



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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Sunday School at 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M.
Second Helping Dinner at 5:15 P.M.
Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M.

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On Parade...



Some of the First Congregational UCC folks pose for the camera in Triangle Park with a new church banner.

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The weather was fine as about 150 folks turned out to march in Manhattan's first Pride Parade on April 24. A group from First Congregational marched behind the new church banner (see page 1) that was created for occasions when we want to "get our name out" in front of the public. Many thanks to Jim Mock for his work in designing the banner.

Kerri Keller kept us all organized and in communication using the First Congregational Facebook group. Thanks Kerri! Bill Pugh sneaked out of the group so that as the parade passed the church the tower chimes were ringing "We Shall Overcome." For some it was a trip back to the 60's, for others it was a new experience, and for all it was a good time.



Some of the marchers from First Congregational UCC pass the church as the chimes ring.

Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

- Please call the church office at 537-7006 for further information.

Helping

- **Need a ride to church?** Contact one of our transportation volunteers: Jim & Carolyn Hodgson, Bill Pallett, Jeff Keller, or Mike & Martha Miller.
- **Home Communion Visits** are available by contacting the office or the pastor. The Deacons can arrange to bring communion to your home on the first Sunday of each month as we celebrate the sacrament in worship. Visits at other times can be arranged with the pastor.

Thank You

- On behalf of everyone at the Ecumenical Campus Ministry at Kansas State University, I wanted to thank you for your recent contribution to the ministry. As you know, we depend on gifts from our friends who believe in the importance of our work with students and our involvement in the life of the university. Your financial assistance is valued and will go a long way to support the ongoing work at ECM. This year our students headed to New Orleans, Louisiana, and Louisville, Kentucky, for alternative spring break mission trips. Sixteen students traveled to Olive Tree, a volunteer village sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Chantilly area of New Orleans, where they worked on home construction projects. The second group of nine spent a week in “poverty immersion experiences” with an ecumenical (Disciples, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ) organization called UrbanSpirit. Each of these trips was a great opportunity and raised great awareness. We appreciate the ongoing support you give to this ministry!

— David Jones, Campus Pastor

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN

If you wish to be added to the First Congregational e-mail prayer chain, please contact office@uccmanhattan.org.



Sermon & Hymn Suggestions

Don't forget—if you have summer sermon or hymn suggestions, please drop them in the suggestion box in the office entryway, or email them to pastor@uccmanhattan.org by May 9.

Spring Clean Up Day Saturday, May 1

The Trustees invite you to celebrate May Day this Saturday morning at 9:00 to do some spring cleaning around the church. We need to tidy up the grounds, so bring your tools and lend a hand if you can. Any time that you can contribute will be appreciated.



Graduate Recognition

The Graduation season will soon be here, and we would like to honor all our graduates. If you are graduating or have a family member who is soon to be a graduate—high school, college,

technical college, graduate school—please let the office know soon so that we can properly honor our 2010 graduates. The Board of Deacons would like to feature the accomplishments of our graduates in the church newsletter in May, so **information in writing is needed by May 7**. Drop off information at the church office or e-mail it to office@uccmanhattan.org.

Lunch Bunch on the Road

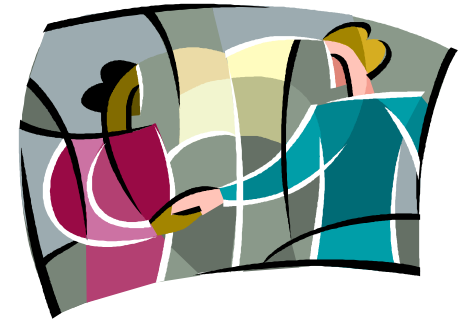
The Women of the Church invite you to hit the road with them on Wednesday, May 5, as they meet at Friendship House, 507 Ash, in Wamego, at 11:30 A.M. Afterward you are invited to tour Lois & Dave Sauer's new "old" house. If you would like to carpool, please call the church office at 537-7006 by May 4. Be environmentally responsible—share rides!



New Member Sundays

We will receive new members into the congregation during worship on May 9 and/or 16.

If you would like to become a member or associate member of the congregation, please speak to the pastor or to Kerri Keller to indicate your interest.



Meet K-O Conference Minister May 9



Our Interim Kansas-Oklahoma Conference minister The Rev. Krista Betz will be with us on Sunday, May 9. She will bring greetings on behalf of the conference during the worship service and would enjoy the opportunity to meet you. Let's give her a warm First Congregational "Welcome" on May 9.

Financial Statements

The First Quarter Financial Statements and "Raise the Roof" giving updates have been distributed. Please review this report for accuracy. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joy Schell, Financial Secretary.

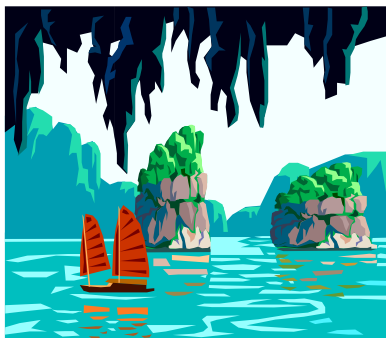
Have you included the church in your will?

Help Needed for Ongoing Fundraiser

As of this April, the Women of the Church are completing 15 years of serving meals for the program meetings of the local chapter of the AAUW (American Association of University Women). It has been a highly successful fund-raiser; among the many donations to the church from the Women of the Church have been kitchen appliances, and contributions to the sanctuary renovation and stained glass window protection projects.

Since the whole church benefits from the activities and contributions of the Women of the Church, they are now asking for additional help with this project. Meals are served seven times a year on the second Monday evening of the month. If you can help with such tasks as shopping for and cooking one dish to serve approximately thirty people, setting up tables and chairs in the dining room, helping to serve the meal and clean up the kitchen afterwards, or even taking tablecloths home to wash, please talk to Joy Schell or Barbara Withee for more details.

Christian Education



Camp White 2010

Register now for summer camp at White Memorial Camp.

Remember that if camps do not have enough people registered, they may be cancelled, so don't delay. Camp registration forms are available on the table outside the church office.

Camp scholarships are available through the Fenton Lay Education Fund of First Congregational UCC, Manhattan. Camp scholarships can pay up to one-half of the on-time registration fee for a camper. Complete your forms, include a check for your half, turn it in to the church office, and we will take it from there. But please--don't delay until the last minute!

HELP WANTED: Director of Christian Education

Grizelda MacDonald, will step down at the end of May to pursue graduate work in Education full-time. Her resignation means that we will need a new Director of Christian Education.

The director coordinates leadership of the educational ministries of our congregation: Sunday School for children, youth and adults, Extended Session, the Word for Children, and special events, such as the Christmas Pageant. The position is ¼ time, averaging 10 hour per week

We hope our next director will have experience working with youth and/or adult education programs in a United Church of Christ or other mainline Protestant setting and be familiar with our church and its theology and practice. Ideally, we would like the next director to commit to serving at least two years. Contact Dave Smit or Pastor Kent for a complete job description.

Study & Discussion Opportunities for Adults

Thursday Evening Bible Study

We will soon complete our study of the book of Revelation and are making future plans. If you have ideas, please join us as we plan our next study. We meet Thursdays at 5:30 P.M. in Blachly Hall. Feel free to bring a brown bag supper or snacks. Child care is available in the Nursery. We conclude by 6:45 P.M. so that you can attend the Taizé service if you wish.

Gifts of New Life

Easter Adult Forum Series

New life is all around us! During the Easter season we will explore a wide range of "new life" happening around us. May sessions will include a report from the "Cobb Challenge" Task force working on the greening of First Congregational UCC, as well as other topics of interest.



Regional Youth Event July 14-18

Check your calendars and plan to attend the once-every-four-years **UCC West Central Regional Youth Event**. RYE 2010 is at Park University in Parkville, Missouri (very close!). The event runs from Wednesday afternoon July 14 through Sunday breakfast on July 18. The event is for youth entering 9th grade through youth exiting 12th grade. Early discounted registration ends soon.

Worship & Church Volunteers

May 2, 2010

Greeters..... Angela Hubler, *volunteer needed*
Scripture Reader..... Ann Smit
Word for Children ... Sue Gerth
Sanctuary Flowers ... *volunteer needed*
Fellowship Hour..... *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care Jim Hodgson (*May 2-8*)

May 9, 2010

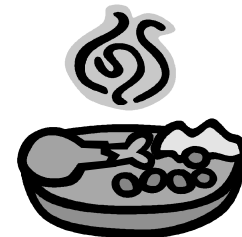
Greeters..... Anne & Dale Stearns
Scripture Reader..... *volunteer needed*
Word for Children ... Don Cannon
Sanctuary Flowers ... *volunteer needed*
Fellowship Hour..... Angela Hubler
Lawn Care Don Cannon (*May 9-15*)

May 16, 2010

Greeters..... Donna Keyser, *volunteer needed*
Scripture Reader..... *volunteer needed*
Word for Children ... Gretchen Lewis
Sanctuary Flowers ... *volunteer needed*
Fellowship Hour..... Ann Smit
Lawn Care Dale Stearns (*May 16-22*)

The Second Helping

The Second Helping is a local mission of First Congregational UCC. It serves a hot meal every Sunday evening and provides sack breakfast and lunch items to each guest. To volunteer, contact the church office at 537-7006 or office@uccmanhattan.org.



May 2, 2010

Chief Cook.....Gretchen Lewis
Volunteers.....Ann Gleason, Caren Knickelbine
volunteer needed
Dessert.....*to be announced*

May 9, 2010

Chief Cook.....*volunteer needed*
Volunteers.....Ann Gleason, Kathy Bleam
volunteer needed
Dessert.....*to be announced*

May 16, 2010

Chief Cook.....*volunteer needed*
Volunteers.....Ann Gleason, Caren Knickelbine
volunteer needed
Dessert.....*to be announced*

Community News

Morning Star Inc. Pancake Feed

Morning Star, Inc., a Consumer Run Organization (CRO) in Manhattan, is hosting a Pancake Feed in Cico Park at Pottorf Hall on Sunday, May 2, from 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Enjoy breakfast with your family before or after worship services and help support your local community. Tickets are \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (3-11). Children under 3 are free. For more information, call 587-4644. The mission of Morning Star, Inc., is to provide consumers of mental health services with the resources needed to break through the barriers of stigma and isolation.

Flint Hills Human Rights Project Picnic

Time to celebrate a great year! Join us for the first ever FHHRP Spring Hay Rack Ride and Picnic (and a really short annual meeting). Hike the Flint Hills, explore a rock quarry, hunt for fossils, stare at cows, and eat. Food and drink will be provided. A \$3 donation (FHHRP members) or \$5 donation (non-members) is requested to cover costs.

Foster Parenting Classes

St. Francis Community Services is hosting classes in Manhattan. Learn how you could give children in our community a loving home for a moment or a lifetime. Classes are starting April 27—call now to reserve your spot. For more information, contact 785-410-0433 or 1-866-999-1599.

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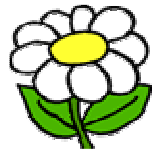


| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Church School Classes 10:45 Worship & Communion Fill the Breadbasket 12:00 Fellowship Hour 5:15 Second Helping | 3 | 4 | 5 11:30 Lunch Bunch 7:00 Board Meetings | 6 5:30 Bible Study 7:00 Taizé | 7 9:00 Crisis Center Meeting 6:00 Storytime | 1 9:00 Church Clean-Up 8 |
| 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Church School Classes 10:45 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour 5:15 Second Helping | 10 12:00 Newsletter Deadline | 11 | 12 | 13 <i>Ascension</i> 5:30 Bible Study 7:00 Taizé | 14 9:00 Crisis Center Meeting 6:00 Storytime | 15 |
| 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Church School Classes 10:45 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour 5:15 Second Helping | 17 | 18 10:00 N.C. Assn. Clergy 7:00 PFLAG | 19 6:00 Vitality Team 7:00 Cabinet | 20 5:30 Bible Study 7:00 Taizé | 21 9:00 Crisis Center Meeting 6:00 Storytime | 22 |
| 23 Pentecost Sunday 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Church School Classes 10:45 Worship-Strengthen the Church 12:00 Fellowship Hour 5:15 Second Helping | 24 12:00 Newsletter Deadline | 25 | 26 | 27 5:30 Bible Study 7:00 Taizé | 28 9:00 Crisis Center Meeting 6:00 Storytime | 29 |
| 30 Trinity Sunday 9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:45 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour 5:15 Second Helping | 31 Memorial Day- |  | | | | |



Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Deven Bauernfeind | 16 | Eric Garzio |
| 3 | Bill Hargrove | 18 | R.C. Jones |
| 3 | Kelly Getty | 20 | Paula Ford |
| 4 | Sabrina Bowker | 20 | Lauren Sinnott |
| 6 | Richard Vanderlip | 23 | Sean Weston |
| 6 | Mandy Strawn | 24 | Emily Lewis |
| 6 | Sina Hanna | 24 | Christopher Dunnigan |
| 9 | Sandy Winter | 25 | Michaela Hayes |
| 9 | Rob Lewis | 26 | Marla Bugbee |
| 10 | Myron Westgate | 27 | Mary Ray |
| 12 | Karen Bauernfeind | | |



May

Dates to Remember



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| May 2 | Fill the Breadbasket Sunday |
| May 5 | Lunch Bunch Board Meetings |
| May 9 | Meet K-O Conf. Minister Krista Betz |
| May 10 | Newsletter Deadline |
| May 16 | Sunday School Teacher Recognition Sunday |
| May 19 | Vitality Team Meeting Cabinet Meeting |
| May 23 | Pentecost Sunday Last Day of Sunday School |



Anniversaries



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| 4 | Amanda & Cameron Tross |
| 7 | Al & Mary Lee Cochran |
| 28 | Angela Hubler & Tim Dayton |