, Tom Palansky, by Sunday, January 15.

Peaceful Heart Yoga



with Donna Burg

Yoga is held in the sanctuary Mondays 9:00-10:15am and Thursdays 2-3:15pm. All are welcome to attend 1 or both of the sessions!!! Namaste...

New session began on Jan. 2

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

Jan. 2nd - Mar. 20th

No class Jan. 16th & Feb. 20th

\$100 for 10 weeks, \$12 per week (drop in rate). Pay at class. Sign up on Congregational Life Bulletin Board.

New session began on Jan. 5

12 weeks, Thursdays from 2-3:15pm.

Jan. 5th - Mar. 23rd

\$120 for 12 weeks, \$12 per week (drop in rate). Pay at class. Sign up on Congregational Life Bulletin Board.

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



Please pray
for them
on their
birthdays.

Joe Bihner	1	Abigail Freedlund	18
Madison Bondi	1	Maya Illy	18
Barb Biddle	2	Cyndi Peterik	18
Emma Juby	2	Ally Piper	18
Jacob Schuster	2	Tegan Reyes	18
Hailey Warner	2	Bill Channon	19
Henry McGray	3	Natalia Fernandez	19
Georgia Miller	3	Jordan Hayes	19
Scott Butikofer	4	Chuck Reed	19
Scott Gregory	4	Ben Juszczak	20
Dave Beckman	5	John Pokorski	21
Rob Van Dinther	5	Quinn Sidor	21
Mary Lou Bracken	6	Cameron Claps	22
Marcia McCracken	6	Chris Claps	22
Sheila Albano	7	Jacob Dieckman	22
Michelle Tams	7	Chip Flesher	22
James Vial	7	Gianna Schroeder	22
Olivia Barnes	8	Lisa Sidor	22
Mark Bishop	8	Jen Sykora	22
Sue Hamer	8	Andrew Van Dinther	22
Connie Rohlman	8	Graham Altergott	23
Gerry Thiele	8	Connor Collins	23
Andrea Williams	8	Mackenzie Fairchild	23
Megan Banwart	9	Michael Mastalski	23
Denise Beiermann	9	Rob Metzger	23
Nicole Black	9	Brynn Moore	23
Paige VanBergen	9	Jack Amstadt	24
Kelly Cameron	10	Carol Fry	24
Cheryl Gaydos	10	Kyle McKittrick	24
Bob Bendeich	11	Mary Jane Timm	24
Molly McCullough	11	Kristen Eten	25
Charles Peterson	11	Jake Fulk	25
Kay Vargason	11	Mark Molloy	25
Lauren Biddle	13	LG Black	26
Lauren Caprini	13	Rachael Freedlund	26
Adam Diorio	13	Brady Horan	26
Bradley Hemmingsen	13	Amanda Stinton	26
Madison Kleba	13	Jim Diorio	27
Willy Schulthess	13	Tom Gast	27
Steve Wascher	13	Erin Milhousen	27
Hugh Cole	14	Patti Molloy	27
Mary Ann Gochenaur	14	Amy Leach	28
Carol Hundley	14	Knox Pendexter	28
Joanne Olson	15	William Streeper	28
Sam Provencher	15	Lee Biddle	29
MacKenzie Santucci	15	Luke Goucher	29
Richard Sarvas	15	Justin McElderry	29
Makenna Collins	16	Natalie Morgan	29
Jimmy Schulthess	16	Adam Vial	29
Susan Cira	17	Jody Contorno	30
Terry Morton	17	Olivia Rohlman	30
Alyssa Nore	17	Roland Sargent	30
Mary Carol Smith	17	Sue Beckman	31
Carol Vial	17	Donna Giamberdino	31
Karen Balzanto	18	Jane Ritchie	31
Katie Burke	18	Stephanie Salb	31

Intentional Travel 2017

Martin Luther Reformation
500th Anniversary

Germany Oct 6-14th, 2017

Brochures available in the office or by
following this link goo.gl/97iAlM



Novel Approaches 2016-2017

January 13th: A GREAT DELIVERANCE (1988) by Elizabeth

George; discussion at the home of Denise Dojka
To this day, the low, thin wail of an infant can be heard in Keldale's lush green valleys. Three hundred years ago, as legend goes, the frightened Yorkshire villagers smothered a crying babe in Keldale Abbey, where they'd hidden to escape the ravages of Cromwell's raiders. Now into Keldale's pastoral web of old houses and older secrets comes Scotland Yard Inspector Thomas Lynley, the eighth earl of Asherton. Along with the redoubtable Detective Sergeant Barbara Havers, Lynley has been sent to solve a savage murder that has stunned the peaceful countryside. For fat, unlovely Roberta Teyss has been found in her best dress, an axe in her lap, seated in the old stone barn beside her father's headless corpse. Her first and last words were "I did it. And I'm not sorry."

March 10th: EUPHORIA (2014) by Lily King; discussion at the home of Tony and Donna Giamberdino

Winner of the 2014 New England Book Award for Fiction
A Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award
A Best Book of the Year for: *New York Times Book Review*, *Time*, *NPR*, *Washington Post*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Newsday*, *Vogue*, *New York Magazine*, *Seattle Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Boston Globe*, *The Guardian*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Amazon*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Our Man in Boston*, *Oprah.com*, *Salon*. *Euphoria* is Lily King's nationally bestselling breakout novel of three young, gifted anthropologists of the 1930s caught in a passionate love triangle that threatens their bonds, their careers, and, ultimately, their lives. Inspired by events in the life of revolutionary anthropologist Margaret Mead, *Euphoria* is "dazzling ... suspenseful ... brilliant...an exhilarating novel."—*Boston Globe*

May 12th: A MAN CALLED OVE (2013) by Fredrik Backman; discussion at the home of Dave and Marilyn Schave

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell." But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time? Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. A feel-good story...Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others.

The Christmas Fund

The Christmas Fund provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers and lay employees and their surviving spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance, and Christmas thank-you checks. A ministry of the Pension Boards, this offering will be received in church on Sunday, December 18th. Please consider a gift as part of your Christmas giving. Envelopes will be provided in the church bulletin.

Christmas Giving Tree 2016

The Mission committee has chosen The Night Ministry, The Salvation Army and Lazarus House to be the recipients of the gifts on the 2016 Christmas Giving Tree.

There are 64 tags on the tree from the Salvation Army representing 32 children. Each tag has suggestions for either a clothing item or a toy or other wanted gift. It is not necessary to purchase everything that is on the tag. **Gifts with Salvation Army tags are not to be wrapped.**

The Salvation Army has a day during which parents can shop for their children. The number of items from which to choose for teenagers is usually quite small. To provide a few more items for this area, The Giving Tree has 6 tags marked **Teenage Girl** and 6 tags marked **Teenage Boy**. Suggestions might be jewelry, wallets, purse, movies, or CDs, sports logo clothing, hair dryer, or curling iron, sports posters, etc. **Do not wrap Salvation Army items.**

The 25 tags for Lazarus House are very specific and are things requested by their residents. Please try to honor them as closely as possible. **Gifts for Lazarus House need to be wrapped.**

There are 40 tags with requests for gift cards for Night Ministry. This is a great opportunity to support Manna and make your shopping easy! Simply purchase your Manna card, give the tag from the Giving Tree to the Manna team and they will take care of the rest. How easy is that! It is important that all gifts be returned with the tag attached by December 11 so that they can be delivered to the appropriate agency on December 13.

The Mission Committee thanks you for your generous support of this year's Christmas Giving Tree as we as a congregation again show how we Increase our Love for God and Neighbor.

The Mitten Tree will again be up to receive new or gently used hats, scarves and mittens. It will be located in Rodgers Fellowship Hall. This year the items will be donated to Night Ministry.



Manna News

Only 3 Manna Sundays before Christmas. Many merchants are giving extra \$\$\$. Visit the Manna table in Rodgers Hall for details.

Your support is greatly appreciated.
The Manna Team



Mel's Diner

Let's Dine Out! Head over to Mel's after church on Sunday or anytime you are in the area. They are located in Campton Hills Center, on the corner of LaFox and Rt 64. 10% of all church members receipts will go towards our missions budget. Seniors who spend more than \$25 will get \$5 off! All you need to do is write "**Congregational Church**" on the tab the waitress gives you or grab a flyer on the hutch outside the church office. Help support our missions budget and a local business by dining out!

Little Free Library

Take a Book, Leave a Book

There are many great books in the **Little Free Library**, please check it out! You'll find the **Little Free Library** behind the church on the sidewalk near the back east lower level entrance to the church.



The sign up sheet for 2017 is now posted on the Worship Bulletin Board. Please sign up today.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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.

About the Parlor Art Gallery Exhibit

A Man's Lens - Male Inspired Interests

Parlor Art Gallery October and November, reflects **A Man's Lens - Male Inspired Interests**. Featured artists are of the OGCC - Old Guys Camera Club; Chuck Peterson, Jack Shouba, Chuck Hunnicutt, Bill Ludemann and John Janunas. Each artist began with a response to "Men Inspired Interests". Each piece demonstrates a keen eye for the many male inspired identities; expressing feelings for the locations visited, wonder of nature, passion of experiences, images of powerful creativity and documenting the world through the camera lens - using a male perspective. Explore, wander, and share the beauty of the wonderful male imagination and life.

- Enjoy the experience.
Kathy Westman, Parlor Art Gallery.



New Members Welcomed October 30, 2016

Dixon Bogert

708-280-9169

1016 Charleston Dr., St Charles, IL 60174

Dixon has been visiting with us for quite some time. Dixon graduated with a PhD in physics from Yale University. Shortly after, he moved to St. Charles and started working at Fermilab. He has since retired, but remembers his working days fondly. He has traveled extensively in his life, but is ready to call the CUCC his home.

Justin Domeracki

630-762-6284

40W075 Emily Dickinson Ln., St. Charles, IL 60175

Justin is a sophomore at St. Charles East High School. He lives right here in Fox Mill. He has jumped right in and started attending our GF youth group regularly. He is excited to meet people in the church and build connections with kids his age. He is interested in cars and wrestling!

David & Lisa Heinze

630-327-3386

David - drheinze@yahoo.com

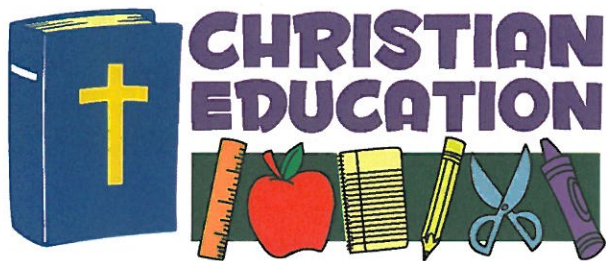
Lisa - lisaheinze@mac.com

41W904 Hughes Rd., Elburn, IL 60119

David and Lisa Heinze live in Elburn, IL. David is a horse veterinarian.



"Guess who got voted to be a sheep in the Sunday school program for the fifth year in a row?!"



Lauren Biddle
Sunday School Coordinator
christianed@cuccstc.org

Christian Education Classroom: Sunday School classes have finished with Ruth and Naomi and will be moving onto Luke's Christmas Story.

Activities: Sunday November 27 was a huge success. 12 Sunday school children worked together to create 50 Night Ministry Stockings!!! While these children were stuffing the stockings the Pre- K students were creating cards for the stockings. A big shout out to Sawyer and Brady who I think broke the record for amount of cards created in one day! December 4th will be the Christmas Happenings crafting day. We will have a fun performance by our very own F.O.G and then we will be working with CE to create our goodies to be sold. Remember to stop on down and pick up a few adorable items and check out the Hot Chocolate Bar. All proceeds will be donated to the We Care Operation to by an adapted bicycle for a person with special needs. December 18th will be cookies with Santa at 10:45.

Offering: We are continuing to raise our funds to keep on with the tradition of buying animals from Heifer International for the Holidays. The students have agreed on what to buy and a fundraiser thermometer can be found downstairs in the Sunday school wing!

Call to Worship & Acolytes: Slots are filling up fast for the children readers and acolytes. If your child is interested in reading for Call to Worship or Acolyting a list of dates can be found in the Sunday school wing on the bulletin board.



We are looking for help in the nursery during the 6:30pm service on Christmas Eve. If you are interested in helping out contact Tara Moffitt at taranmoffitt@gmail.com



Operation We Care Workshop

Christmas Happenings 2016 will be on December 4th in Rodgers Hall. Join the youth of our church (pre-school though 5th grade) as they open this holiday season with an opportunity to understand and support Project Mobility: Adaptive Bike Giveaway.

Sunday schoolers will make holiday crafts to sell immediately after the 9:30 service. Come "shop" our market and find hundreds of holiday goodies.

All donations benefit <http://www.project-mobility.org/> Help us, help them. Cocoa bar! Treats! FUN!!!

Reverse Advent Calendar

Instead of Food on the Fourth which falls on Christmas Day this year, we are introducing the reverse advent calendar. We hope this will become a family activity with decorating the box and shopping for the non perishable items to go in it, one each day during Advent. The calendar can be found on page 9 of this Highlight. The food collected will be given to the Salvation Army's food pantry. Please return your contributions on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. If you are unable to do so on at those times, please bring it in the week after the Christmas holidays.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Wyonne Hegland for the Mission Committee

Followers Of God Puppet Troupe

We are excited about our new puppet troupe season and want to invite all 5th graders and older to join us:

Tuesday nights 5:00 – 7:00
 in Rodgers Hall

Looking forward to seeing all of you! We have some fun new ideas!

Jeanne Humke, Sue Peterson, Jennifer Megliola, and Cammie Humke

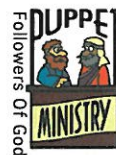
Any questions - email, call, or text:

Jeanne Humke at 630-229-3494 humkegrp@aol.com

Or

Sue Peterson at 630-751-1566

susanmpeterson@sbcglobal.net





Who's in the Pews?

Mary Emily Anhalt

By Sue Peterson

Mary Emily Anhalt is currently the chair of the Mission Committee. Over the years, she has also been on the Swing Set Board, the Christian Education Committee and helped with VBS.

It is interesting to hear about everyone's first visit to our church. Did they feel welcome? What experiences did they have? For Mary Emily and Steve and their two little girls, it was an unusual day. They had just moved to town. The year was 1987 and just happened to be the day we were celebrating our 150th anniversary of the church. We were all dressed in old fashioned clothes and had an old fashioned service including tickling ladies with a feather if they fell asleep (which some ladies pretended to do) and using our old long handled wooden offering collection plates. After the service we planned to send off balloons with special messages written inside. Just before the launch, Mary Emily's 2 year old daughter, Jenifer, lost her balloon. Her other daughter, Emily, went up to Rev Nagy and asked if she could have a balloon for her little sister. Bill immediately gave his balloon to her. Those memories for the family made a special connection and they joined soon after that day.

Mary Emily grew up in New Holstein, WI, a German community founded by her great grandparents in 1848. Her 101 year old Mom and sister and family still live in the town. In 1937 her mother received her college

economics degree so as you can guess, education was a priority in her family. Mary Emily attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas and graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Madison including a summer in Norway at an international summer school and continued her education at St. Xavier's to receive her master's degree. She taught at a demonstration school in Madison for a year before going to Kiel, WI to teach a title one program for a year and then kindergarten for 3 years. Kiel was where Mary Emily originally met Steve when they were juniors in high school. They dated for a short time but went separate ways. In the meantime, Steve married someone else and had two children, Stevie and Steph. After his first wife died Mary Emily and Steve reacquainted through her teaching job in Kiel. They married in 1978. It is indeed a small world. They lived in Kiel for awhile until a job change brought them to St. Charles.

They have two girls. Emily (Joe) Miller (also members of our church) have 4 year old twin girls, Eliese and Helena. They live in Wayne. Emily is a category manager for greeting cards and gifts for all of Walgreens. Jenifer (Brock) Schimbene lives in Bozeman, Montana. Jenifer works for Wells Fargo in Estate planning.

Steve worked in construction including remodeling the DQ building in St. Charles which was ironic because later he brought 25 DQ franchises in Illinois. During this time is when they moved to St. Charles and visited our church. After getting out of the franchise business, Steve sold cars and did car hauling. He now owns a billboard advertising company. Mary Emily continued teaching after receiving her Illinois teaching license. She subbed for awhile and was hired at Fox Ridge School in 1993. She retired from teaching in 2011 and is enjoying being a grandmother helping care for her granddaughters.



Lazarus House
Wed., Dec. 21, 6:30 pm
214 Walnut Street,
St. Charles

We will be serving meat loaf, mashed potatoes, tossed salad and mixed vegetables. We also need sack lunches and breakfast items. We would appreciate your help. A sign up sheet is available on the Lazarus House Board in Rodgers Hall.

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

Trivia Night

It's time to get out and have a ton of fun engaging in some great trivia questions with friends! Whaddayaknow? Team Trivia games are not your average night out. They provide the best material and the best trivia there is to offer - these contests require strategy, photo identification, puzzle solving - across the widest range of categories. We're currently planning a team trivia event for January 28th, so mark your calendars!

Holy Communion



During July, August and September, we celebrated communion with the congregation coming forward for the bread and wine. We received the elements intinction style. Thank you to the congregation for being flexible. From October through February, we will return to pew communion with ushers serving row by row. After that, we may return to intinction at the front of the church. Pastor Dave and the Worship Committee hope you agree that variety in our services is important.

The Worship Committee is also looking for a couple people who can help set up and/or clean up communion on the first weekend of each month. Set up occurs on your own schedule on Saturday, then clean up after Sunday service. Contact Janet Bell at janetb316@gmail.com



NOVEMBER–DECEMBER 2016 • FOOD on the 4th REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 1 st Sunday of Advent	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 2 nd Sunday of Advent	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 3 rd Sunday of Advent	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 4 th Sunday of Advent	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	<p>EACH DAY IN ADVENT: Pray for those who are hungry. Do an act of kindness. Add a non-perishable food item to your home container for the Salvation Army & Elburn Food Pantries. Note your donation on this calendar. Bring donations to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.</p> <p>SUGGESTIONS: Wrap your donation box like a Christmas package or use Christmas gift bags. Use paper grocery bags and decorate or color them. Children might like to draw pictures of the food that is donated each day on the calendar or container. Keep donations under your Christmas tree.</p>					

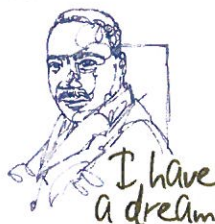
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Coming Soon!
National Week of Service January 15-22

The sign up sheets for National Week of Service will be up the week of December 4. There are opportunities to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children on Jan. 15 or the Northern Illinois Food Bank on Jan. 21 as well as the Salvation Army during that week. Other opportunities are providing food for Night Ministry on Jan. 15 or Lazarus House on January 18. Watch the Mission board, Highlight and Blast for other events during the week. Families as well as individuals are encouraged to participate in this very important event honoring the memory and work of Martin Luther King.

**Sneak Peek at Upcoming
Service Opportunities**

**MLK
National Week of
Service**



Celebrate MLK during worship with us on January 15th

Make a pledge to Volunteer

Sign-ups available beginning September 18th

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

January 15: Night Ministry
January 16: Feed My Starving Children
January 17: Bake Off at Church for Fire/Police Dept.
January 18: Lazarus House
January 19: "Act of Kindness" Day
January 21: Northern Illinois Food Bank
January 22: Salvation Army Special Food drive
Other sites confirmed: Mooseheart for greenhouse work

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP:

January 8: 10:45 AM, discussion on the book, "While the World Watched"
January 15: African Drumming Group and Speakers during the 9:30 Worship Service
January 15: Chicago Sinfonietta 3pm, Tribute to MLK
January 29: 10:45 AM, discussion on the book, "While the World Watched"

Food on the 4th



FOOD ON THE 4TH, DECEMBER 25

The theme is Protein or items collected for your Reverse Advent Calendar. On DECEMBER 25 please bring canned meats (tuna, chicken, turkey, ham), Spam, corned beef or other items of your choice for the St. Charles Salvation Army Food Pantry and the Elburn Food Pantry.



Event: Feed My Starving Children

FMSC's Mission: Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit

Volunteers: Hand-Pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved!

Date and Time: Monday – January 16 ~ 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: 1072 National Pkwy, Schaumburg, IL 60173

Sign-up: 2 ways to sign up – Enter your NAME & EMAIL on the Sheet in Fellowship Hall OR online at: <http://volunteer.fmsc.org/Register>
Select: Join a Group Enter Join Code: 900447

Who's Invited: Adults, Children (age 5 and up), Family, Friends

Cash Donations Accepted: Your financial support makes it possible for FMSC to provide hope and the promise of a beautiful future to precious children around the world. Each meal cost less than a quarter to make and more than 90% of total donations go directly toward feeding kids. (\$80 feeds a child for a year)

Questions: Contact Ann Keck (630) 631-2156

Faith is taking the
first step even when
you don't see the whole
staircase - Martin
Luther King, Jr.

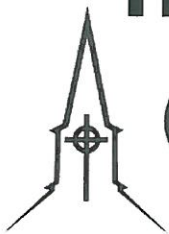


The Congregational United Church of Christ Calendar

December 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Food on the 4th 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Worship (S) 9:30 AM Henry Rosborough Baptism (S) 9:30 AM Stockings (115) 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)	28 Highlight Deadline (NOON) 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Yoga (S) 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Language Stars(112) 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Beiermann Lessons (S)	29 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Puppets (FH) 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM Beiermann Lessons (S)	30 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM Beiermann Lessons (S) 6:30 PM GF Youth Group (119)	1 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM Yoga (S) 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Lessons (S) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Bell's Rehearsal (S) 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)	2 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM Language Stars(112 & 117) 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Beiermann Lessons (S) 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Confirmation Retreat on "Jesus"	3 Mystery Mixer Set-up for Christmas Happenings (FH) 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Beiermann Lessons (S)
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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.

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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 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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