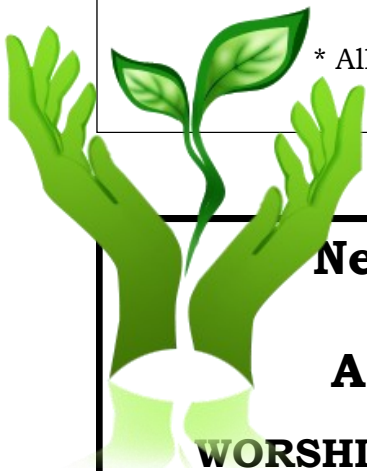


First Congregational Church, UCC

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Rev. Jacqueline Perry, Associate Pastor



September 2012

New Beginnings Sunday September 9, 2012 A Celebration of Ministries

WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

Commissioning all ministries including
Education and Music plus other
Congregational Ministries

FIRST DAY OF CHURCH SCHOOL

10:10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Lower Level Education Wing

Classes Look for Your Banner:

Nursery: Sunshine Banner

Pre-K: Rainbow Banner

K, 1, 2: Pillar of Fire Banner

3, 4, 5: Royal Fish Banner

Junior High: Trinity Banner

Sr. High: Mitchell Youth Room

(This is a new format for Sr. High. It will be Church school and Youth Group combined, so it will take on a new look. If you are in 9th through 12th grades, please join us for a new adventure!)

New Beginnings Opp to Serve Volunteer Fair 10:10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Come to the large dining room and see a wide range of the ministry opportunities that First Congregational Church has to offer.

† † † † † † † **CONTINUING THAT WEEK AND AFTER** † † † † † † †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Jr High Youth Group Resumes Twice a Month – Mitchell Youth Room
See Heidi for calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 5:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Confirmation Orientation Supper, Large Dining Room
Class Schedule To Be Announced

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Memo From Michael



One of the most common forms of illness in our country is what is sometimes called "mental illness," other times "brain disorders," and some times "chemical imbalance." The National Institute of Mental Health characterizes the situation this way:

Mental Disorders in America

Mental disorders are common in the United States and internationally. An estimated 26.2 percent of Americans ages 18 and older — about one in four adults — suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder in a given year. When applied to the 2004 U.S. Census residential population estimate for ages 18 and older, this figure translates to 57.7 million people. Even though mental disorders are widespread in the population, the main burden of illness is concentrated in a much smaller proportion — about 6 percent, or 1 in 17 — who suffer from a serious mental illness.

That means that about one quarter of our congregation is affected in any given year. And we are reluctant to talk much about this reality.

There exists in society and even in the church, great stigma and discrimination against persons with mental disorders and those with serious "mental illnesses" or brain disorders. This makes mental health both a ministry and a social justice issue.

All people are created in the image of God and worthy of being treated with dignity, respect and love. Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (1 John 13:34-35).

On October 6 a team of walkers from First Congregational UCC will participate in the NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Walk in Davenport, with the leadership of Sara McLees, our parish nurse. This is a way to raise money for the organization. More importantly, this is also a way to raise awareness among folks like us about the significance of this issue. I will be among the walkers because I want to acknowledge the importance of this issue both within our congregation and in the society as a whole.

See you in church.

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Worship Schedule

Sept 1, 2

James 1:17-27
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
"Be Ye Doers" Rev. Swartz

Sept 8, 9

James 2:1-10
Psalm 125
Mark 7:24-37
"Be Opened" Rev. Perry

Sept 15, 16

James 3:1-12
Psalm 19:1-6
Mark 8:27-38
"Give it Away" Rev. Swartz

Sept 22, 23

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Psalm 1
Mark 9:30-37
"Big Shots" Rev. Swartz

Sept 29, 30

James 5:13-20
Psalm 19:7-14
Mark 9:38-50
"Cup of Cold Water" Rev. Swartz

Oct 6, 7

Saturday Evening: 5:30 pm
Blessing of the Animals
Sunday:
World Communion Sunday

Pathway Progress

Thanks to all who completed our church survey. You've helped us take an important step on the path to selecting a new senior pastor and given clarity to the directions in which the church should move spiritually. Augustana is now compiling the results and shortly after our "New Beginnings Weekend" the results will be shared with you.

ORGANIZATIONAL ALIGNMENT

Expanded office hours - starting the week of 3 September, the office will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday through Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m (Fridays—Office Manager only).

Stewardship planning – A process guide is being developed containing the four essential elements of stewardship activity; annual giving, special giving, legacy giving, and education & communication.

As you think about our "opt to serve" focus, we will be looking for people who have a passion to engage for roughly two months to plan, lead, organize, and participate in the development of the annual giving (stewardship) program.

Process development – process understanding facilitates development, improvement, and orderly transitions. To those and other ends, we've developed initial drafts of processes to provide for internal and external communication, stewardship, and hospitality or (congregational care). Work is beginning on visitor follow-up, accident reporting & follow-up, and bulletin and newsletter development.

FELLOWSHIP & FAITH

Pew sign-in pads – starting 9 September, the Sunday services will be returning to the sign in pads. This simple act of filling in our names is the beginning of knowing our fellow congregants and the kind of fellowship we all desire to be known for in this church. We are a warm and friendly congregation, when we have visitors join us, we'll know it and we can extend a warm and friendly greeting and welcome.

New church pictorial directory – during Thanksgiving week, we're going to be taking pictures for a new church directory. Another way for us to connect to each other!

PREMIER MUSIC PROGRAM

Organ benefit concert - plans are underway for an October performance by the Quad City Brass to benefit the refurbishment of our organ. Not only will the congregation be invited, but we're extending an invitation to the community at large. Our organ is one of the finest in this area, used and appreciated by our congregation and the community in general. However, it needs some restoration work to bring it to its full glory. At the conclusion of the performance, we'll be having a special fellowship gathering in the Son Café.

New Beginnings

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Opp to Serve! September 9th

Have you ever wondered what it takes for you or your family to become ushers? How about organizing mission or youth activities? Do you have an interest in supporting other congregational members who might not make it worship each week?

Please join us between worship services on New Beginnings Sunday, September 9th in the Son Café to learn more about the great opportunities available to our members that help make FCC a great place to belong for people of all ages and interests! Volunteers will be spread out among tables during fellowship with information on how you can get more involved in just about every aspect of the church. There are no strings attached...simply show up, enjoy a great brunch and learn more about how you can deepen your faith by opportunities to serve!

Tell Us Your Story

To get to know you better, we are going to start a series of monthly articles in our newsletter in an effort to relate your experiences with our congregation.

Everyone has a story to tell and we want to know yours. If you wish to share any of life's lessons or an experience you may have encountered, we want to hear it. More particularly, what does FCC mean to you? How has your relationship with your church affected how you live your life?

The purpose for this is for us all to know more about each other. It can border on faith, profession, family and even humor. Tell us your story.

Please contact Karen our office manager at karen@fccmoline.org to express your interest or call the church office so we can find a time to visit with you.



A Visit With Our New Interim Pastor

What better way to start our series of interviews with members of our congregation than to profile Pastor Michael?

As you might expect, Michael has had an interesting life which has led him on a wonderful journey throughout our country and south of the border. Born in Indianapolis, his roots are Midwestern. Change was in the horizon however when his father, who was employed by General Motors was recruited to apply his skills to projects located in southern California. So, in 1960, the Swartz family packed up and moved out west. While many years have been invested in the Midwest, Michael comes by his sense of being a Californian honestly.

Upon graduating from high school, Pastor Michael enrolled and earned his psychology degree at California State University of Los Angeles. Soon after that, he pursued a theology degree at Claremont (near Pomona). Now the weather in that neck of the woods can be dicey at times, so Michael decided to transfer to Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. (Why not? Pretty smart move, don't you think?) Upon successful completion of his degree, Michael embarked on his career which took him to a couple of rural farming communities in the state of California.

When Michael got his first appointment as head pastor, it was for not one but two churches located within close proximity to each other. He would preach at one service earlier in the day and hop on his motorcycle and go to the next later in the day. Michael said that was a good experience as he could improve and tweak his sermons by the later service. These ministries were located in LeGrande and Chouchilla, CA.

Enter Nancy. As with most of us, behind every good man is a better woman. They met at a summer camp where he was a director and she a counselor. After an on again / off again relationship, they came to realize they were meant for each other and got married and started a family and their lives together. Nancy earned her undergraduate and Masters degree at San Francisco State.

Fast forward to 1990 where the Midwest, more particularly the Quad Cities came calling. Nancy was offered a job at a highly specialized business in linguistics based here, so it was time to move back in the area. This is where Michael found his calling at Church of Peace United Church of Christ in Rock Island for the next 21 years, four as an associate pastor and seventeen as their senior pastor.

Even though Pastor Michael was considering retirement, he didn't rule out the aspect of doing some interim ministry or some charitable volunteerism. And then we called. A couple of our church leaders became aware of his status and requested a meeting. And

Tell Us Your Story Continued

the rest as they say is history. (This is yet another example of the positive direction that our church is headed and the wonderful people who comprise our congregation.) Pastor Michael plans on serving as our spiritual leader until such time that a compatible replacement is found.

While Michael isn't a sports zealot, he does like it when March Madness comes around. He loves the Pac 10 and enjoys seeing his California teams do well. Pastor Michael also believes in supporting local business and growers/producers. You can usually find him or Nancy shopping at the farmer's market.

He also likes to cook and to dine out. Some of his and Nancy's favorites are The Crane and Pelican along with The Faithful Pilot in LeClaire. Lunardi's also tops their list.

Michael loves to travel and just as important, plan the trip. They just enjoyed an adventure through Michigan where they toured Lake Michigan on a steamship and took in the Diago Rivera Murals at the Detroit Institute of Art.

Pastor Michael and Nancy have two grown daughters. Taylor finds her home in Minneapolis where she graduated from U Minn and is working on her Masters. Rebecca, a graduate of Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, lives here in Davenport and is involved behind the scenes with the Quad City Symphony.



Youth Group

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Jr. High Youth Group for September Grades 6-8

Sunday, Sept. 2—NO Youth Group

Sunday, Sept. 9—5-6:30pm

Meet and Greet

Bring your favorite HEALTHY snack.

Sunday, Sept. 23—5-6:30pm

Mini Golf

Bring money for a game and snacks.

Sunday, Sept. 30—5-6:30pm

Frisbee Extraordinaire

Come ready to run around!

Sr. High Grades 9-12

Hey all Sr. Highers! We are taking on a new look! We aren't QUITE going to be Church School, and we aren't QUITE going to be Youth Group, but we ARE going to be NEW! On September 9, we invite you to have fellowship until 10:30 am, at which time we will gather in the Mitchell Youth Room for our NEW format. We will have faith formation, service, mission, and fun, all at one time!

(And without the Jr. High!)

Join us every Sunday from 10:30am-12:30pm.

Together, we will explore this new format, and see where the Spirit lead us! Contact Heidi if you have any questions.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN

Be sure to bring your carabiner to the Early Word on September 9, when Miss Nicole Smith will have something to add to them. If you didn't receive one, we have extras.

JOIN THE JOURNEY

A Message From Your Parish Nurse.....

Managing your Chronic Health Condition

First Congregational Church will be hosting a **Healthy Living Program** for those living with long-term health conditions. This is a six week program offered in conjunction with the health department to help you better manage your health condition. Healthy Living is geared towards those with diabetes, heart disease, fibromyalgia, depression, cancer and other chronic conditions. Classes will be held on Thursday afternoon's from 1:30-3:30 beginning on September 13th, 2012 here at FCC. You may attend the classes with a spouse or caregiver. There are brochures available on the library table. For more information or to sign up for the free program, contact Sara at 762-0787 (ext 111) or email sara@fccmoline.org.

NAMI Walk 2012 October 6th

Get out your walking shoes and start getting ready for the annual NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walk for Mississippi Valley. Their mission continues to promote education, advocacy and support services for individuals and families in need. This year FCC will have our very own "Walking Team". Walk Day will begin at Centennial Park on the Davenport Riverfront at 10 am. Walkers will go east along our beautiful Riverfront and return for post walk food and festivities! Join the fun with 1500 other Walkers hoping to increase awareness about mental health recovery by "Changing Minds One Step at a Time".

Sign up to walk at the library table or contact Sara at sara@fccmoline.org if you would like to be a part of our team.

"My mother taught me very early on to believe I could achieve any accomplishment I wanted to. The first was to walk without braces."

Wilma Rudolph, Olympic track and field champion

Iowa Mission of Mercy- Free Oral Clinic- Oct 5-6 River Center, Davenport

The Iowa Mission of Mercy is coordinating a two day, free oral health care event where patients receive quality oral health care provided by dental professionals supported by hundreds of lay volunteers.

- Clinic opens at 7:00 AM and closes when the capacity for the day is reached. Please arrive early **and be prepared for long lines**
- Patients will be seen on a first come, first served basis
- Certain medical conditions may prevent treatment
- No income limitations
- No extensive paperwork
- Fillings, extractions, sealants, and cleanings provided
- Not able to provide bridges, crowns or dentures
- Childcare provided
- Everyone is welcome

For more information go to www.iowamom.org or call 800-828-2181

There will be a ***free prostate screening which includes a DRE exam and PSA blood test on:***

Tuesday, September 11th at Trinity Bettendorf

Thursday, September 13th in the Cancer Center at Trinity Moline.

Screening appointments are available between **6-8:30 PM** both evenings.

To be eligible for an appointment the men must:

Be under the age of 75 (new guideline)

Have no history of prostate cancer

Are not currently under the care of a urologist

To make an appointment call Becky Garetson @309 -779-2993

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A Message From Your Parish Nurse Continued.....

“Blood is like a parachute...if it’s not there when you need it, it’s too late.

It’s time again for our annual **FCC Blood Drive**. Join us on **Monday October 29th**

Blood Drive Basics (3:00-6:30):

Mississippi Valley Blood Center has set our goal at 15 units. Please check the sign-up table to set up a donation time. If you have any questions contact me at 762-0787 or sara@fccmoline.org or contact the Blood Center at 1-800-747-5401 and ask to speak to a nurse in the donor room.

BACK TO SCHOOL

It’s understandable as a parent of a child diagnosed with a learning disability to worry about the challenges your child is facing at school. While no parent can “cure” the learning disability, you can give your child the social and emotional tools he or she needs to work through challenges. Remember, success in life is more important than academic success alone. Your love, encouragement, and support can help ensure that your child develops the tools necessary to experience a happy and fulfilling life. And by instilling your child with a strong sense of self-worth, confidence, and the determination to keep going even when things are tough, there is no reason why he or she will not be able to thrive at school and beyond.

Learn more: http://www.helpguide.org/mental/learning_disabilities.htm?source=newsletter_12_2011

Reminder:

We have a “loan closet” for medical equipment and supplies. Check with Sara if you are looking for a walker, shower bench, wheelchair, commode or other DME item.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! Many thanks to Leslie Cox, RN CDE, Diabetic Educator from Trinity Health Systems for the program about diabetes management held at the church on Aug. 8th. The program and question/answer time were lively and informative! Due to the positive response, we’re hoping to have Leslie back again in the future.

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Book Discussion Group

Book discussion group meets in the parlor on Wednesdays at 12:30. Currently we are reading *Gilead* by Marilyn Robinson. Reading assignments are as follows::

Sept 5: p 215-247

On Sept 12, the group will begin reading *Tattoos on the Heart; the Power of Boundless Compassion* by Fr Gregory Boyle. Fr Boyle will be this year’s guest speaker at St Paul Lutheran Church’s Faith & Life Series on October 21.

Books will be available for purchase in the church office for \$8.00. All are welcome. Reading assignments:

Sept 12: Intro-39

Oct 3: p 129-166

Sept 19: p 41-82

Oct 10: p 167-212

Sept 26: p 83-128

Warm Fuzzies

Will be starting again for the fall Wednesday September 5th from 3-5pm in the large dining room. Anyone interested in knitting, crocheting or sewing for those in need please join us. If you need to learn any of those skills we can teach you. Questions? Call Kathy Harris, 797-5939.

Habitat for Humanity Open House - September 18th

For many years, FCC has provided the space for Habitat for Humanity’s volunteer orientations. Habitat for Humanity has a new office with enough space to hold their meetings. They invite all church members to their Open House from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. If you have a chance they would be happy to give you a tour along with refreshments. (3625 Mississippi Avenue, Davenport; 563-359-9066)

Quad City Brass Quintet Concert October 14th

The Quad City Brass Quintet will be featured along with organist Dalaie Choi at a music concert on October 14th at 3:00 PM at FCC. A wide variety of music will be performed including sacred, jazz, classical, and pop. A free will offering will be taken. After the concert the Mission Board will be holding their annual Festival including a chili supper in the lower level.

Prayer List

Prayers for...

The Church

- For our plan and desire to move forward with renewed commitment to make church relevant to people's lives, increase our numbers, and increase participation.
- For our new Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders.
- For Rev. Michael Swartz as he begins the role of Interim Pastor for our Congregation
- For Pastor Allen and his family as they begin their new journey in Wheaton.
- Prayers for Wednesday Night Fellowship Focus

Friends and Family

Family of Charles Bloome who died 5/30,
Iola (Jane) Bloome who died 8/2 (father and
mother of Diann Moore)

Family of Robert Moore who died on 8/5
(husband of Diann Moore)

Family of Dorothy Lundahl who died 8/13

Family of Eleanor Calsen who died 8/8

Family of Lillian Laughlin who died 8/16

Family of Dale Carlson who died on 8/21

Ruth Brink,

Ruth Brown,

Kris Bruni (Friend of Karla Pitzen),

Judy Byrd,

David Canfield (Friend of Jarrod Hulme)

Doris Carlson,

Juffure and Chandra Clements (friends of
Karla Pitzen),

Kathy Cox,

Don and June Engstrom,

Gloria Ferguson (mother of Joyce Erickson)

Bryson Paul Gimble (grandson of Linda and
Tony)

Laurie Glass,

Kathryn Goldsmith,

Verna Higdon,

Tom Housenga,

Delores Larson (Wendy's mother),

Betty Laws,

Julie Laws,

Myrtle Logan,

Larry Madison,

Darrell Matthews,

Shane McNett (Sandy Glass Bailey's son-in-
law),

Stacey Miller,

Craig Morton,

Dottie Mowen,

Sydney Sophia Mowen,

Maynard Neighbors,

Vivian Panicucci,

Marjorie Parker,

Melanie Putnam (friend of the Brownings),

Fern Rathe,

Amos Savage,

Billie Seesland,

Don Shearer,

Sally Sohner,

Cliff & Mary Stewart,

Louise Stisser (Marcella Armstrong's mother),

Shirley Wood,

Rev. Rebecca Wentworth LeMenager (former
Associate Pastor at FCC)

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OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY

Throughout this time of Church transition, please join the Wednesday Evening Bad Girls Bible Study as we pray for our leadership and congregation. Individually we place ourselves in the Sanctuary from 4:45 – 5:25 pm for a time of focused prayer. You are invited to join us when you can.

Café Corner

Where did the summer go?

Once again, life in the Midwest has proven to be most interesting. It seems we roared right through the summer which included holidays, graduations, local events, weddings, vacations and the farmers worrying about their crops.

As for me, I am looking forward to Fall. It is my favorite time of year. I will be happy to be singing regularly again in our wonderful FCC choir and, unless our schedule varies along with other inevitable changes that come with time and new administrations, I look forward to fellowship starting a little earlier versus the summer schedule.

I was listening to a motivational speaker the other day and he stated how much he was against sarcasm. It is his opinion that rarely does it do anyone any good. It is going to be hard for me to eliminate sarcasm from my repertoire, but I am going to try to do so. Next time you are compelled to make a caustic, unflattering remark....think NO SARCASM! I will be anxious to see how this goes in my quest for improvement. I'm afraid I know the answer already.

Which leads me to where the above thought process directed me, and that is the OPPOSITE of sarcasm. What is that? Parody? Silliness? Kindness? Flattery? Praise? Now there is an idea! It may be adjectives to consider as I try to wrap my arms around all this by coming up with quotes from others attempting to do the same

- "A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject." - Winston Churchill
- "Always and never are two words you should always remember never to use." - Wendell Johnson
- "Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else. " - Margaret Mead
- "By the time you're eighty years old you've learned everything. You only have to remember it." - George Burns
- "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society." - Mark Twain
- "Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes." - Oscar Wilde
- "I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous - everyone hasn't met me yet." - Rodney Dangerfield.
- "My theory is that if you look confident you can pull off anything - even if you have no clue what you're doing." - Jessica Alba
- "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." - Oscar Wilde
- "The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs... one step at a time." - Joe Girardi
- "Of all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most." - Mark Twain

Is that a cool breeze I just felt? Autumn in the Midwest.... It's a good thing. Grab your red cup and let's talk.

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Fellowship Hour 10:00 a.m. in the Son Café

Financial Statement

FINANCIAL SUMMARY – JULY, 2012

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	<u>BUDGET TO DATE</u>
Pledge Income	\$31,352	\$213,087	\$242,011
Offerings	2,603	14,573	14,000
Other Income	12,919	84,161	75,852
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$46,874	\$311,821	\$331,863
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 -\$59,096	 -\$341,342	 -\$345,702
 INCOME (DEFICIT)	 (12,222)	 (\$29,521)	 (\$13,839)

Our July financial report is distressing. Our year to date loss of \$29,500 is directly related to our shortfall in pledge income of \$28,900. All other sources of income are over budget. Although the church is fortunate to have this income, our primary support is from our members in the form of offerings and pledges. Some of our pledge income loss is due to members who have died or moved away. Therefore, it is very important that members continue to keep their pledge support up to date.

For July, expenses were over budget primarily because of budgeted mission giving to our local and wider mission of \$11,500. In total, expenses remain under budget.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

To Mike and Vicky Bealer on the birth of their granddaughter
Katherine Joy Lagerstam on 8/12/2012.
Parents are Kristin and Bryan Lagerstam.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Amanda Miller for making #4 on the
United Township Varsity Tennis Team!



Would you like a ride to worship?

If you would like the church van to bring you to 10:00 am worship, please call the church office by noon on Thursday at 309.762.0787.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study begins lectionary readings on September 5th, 10:00am. The study is open to all and continues through May. Pastor Jackie leads the discussion and provides guides. Join us for the year or come as you are able (pop-ins are welcome). Lunch at a local restaurant after is optional. If you have questions, contact Pastor Jackie at 309.762.0787.

Congregators Kick-Off

Thursday SEPT 13TH, 6:00 PM **Congregator's Kick-Off Potluck** at Buck and Coralie Wendt's Rock River home on 2324 N. Shore Drive (near Ben Franklin). Call the Wendt's if you have questions [309.797.3320](tel:309.797.3320)

Pastor Jackie's Gallery Exhibit

Thursday SEPT 20TH, 6:30 PM **Pastor Jackie's Gallery Talk & Dessert** in the Son Café. She will share her recent artworks and experiences while on sabbatical this summer.

Café Corner Footnote

Next time you complain about your utility bill, consider this.

As most of you know, my fellowship team is comprised of many unselfish church members who loyally and steadfastly assist me in providing the wonderful range of menu items we have come to expect and enjoy.

Two such members on our team are John and Nancy Ulrich. Neither of them seek the spotlight even though they deserve it. They quietly go about their business week in and week out. I can honestly say that our fellowship ministry at the café would not be near what it is today without their friendship, loyalty and support.

One day a couple of weeks ago I received a letter from Mid American Energy. You know that group is obsessively and relentlessly at our service? Well unbeknownst to me, I received a citation from them recognizing John's volunteer commitments to our church and therefore became eligible for a cash reward through a program set up by Mid American. The check was in excess of \$600 payable to our church.

I write you this message for two reasons:

- ♦ Next time you think your utility bill may be high, realize that Mid-American has initiatives in place that are good and benefit our community.
- ♦ If you don't know John and Nancy, please make it a point to do so. I know where you can find them just about every Sunday.

John and Nancy will probably be mad at me because being singled out and recognized for their efforts isn't them. What is them is the quiet sense of pride and accomplishment they feel by serving our congregation. Good stuff.

Come see us at the café.

Wes

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Neighbors in Need

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering will be dedicated Sunday, October 7. Watch for envelopes and bulletin inserts in the month of September. NIN supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and Northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban multi-tribal UCC congregational in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM.

Learn more at www.ucc.org/nin.

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CHILDREN'S BOOK ROOM

A Ministry Of Christian Friendliness

May 15, 2012

Kathy Harris, Chairman
Mission Board
First Congregational Church
Moline, IL

Dear Kathy,

The Children's Book Room will be changing hands. Though the Founding Members will still be involved on a volunteer level, as of June 1, 2012, the day to day operation will be handled by Christian Friendliness Youth Hope.

We sincerely thank the Mission Board for its generous financial support of this project. It was instrumental in getting this endeavor off the ground and maintaining its success.

Since its inception, The Children's Book Room has distributed more than 25,000 books to area children and hopefully encouraged the love of reading in many students. We wish Christian Friendliness Youth Hope continued success with this on going project.

Thank you again for helping us bring this endeavor to fruition for the benefit of children in our community.

Sincerely,

Jo Jamieson

Barb Davison

Sue Seitz

Pat Schluter

Sue Staack

Contacts may be made to:

Lisa Francis, Christian Friendliness Youth Hope

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Communion Bags

These beautiful Communion Bags were created by Leanne Satterthwaite and will be used for traveling Communion Kits.



News Items

Singles Group Starting!

First event POPS on September 8th

Are you--Looking for some fun things to do? Wanting to get to know others with similar interests? Think about volunteering at community events and would like a friend to go with you? These are some of the things that could happen if a singles group is formed. Kristi Bailey and Kathy Harris are interested in forming a mature singles group. For now we are calling it MAS (meaning more in Spanish). We are looking for others who may be interested.

Our first event will be *Saturday, September 8th* for the Symphony POPS Concert at Le Claire Park in Davenport. The featured group this year is "Mama Mia, the Concert". We will sit in the chairs in front of the stage. Admission is \$20. The concert starts at 6:30pm. Buy your own ticket before hand or at the gate. Eat before you come, eat and drink at the vendors or bring your own. Here is how we will get together at the concert: Kathy will go early to save seats, hopefully in the middle section. Look for her wearing a hat with a big flower on it. OR Meet Kristi at the Post Office 2633 11th Street, Rock Island (park in the lighted lot) to leave for the concert as a group at 5:30pm. If the concert is cancelled because of weather, we will meet at *D'Alessandros* in Rock Island at 5:30 to eat and socialize.

RSVP: by Thursday, Sept 6th -- Kristi 563-340-6531 (cell phone, leave a message) or Kathy Harris 309-797-5939 (home), if you can attend, or if you cannot but would be interested in the group forming. After the 8th we will see if there is interest in the group forming and set a date to discuss ideas

Women's Connection Activities

Plans are underway for more fun and fellowship for the Women's Connection this year. Mark your calendars for the following confirmed events.

October 25— 7:00 P.M. Hunt Harris will present a photographic "Journey to the Seventh Continent," followed by a question and answer session with dessert and coffee in the large dining room

December 1—2:00-4:00 P.M. Christmas Tea in the Colonial Parlor

February 21, 2013—7:00 P.M. Linda Cook, Quad City Times Movie Critic, will discuss themes and reviews of films in "Countdown to the Academy Awards" with dessert and coffee in the Colonial Parlor

April 27, 2013—Tulip Luncheon 12:00 Noon "The Promenade" Have proms changed through the years? Large dining room

The Women's Connection Board is considering other activities. What areas or programs would you find of interest? Contact one of the Board members with your idea! Mary Curry, Jo Jamieson, Nancy Keller, Ginny Larsen, Mary Mahar, Jeanne Gale, Chair

P.S. Help! Has anyone seen the aprons the Women's Connection purchased several years ago and then lovingly silkscreened with Pastor Jackie's design? The church has been searched and they are still missing.

Dinner Club Starts on September 9th

Dinner Club is a Structured Potluck dinner whereby the Host plans a meal for a group of about 8 that will be served in their home. The Host will provide the main dish and assign a side dish for each guest to bring. There will be 4 dinners for the 2012-2013 year. The hosts for the first dinner are Steven/Leanne Satterthwaite, Russ/Maricella Armstrong, Barbara Johnson, Mary Mahar, Jeff/Janna Peterson and Harold/Brenda Duckett. They will have a dinner in their home before November 1st. We are kicking off the Dinner Club with a 'Meet and Greet' event on Sunday, September 9th, 3 - 5 p.m. at Pam Wendt's home, 3400 14th Street, Moline. All members who are signed up, please plan to attend and bring finger food hors d'oeuvres; punch will be provided. The Dinner Club Committee is looking to sign up recent members. We are attempting to contact Doug and Sandra Schehl, Tonya Zimmerman and husband, Dave Swanson, Elaine and JR Peets, Pam Cady, Carol Dyer, Bryan and Tammy Browne, Brian and Lisa Williams, as well as Dean Weih. If we have overlooked the names of any others, please feel included and invited to RSVP to Mary Mahar at 309-762-3545 or to e-

mail jericks59@yahoo.com with name, indicate whether you will host a meal, address, phone number and e-mail. We must finalize the list to distribute to the hosts and guests, so the deadline is Monday, September 3. If you have a new address since our last directory, we need to know it. Please help us the make Dinner Club a success. Wishing you Fun and Fellowship, Mary Mahar and Joyce Erickson

Mission Fair and Chili Supper October 14th

The annual Mission Fair and Chili Supper will be Sunday, October 14th. The opening of the fair will be during Fellowship at 10:00. Exact hours will be announced later, but we will conclude the fair at the chili supper which will follow the 3:00 pm concert with the church organ and **Quad City Brass**. Several mission related vendors will be at the fair with interesting items at the booths for purchase. Proceeds from the chili supper will go to Christian Care and Churches United CareLink. Tickets for the chili supper will be available for purchase soon.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 2012						1 5:30pm Worship (LDR) 6:15 Hohensee Reh.
2 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship (Cafe) 4:00pm Hollis Wedding	3	4 9:00am Retired Folks - (VI) 1:00pm Bridge (P) 5:30pm Exec Board (SR) 6:00pm Mississippi Quilters guild (LDR) 6:15pm Nova Singers rehearsal (SC) 7:00pm Banjoleers (CR) 7:00pm Music Board (P) 7:00pm Diaconate (JP)	5 10:00am Bible Study (P) 12:30pm Book Disc (P) 3:00pm Warm Fuzzies (LDR) 7:00pm Bells (Bells) 7:15pm Chancel Choir (CR)	6 9:00 Women's Connection Board (Café) 9:15am Card Ministry (L) 10:00am Prayer Group (P)	7 9:00am Red Wagon Grand-parent Tea Party (L, P, SC)	8 5:30pm Worship (LDR)
9 9:00am Worship (SC) 10:00am Fellowship (Cafe) 10:10am Christian Ed (CE) 10:30am Sr. High (YR) 11:00am Worship (SC) 3:00pm Dinner Club Pam Wendt's home 5:00pm Jr. High (YR)	10 10:00am Staff Meeting (JP)	11 1:00pm Embroidery (LDR), 6:15pm Nova Singers rehearsal (SC) 7:00pm Church Council (BR) 7:00pm Banjoleers (CR)	12 10:00am Bible Study (P) 12:30pm Book Disc (P) 3:00pm Warm Fuzzies (LDR) 5:30pm Bad Girls (P) 5:30pm Confirmation Class (CE) 5:30pm Community Supper (LDR) 6:30pm Metro Mini (BR) 7:00pm Bells (Bells) 7:15pm Chancel Choir (CR)	13 10:00am Prayer Group (P) 1:30pm Chronic Diseases (P) 6:00pm Conquering Cancer through Christ (P) 6:00pm Congregators - Wendts	14	15 5:30pm Worship (LDR)
16 9:00am Worship (SC) 10:00am Fellowship (Cafe) 10:10am Christian Ed (CE) 10:30am Sr. High (YR) 11:00am Worship (SC) 5:00pm Jr. High (YR)	17 11:30am Rock Island County Hist Soc. (Kit, LDR) 4:30pm Trustee Board (BR)	18 9:00am Retired Folks - (VI) 7:00pm Banjoleers (CR) 7:00pm Mission Board (P)	19 8:00am Newsletter Articles Due 10:00am Bible Study (P) 12:30pm Book Disc (P) 3:00pm Warm Fuzzies (LDR) 5:30pm Confirmation Class (CE) 5:30pm Bad Girls (P) 5:30pm Community Supper (LDR) 7:00pm Bells (Bells) 7:15pm Chancel Choir (CR)	20 10:00am Prayer Group (P) 1:30pm Chronic Diseases (P) 6:30pm Jackie's Sabbatical Gallery Talk (Café)	21	22 5:30pm Worship (LDR)
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September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

Birth date

01-Sep Faye White

Courtney Winship

02-Sep Jeanne Rich

Larry Wiebel

Frances Driscall

03-Sep Keith Glass

Jerry Siebersma

Ella Christopher

04-Sep Buck Wendt

Mark Hanson

Margaret Driscall

05-Sep June Gustus

James Linden

06-Sep Elizabeth Hale

Sophia Bruns

07-Sep Patricia Johnson

Sandra Brennan

Jamie Lewis

Nicole Zude

Mason Moorhusen

Liv Barudin

08-Sep Kathryn Goldsmith

Jon Melin

Jannika Hemmingson

Emma Wichman

09-Sep Mike Spangler

Sue Lawson

Pam Chapman

John Grossman

Dawn Meyer

Katie Bopes

Morgan Sunderland

10-Sep Jeff Miller

Kristin Braatelen

Adam Carlson

Owen Rosslee

11-Sep Betty DeWispelaere

12-Sep Janice Torbert

Angela Whitmer

Amanda Miller

13-Sep J. C. Millman

Barbara Trimble

14-Sep Caddy VanDamme

Sue Hahn

Phyllis Hallene

Scott Maranda

Mary Mason

Angie Parsons

Kathleen Kochendorfer

Ashley Moore

Lucas Rogers

Karsten Hulme

15-Sep Harriett Paschall

Susan DeGrande

16-Sep Jennifer Geske

Ally Wichman

17-Sep Brooke Anderson

Gwen Johnson

Nancy Keller

Brian Holtz

Alyssa McCormick

Sarah Hillbloom

18-Sep Alan Larsen

Patricia Beitel-Hawk

19-Sep Penny Knaack

Ryan Stotts

20-Sep Sarah Bancroft

21-Sep Clay Sherrill

Pamela Engstrom

Jacqueline Perry

Linda Gimble

Dena DeVore

Jackson Roman

22-Sep Suzan Rowley

Ray Choudhry

Robert McKay

Kim Fish

Jon Koenig

Brandon Bealer

23-Sep Shirley Poneleit

William Reimers

Linda Shearer

Vicky Bealer

Michelle Mampre

24-Sep Chris King

Christie Brown

Sara Wynn

Sarah Ainsworth

Kelly Bealer

25-Sep William Geyer

Claire Wallace

26-Sep Sandra Parker

Betty Porter

Ronald Smith

27-Sep Whitney Granet

Joan Nerdahl

Robert Krohn

Shelley Dorner

Scott Waletzko

Parker Marchant

28-Sep Judith Adams

Lara Grossman

29-Sep Carolyn Byrnes

Tom Torbert

Deanna Warpehoski

Joshua Oberg

Kayla Dinquell

Grant Sandberg

30-Sep Becky Neighbors

Jeff Nelson

Adam DeMont

Kimberly Franck

Nolan Wandrey

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Please let the church know if we have missed your special day!

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