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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST: 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, Morocco, Libya, 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 weeks, the Budget Donations and Income should be \$123,394.09. The Actual Donations so far this year have been \$117,650.18.

-Kevin LeVoir, Treasurer

### THIS WEEK

#### THURSDAY, October 5

10:00 AM – Tai Chi  
11:00 AM – Building and Grounds  
12:00 PM – Women's AA  
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons

#### FRIDAY, October 6

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

#### SATURDAY, October 7

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Piano Lessons

#### SUNDAY, October 8

10:30 AM Worship Service – Inside AND ON ZOOM 19th Sunday after Pentecost, as our local Jazz players, lead by Mike Debevec, will lead a Jazz styled liturgy with communion. On this day, we will explore the 10 commandments and compare how they are like notes on the scale that can produce a variety of styles and ways to live and share our faith.

2:00 PM - Worship at Care Center

#### MONDAY October 9

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons  
3:00 PM – Rooted and Rising  
6:00 - 8:00 PM – Pride Committee  
7:00 PM – AI-Anon

#### TUESDAY, October 10

12:15 pm – Heal the Planet: Labyrinth  
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons  
5:30 PM – Loaves and Fishes at Jenny's and Jeff's

#### WEDNESDAY, October 11

12:00 PM – Brown Bag at Violence Prevention Center – Lois Eyink  
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons  
3:00 PM – Exploring Process Theology  
6:00 PM – Confirmation  
6:00 PM – Sing-Along

#### THURSDAY, October 12

10:00 AM – Tai Chi  
12:00 PM – Women's AA  
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Piano Lessons

#### FRIDAY, October 13

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

#### SATURDAY, October 14

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM – Piano Lessons

#### SUNDAY, October 15

9:30 AM – Choir Practice  
10:30 AM Worship Service – Inside AND ON ZOOM 20th Sunday of Pentecost, we will be exploring Paul's letter to the Philippians in his closing, lifting up the highest ideals and goals for any Christian community. These are a little different than the Fruits of the Spirit, but they still lift up the goals of our faith.

October 8, 2023  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Wisdom for the Way  
Access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week

On this Access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week, we pause for a moment to give thanks for the work of the United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministry (UCCDM). According to their website, “The UCCDM envisions a world in which all people are included in the fullness of life because they are created in the image of God. The mission of UCCDM is to support all settings of the United Church of Christ (UCC) including but not limited to Local Congregations, Associations, Conferences, camps, Historically Underrepresented Groups (HUGs), and national settings, as they seek to recognize and provide access to people with disabilities in all aspects of the church’s life and ministry.

This includes, but is not limited to, affirming and claiming as its own the commitments of the UCC to be a multiracial, multicultural, Open and Affirming, Just Peace, and Accessible to All ministry, recognizing that people with disabilities have a multitude of other identities, and that all justice movements are interconnected; encouraging all settings of the wider church to be physically, socially, and virtually accessible to and welcoming of people with disabilities; encouraging and providing guidance to UCC settings as they work to become Accessible to All (hereafter A2A), and supporting them as they sustain their commitment; participating in denominational and ecumenical conversations related to disabilities and working with the UCC national setting and community partners to promote disability justice through an intersectional framework”.

For many churches, one of the greatest barriers to full participation is their buildings. Many church buildings, erected before a time of greater understanding, are not built to be fully inclusive. With generations of time, attention, and money given to maintain church buildings, it can be hard to think of changing them, even if it means being more inclusive.

And yet, Exodus 20:4 says it clearly. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. That includes the buildings in which we work and worship.

Look around you now. Has this building become an idol, and object to appease and be worshiped rather than a sanctuary of welcome? How can your community join the UCCDM movement of full inclusivity?



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