
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST: Paul Leintz, Rhonda Silence, Meredith Eliot (Church-Davison), Vicki Biggs-Anderson, Paulette Anholm, Mike Carlson, Gwen Dornfeld, Sally Dunn, The Family of Pat Backlund, The Family of Denny Pechacek, All Victims of Gun Violence, Immigrants and Refugees, Countries of Ukraine, Sudan, Israel/Palestine, and Planet Earth.

At home and Care Center: Jean Ljungkull, Nona Smith, Lou Goodell, Bev Denyes, Nancy Cihlar, and Tom Hedstrom.

MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

The First Congregational UCC adopted a 2023 Budget at the Annual Meeting on 28 January 2023, showing a need for a yearly income of \$164,110.00.

After forty-three weeks, the Budget Donations and Income should be \$132,683.34. The Actual Donations so far this year have been \$130,211.04.

-Kevin LeVoir, Treasurer

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, October 26

9:00 AM – Cook County Chaplaincy
10:00 AM – Tai Chi
12:00 PM – Women’s AA
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons
5:00 PM – Library Trustees Meeting
6:00 PM – Candlelight Vigil at Studio 21
7:00 PM – Celebrating 40 Years of Creating Justice Ministries

FRIDAY, October 27

7:00 AM – AA
8:00 AM – Harbor Watch
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons
7:30 PM - AA

SATURDAY, October 28

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Piano Lessons

SUNDAY, October 29

9:30 AM - Pick-up Choir Practice
10:30 AM Worship Service - Inside AND ON ZOOM 22nd Sunday of Pentecost, on this Sunday for our sermon, we are again at a fifth Sunday so we will conduct the Pester the Pastor. This is a time to explore ideas, concerns, and questions maybe Pastor Enno has brought up in previous sermons, writings, or conversations, or what is in our Bible, our history, the present or future of our church. Scripture, following the Narrative Lectionary, will be centered on the story of how David’s throne split in two after his son Solomon died.

2:30 PM - Orchestra Practice for Borealis at Bethlehem Lutheran
4:00 PM - Choir Practice for Borealis at Bethlehem Lutheran

MONDAY October 30

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons
7:00 PM - Al-Anon

TUESDAY, October 31 Happy Halloween

12:15 - Heal the Planet
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons
4:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Trick or Treating at the Parsonage

WEDNESDAY, November 1

10:00 AM – Cook County Ministerial at Our Church
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons
3:00 PM – Exploring Process Theology
6:00 PM – Confirmation
6:00 PM – Sing-Along
6:00 PM – Board of Directors Meeting

THURSDAY, November 2

10:00 AM - Tai Chi
11:00 AM - Building and Grounds Committee
12:00 PM - Women’s AA
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons

FRIDAY, November 3

7:00 AM - AA
8:00 AM - Harbor Watch
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Piano Lessons

SATURDAY, November 4

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Piano Lessons

SUNDAY, November 5

9:30 AM - Choir Practice
10:30 AM - Worship Service - Inside AND ON ZOOM 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, as we continue to dig into the Narrative Lectionary, we begin this month in 1 Kings where the prophet Elijah goes head-to-head with the prophets of Ba’al, the god of Tyre. Most people have forgotten the God of Israel and the covenant, so Elijah challenges them to a show of action. They were to set up two altars with sacrifices and see which God answered their prophets, the 400 of Ba’al or Elijah.

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October 29, 2023
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 22:34-46
The Compassionate Life
UCC Higher Education Sunday

People ask Jesus questions for a variety of reason. Sometimes they want to seek answers or ideas. They want to know more about themselves and their place in Christ's kin-dom. They want to hear Jesus' teachings and stories. And sometimes, they just want to trick Jesus, or trip him up. They want to ask him a question with no answer.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

After this exchange, Jesus asks a question that those gathered cannot answer, about the nature of humanity and divinity. Question and answer exchanges are part of living and loving. On this Higher Education Sunday, we honor those institutions connected with the United Church of Christ where questions are welcome not as a barrier to faith, but as a sign of it.

There are 48 educational institutions related to the United Church of Christ, including academies, colleges, universities, and seminaries. They span the United States. Each is independent, self-governing, and fully accredited.

Each institution expresses partnership with the church. Closely related schools participate as full members of the UCC Council for Higher Education. Others are historically related, which means they recognize a past relationship with the church but are not full members of the Council.

These institutions provide opportunities to explore moral values, the importance of social responsibility, an ethic of service, and the ability to think critically. Many have campus ministries that are ecumenical and interfaith. Each embodies the UCC ethos where God is Still Speaking (<https://www.ucc.org/about/higher-education/>).



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