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CUCC Family,

While I sit in my hotel room, following a spirit-filled day at the 32nd General Synod of the United Church of Christ, I am filled with gratitude. I am grateful for the United Church of Christ, and all of the visionary leaders who set their differences aside to create a united and uniting church movement. I am grateful for their humility as they listened to each other and came together in the pursuit of God's justice in the world. I am grateful for their continued witness in the world, and for their prophetic mission to create space for everyone, everyone, EVERY-ONE!

While I sit in my hotel room, I am grateful for CUCC. I am grateful for our congregation's deep connection with its past, our current ministry throughout the Fox Valley, and our openness to what God might have in store for our future together. Each and every member has gifts and talents to contribute as we strive to be a community of WORSHIP, WELCOME, and JUSTICE. I am grateful for a community who spontaneously sings while serving each other communion at a Care Team meeting. I am grateful for a community who works tirelessly to provide magical moments at VBS for our children. I am grateful for a community who surrounds each other in seasons of immense loss, who gathers to celebrate and remember the life of those we love, and who continue to care for each other weeks and months later as the pain remains fresh. I am so grateful for this FAMILY of faith.

Finally, while I sit in my hotel room, I am grateful to be your pastor. On the one hand, it feels like decades have passed since the Discernment Meetings. And yet, it feels like just yesterday that I received the call to be your next Senior Pastor. It is a great joy and privilege to wake up each morning empowered to serve and love this family of faith. I believe that God is up to something at CUCC, and I thank God that I get to be a part of what is happening.

As we continue moving forward together, I want to create an opportunity to be with you and hear from you. So, I am bringing back my "Out Of The Office Hours" for the entire month of July! Every Tuesday in July (2, 9, 16, 23 and 30) I will be at The Office (201 E Main St) downtown St. Charles from 6-8PM. Come to enjoy food and drinks and to talk about faith, life with our church family. I look forward to seeing you there!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Josh Kuipers

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**United Fall Fest**

**IS COMING!!!**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH**

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



## **Please Pray for**

**Bob Beavan**

**Charles & Rosemary Caldwell**

**Jon Devermann**

**Barb Fairbairn**

**Marcia Ford**

**Margie Johnson**

**Joann Miller's dad died June 25th**

**Walt Murtaugh's dad, Jim, died June 27th**

**Rozella Nagy**

**Henry Plamondon**

**Aaron Tschetter**

**Taye Weigel**

## **Altar Flower Donations**



Get your special Sunday while the date is still available! Sign up on the Worship 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!

## **Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House**



Keep bringing those tabs you get off pop cans, soup cans, veggie cans, fruit cans, etc. Please put them in the red bag that you'll find in the hutch outside the church office. These are used to help fund the Ronald McDonald House located near CDH in Winfield. If your donation is too large for the red bag, put it in my mailbox in the office.

Many thanks from me, and from the StC Golden K Kiwanis Club. -Pat Kitner

## **Online Prayer Chain**

Our e-mail prayer chain has proven to be a source of comfort to many. If you have a prayer request for a family member, a friend or for yourself, just send me an e-mail and as soon as it is on its way, over 200 members of our church will be praying for you. It's what we do, right? Or perhaps there's a new baby or other blessed event you'd like us to join you in giving thanks to God for. Maybe you are not presently receiving prayer requests and would like to be included in this ministry. Whatever....just send me an e-mail at [chatwpat@att.net](mailto:chatwpat@att.net) to take advantage of this valued ministry of our church. -Pat Kitner

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## **Joy of Sharing Cookbook**



Such a deal! Originally \$15 each - now on sale for only \$10 each! Cash or check made payable to Women's Fellowship. Available in the church office. Wonderful for gifts for every occasion-showers, birthdays, hostess, Easter, Christmas, or a "Just Because" gift. Questions? Call Pat Kitner, 630.584.1205

**Highlight Newsletter Copy Deadline**

**Monday, July 29th**

**BEFORE NOON**



## **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.

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## **MEAL MINISTRY**

If you could provide an occasional meal for a church member, please contact Kathy at [kathymizgalski@gmail.com](mailto:kathymizgalski@gmail.com), 630.253.7677.



## Join us for our Wednesday morning service...

*Wednesday Morning Worship @ 7:00AM*

We will meet for Communion, prayer, reflection, and coffee.

### Give the Easy Way!

**Online giving, and giving by text message**, is now available through Engage. It takes just a couple of minutes to set up a giving account with Engage which will thereafter synch automatically with your giving record at CUCC, or you can give as a "guest". Just text 630-233-8291 to establish an account and make a gift, or go online to <https://engage.suran.com/cucc>. In either case, when you are asked for an e-mail address, be sure to give the one we use for you at the church.

It's this easy... Text 630-233-8291 with a message that says "contribution" and the amount you want to give "\$\_\_\_\_". In reply, you'll receive a link at which you can "create an account," or elect to "continue as a guest." Choosing "create an account," enter a user name. You will be sent a code by e-mail to use in establishing a unique password. Once you have a giver account and profile, go to the menu and select "gift." Once established, you can just text the number 630-233-8291 with the message "Contribution \$\_\_\_\_" skipping all the other steps. Your gift will automatically show up in your record with CUCC.

### Hearing Aids

I recently became aware of a program sponsored by the NIU Audiology Department. They can use hearing aids that you no longer use. There are many children in the surrounding counties that need hearing aids but simply cannot afford them, some as young as 4 or 5 years old. And these appliances are not "adult" or "children" size – they're all the same size. There is a cost of \$200 to fit the kids with a form for their ears, and this has to be done every six months or so as the child grows. If you have unused hearing aids that you can donate or if you would like to donate \$200 to have a kid fitted with ear forms, please see me or give me a call – 630.584.1205. I'll be glad to give you further details.

Thank you so, so much. -Pat Kitner

### Women's Fall Getaway Better Together

Our 20th annual fall getaway is scheduled for Fri-Sun, October 25-27, at Pilgrim Park. More details soon, but put this on your calendar now.



**Lazarus House**  
Wed., Jul. 17., 6:30 pm  
214 Walnut Street, St. Charles

We will be providing our monthly meal to Lazarus House. We will be serving meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green veggies, jello salad, rolls and gravy, along with the monthly breakfast and lunch items. The meat for the main entree will be provided. Please check the Lazarus House bulletin board in Rodgers Hall to sign up for this important ministry. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in reaching out to our neighbors in need.

Please feel free to contact Donna Giamberdino at 630-513-7941 or Liz Holding at [lizholding@comcast.net](mailto:lizholding@comcast.net) with any questions.

Thank you so much!



Please pray  
for them  
on their  
birthdays.

Debbie Dieckman	1	Nicholas Odman	19
Brighton McGrath	1	Jennifer Pfothenhauer	19
Dee Westphal	1	Penny Porter	19
Judy Beck	2	Carleen Bart	20
Kyle Collins	2	Jean Johnson	20
Bonnie Wallace	2	Tori Leifel	20
SommerAnn McCullough	3	Connor Speck	20
Charlotte Surta	3	Henry Cameron	21
Liza Burke	5	Erin Steele	21
Lucas Hamilton	5	Claire Ashbrook	22
Alex Prigge	5	Joseph Jaynes	22
Emma Stewart	5	Meagan Provencher	22
Michelle Jaynes	6	Barbara Reece	22
Joyce Berner	7	Phil Albano	23
Jon Devermann	7	Grace Bishop	23
Erik Hansen	7	Jeremy Graveen	23
Jim Mizgalski	7	Tracy Richter	23
Hope Williams	8	Jane Batte	24
Peter Ball	9	Wendy Chapman	24
Ken Burg	9	Brady Brown	25
Stephen Shuman	9	Brooklyn Brown	25
Cathy Wadington	9	Sandi Chidester	25
Ann Rempfer	10	Michael Fulton	25
Kevin Turner	10	Finn Hansen	25
Nolan Behrendt	11	Eli Hayes	25
John Biddle	11	Ron Timm	25
Delaney Cherkos	11	Kali D'Amato	26
Ethan Grimes	11	Joshua Drommerhausen	26
Rita Mroz	11	Steven Sidor	26
Soren Larson	12	Patrick Brennan	27
Chris Marschinke	12	Kate Collins	27
Bob Matson	12	John Reints	27
Kyler Melton	12	Kate Foley	28
Janelle Reints	12	Sam Foley	28
Scott Graham	13	Baylee Geni	28
Avery Keefe	14	Kandy Jones	28
Katherine Albano	15	Susan Klopmeier	28
Christina Bihun	15	Eva Carr Norris	28
Lisa Brown	15	Sam Richter	28
Marcia McKittrick	15	Robert Rodgers	28
Mike Klopmeier	16	Corinne Amstadt	29
Joseph Schopen	16	Ariel Kanter	29
MacKenzie Schroeder	16	Jonathan Klemm	29
Michael Vial	16	Kevin Laurie	29
Nancy Doerr	17	Alexis Lear	29
Brooks Harrington	17	Haddie McGahan	29
Judy Janis	17	Megan Murtaugh	29
Ella Kobleur	17	Nia Reyes	29
Sandi Whelan	17	Betsy MacNeille	30
Emma Klotz	18	Sarah Oeltgen	30
Kevin McInnis	18	Judith Stephens	30
Ellen Rossi	18	Becky Stewart	31



**Food on the 4<sup>th</sup>**  
JULY 24



**The theme is Your Choice.** On  
JULY 24 please bring items of your choosing  
for the St. Charles Salvation Army Food  
Pantry and the Elburn Food Pantry.

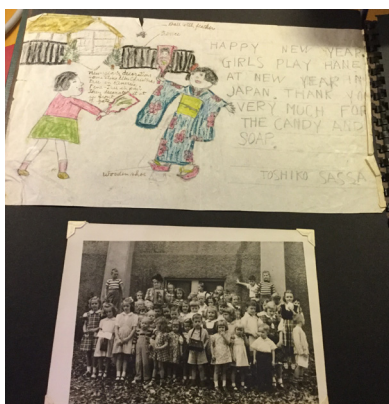
## Did You Know?

Over the last year our History/Archiving committee has found some interesting things while sorting, organizing, tossing and preserving church history for the future. Two of the most fascinating are scrapbooks, both mission related.

One scrapbook is a collection of correspondence to and from us by those serving in the military from 1942-1945, thanking us for corresponding with them or for sending them care packages during WWII. We put the letters into a new binder and organized them by date.

The other is a large collection of drawings, photographs and translations from a school in Japan. There are drawings and letters, some of them with translations from mostly 2nd graders thanking us for sending them candy, soap and other small items around 1948. The school in Japan was possibly sponsored by what would have been a predecessor of the United Church of Christ. It's beautiful and fascinating.

If anyone is interested in looking at these scrapbooks, stop in the church office on Sundays after church in August. Or contact Carleen Bart [cnbart@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cnbart@sbcglobal.net)



## Baptism Blankets

The Prayer Shawl Ministry couldn't keep up knitting and crocheting Baptism blankets a few years ago - so many babies and children - what a blessing! We now give them a soft cuddly fleece blanket. Our hope is that it will become well loved and used. A group of wonderful volunteers hem them and then they are embroidered in one corner with the design in the photo below. A very grateful thank you to church member Nancy Noonan of Celtic Custom and Needleart Design in Campton Hills for her gift of embroidery to the church. We're running out of blankets again and will be sewing soon.



Dear Church Family,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to you today to let you know that Tricia Steele, our Office Manager, has tendered her resignation, effective July 19, 2019. While we are sad to see her go, we are also excited for Tricia in that she has accepted a new position, which will bring new challenges and joys her way.

Tricia has been a faithful employee of the church since April 2011, when she started out as an Office Assistant. She was promoted to her current position of Office Manager in May 2014. Over the years, Tricia has seen many changes in staff and operations in the CUCC office and has weathered all of them as a true professional.

Prior to her leaving CUCC Tricia will be assisting the personnel committee in updating the Office Manager job description and enumerating her many duties to aid in the search for a replacement. In the meantime, stop in the office to congratulate Tricia if you have a chance! Tricia, you will be sorely missed; we wish you all the best in your new adventure!

Sincerely,  
Lori Tschetter, Council President

## Peaceful Heart Yoga



### with Donna Burg

Yoga is held in the sanctuary Mondays 9:15-10:30am and Thursdays 2-3:15pm. All are welcome to attend one or both of the sessions!!! Namaste...

### New session began on June 10

9 weeks, Mondays from 9:15-10:30am.

June 10th - Aug. 12th

No class June 17th

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

### New session began on June 13

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

June 13th - Aug. 15th

No class June 20th, July 4th

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

Pay at class. Donna Burg 630-309-0614  
[donnaburg.db@gmail.com](mailto:donnaburg.db@gmail.com)



JOIN OUR  
**STUDY**

## Bible Study

The Christian Formation Team is planning to offer several Adult Bible Studies this Fall. We are looking to partner with members of the congregation who have experience facilitating a small group and a general knowledge of the Bible. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact:

Kathy McCullough - [mccfamily.4@gmail.com](mailto:mccfamily.4@gmail.com)  
Or Janet Zohorsky - [zohorj@aol.com](mailto:zohorj@aol.com)

# The Congregational United Church of Christ Calendar

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JULY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (RH) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball (RH)	<b>1</b> 7:30 AM - 6:15 PM NIU Reading Camp (114/116)	<b>2</b> 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM Spanish Classes (113) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH) 7:00 PM Service Team Meeting (O)	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Morning Worship (S) 9:00 AM Women's Fellowship (P) 7:00 PM Swing Set BD Mtg (114)	<b>4</b> Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b> 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM NIU Reading Camp (114/116) 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Innis Rental (RH)	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Communion 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (RH) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball (RH)	<b>8</b> 7:30 AM - 6:15 PM NIU Reading Camp (114/116) 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)	<b>9</b> 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Clergy meeting (O) 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM Spanish Classes (113) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH) 6:30 PM Worship Team (O)	<b>10</b> 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Morning Worship (S) 7:00 PM Christian Formation Team Meeting (114) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Stewardship Team (O)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM NIU Reading Camp (114/116) 9:00 AM Church History and Archiving Mtg (115)	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> Zabler baptism 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (RH) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball (RH)	<b>15</b> 8:30 AM Building Maintenance 7:00 PM Church Council (P)	<b>16</b> 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM Spanish Classes (113) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)	<b>17</b> 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Morning Worship (S) 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Circle of Friends (P) 6:30 PM Lazarus House	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (RH) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball (RH)	<b>22</b> 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Prairie Star Quilters (115/117) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Prairie Star Quilters (RH)	<b>23</b> 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM Spanish Classes (113) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)	<b>24</b> 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Morning Worship (S)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Church Picnic Food on the 4th 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Worship (S) 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship (RH) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Basketball (RH)	<b>29</b> HIGHLIGHT DEADLINE	<b>30</b> 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM Spanish Classes (113) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 56 (RH)	<b>31</b> 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Morning Worship (S)	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Monday of each month in the church parlor from 10am until noon. Our next meeting is July 8th. Knitters and crocheters can be part of this group even if they are unable to attend meetings.

Questions? Contact Mary Anne Rebernak at 630 377 9336 or email her at [mrebernak@outlook.com](mailto:mrebernak@outlook.com).



**Church Office  
Closed July 4th**

## Summer Sunday School

Beginning on June 9th, Summer Sunday School began. Nursery care will be available for children 0-3 from the start of the service. Each Sunday after Moments with children, Pre-K through 1st grade can head down to our Pre-K Sunday School room. We do ask that children 2nd grade and up remain in the Sanctuary for the duration of the service.

If you have any questions, please email Kim Arneson at [Christianed@cuccstc.org](mailto:Christianed@cuccstc.org).

**Kim Arneson**  
 Director of Children's Ministries  
[christianed@cuccstc.org](mailto:christianed@cuccstc.org)



# The Congregational United Church of Christ

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

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **9:30am Worship Service with Sunday School**

Sunday School for children through 1st grade and nursery care.  
Communion offered the first Sunday of each month.

### **7:00am Wednesday Morning Worship**

We meet for Communion, prayer, reflection, and coffee.

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Congregational UCC St. Charles

## 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 and ministry.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Called by the love of God and neighbor through the gift of Jesus Christ, we strive to be a community of worship, welcome and justice.*

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**Summer Office Hours Mon-Thurs 8:30am-2pm**

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Joe Blomquist-Interim Chancel Choir Director

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Richard Doerr-Worship Team Chair

Tom Palansky-Operations Team Chair

Edy Findlay-Womens Fellowship President

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