



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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Sunday School at 9:30 A.M.	700 Poyntz Avenue
Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M.	Manhattan, Kansas 66502
Second Helping Dinner at 5:15 P.M.	telephone 785-537-7006
Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M.	www.uccmanhattan.org

From Victory Garden to

Community Garden

The idea of a church victory garden came to me after I had read the stunning statistics that about a billion people in the world are hungry and about a billion people are over fed. One in eight Americans does not know where the next meal will come from. When I asked a friend how I could get the food that is too abundant to the place where it is needed, my friend said, "I don't know, but you'll have to start small." While walking to church on a Sunday I walked through our empty lot and all of a sudden I saw a garden in my mind. And sure enough with the help of people like R.C and Melissa Jones who dug up the garden, The Lewis' who loaned us their rototiller, the Smits who built the rabbit fence, and others who donated vegetables, we now have a victory garden.

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The idea of the victory garden came about during WWII when much of the food produced in our country needed to be sent to the Allied Forces. The Government called on people to raise Victory Gardens. Eleanor Roosevelt even planted one on the White House Lawn, and by the end of World War II 22 million gardens had been planted, and Americans were raising 40% of their own food.

So now we have a garden. I spend about 7-10 hours tending, weeding and watering it each week. But I need your help. I want people who raise vegetables at home to bring the extra to church. I need someone to pick what is in our garden and put it out on a table during fellowship hour. People are encouraged to take as much as they want, and you can make a contribution. Pay less than you would at the store, otherwise it won't work. The money, will be divided between the Breadbasket and Second Helping. Any vegetables or herbs not taken after fellowship time will be donated to Second Helping for either the evening meal or to be given away to our guests. So if our church gets good organic vegetables cheaply, and if The Breadbasket and Second Helping gets money and if our guests get better food, then I think that we all win.

This fall I hope to take the north part of the garden and invite people to plant bulbs to that we will have flowers next spring for the sanctuary. I need lots of help to turn our victory garden into a garden where the community benefits. If you are willing to help, let me know. You can contact me at 537-7006.

Yours in the garden,
Victor Force

Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

Please call the church office for more information.

Helping

- **Need a ride to church?** Contact one of our transportation volunteers: Jim & Carolyn Hodgson, Bill Pallett, Mike & Martha Miller, or Jeff Keller.
- **During Pastor Kent's leave** for continuing education and vacation, please call the church office or one of the Deacons in the case of an emergency or if a need for pastoral care arises. Kent will be out of the office July 23 through August 20.

Christian Education

Sunday School Kick-Off August 23

Sunday School classes for all ages—children, youth, and adults—will kick off a new year of learning and growth on Sunday, August 23, at 9:30 A.M. Invite a friend!

Sunday School Teachers August to November

Pre Kindergarten	Chantel Vogel
Kindergarten-2 nd Grade	Sandy O'Grady
3 rd -5 th Grade	Jeff Keller

Adult Sunday School

It's that time of year again: fall is approaching, and schools will be back in session. Our Sunday School is no exception. Our Adult Sunday School starts at 9:30 on Sunday, August 23, with an Intergenerational Class in Pioneer Hall for everyone from children in kindergarten to adults. The class will be led by Jeff Keller and David Smit.



The following Sunday, August 30—which is not Labor Day Weekend—Pastor Kent will host a session in Pioneer Hall on the issues discussed at the General Synod of the United Church of Christ in Grand Rapids in July. Come hear what our wider church is doing.

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN

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





FEAST & FESTIVAL

COMING
AUGUST 23
 DINNER AT 5:00
 FUN FOLLOWS!

From the Treasurer

The summer is slipping by and that last chance to take a vacation is coming soon. As treasurer it's been a little stressful this summer. The money flow has been slow. There are expenses that don't stop coming. If you are unable to join us in worship on Sundays, know that you are missed, but also know that we miss your financial gift to the church. Please mail your pledge to the church if you are unable to join us in worship.

Treasurer, *Judy Ahrens*



Board Meetings

Due to summer schedules some the board meetings dates have been changed.

Wednesday, **August 5** Board of Trustees Meeting
 Wednesday, **August 12** Board of Christian Ed. and Board of Deacons Meeting

Women of the Church



Lunch Bunch August 5 Women of the Church will host Lunch Bund at Chili's Bar & Grill on Wednesday, August 5. It's not for women only—everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at 11:30 A.M.

Sunday Flowers... Please contact Martha Miller or Chasity in the church office 537-7006 to provide flowers for the Sundays in August and September. Flowers from your garden would be wonderful!



A TAIZÉ SABBATH

Thursday evening Taizé worship is taking a four week sabbath to give worship leaders a break. Services will resume on August 27 at 7:00 P.M. in Pioneer Hall.



Doane College Choir

•• First Congregational will be hosting the Doane College Choir of Nebraska as their U.S. tour takes them through Kansas. We will need to house 50 members of the traveling party on Saturday, January 30th. Please open your home to these talented individuals who will grace us with their beautiful voices in concert on January 30th, 2010 and will be joining us in Worship on Sunday January 31st. There is a CD in the church office that can be borrowed if you would like to hear a sample prior to the choir's arrival.

.....For more than a century, Doane choral groups have inspired audiences with performances of sacred and secular music. During annual national tours, the choir has presented concerts in Boston, New York City, Phoenix, Tucson, Pasadena, San Diego, Denver, and at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. Since 1989, the choir has embarked on five international tours, appearing in Prague, Munich, Berlin, Vienna, Salzburg, and Eisenstadt. The choir has presented concerts at many of the most prestigious musical cathedrals in Europe, including St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, Italy, the Thomaskirche in Leipzig, Germany, and the Dom of Cologne, Germany.

Food Inc.

The Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice will show the movie "Food Inc" on August 11th at 6:30 P.M. at the Manhattan Public library auditorium. The movie looks at our nations food supply and shows how it is controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profit ahead of consumer health and the livelihood of the American farmer. The film is free to the public.



The Hope for Africa Children's Choir



August 6 You are invited to a concert at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 6, at First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz Avenue. An offering to support orphans and vulnerable children in Africa will be received after the concert.



Relay for Life

Once again several members of our church will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. It will be Friday, July 31, in Memorial Stadium. The relay begins at 7:00 P.M.

Worship & Church Volunteers

August 2, 2009

Flowers.....Helen Toburen
Greeters.....Jim, Marilynn & Kathryn Mock
Scripture Reader.....Jim Lewis
Word for Children...Gretchen Lewis
Word in Music.....Tyler Cochran
Fellowship Hour.....Jeff, Kerri & Nicki Keller
Lawn Mowing.....Donna Keyser (*through August 8*)

August 9, 2009

Flowers.....*Volunteer Needed*
Greeters.....Jan Lange
Scripture Reader.....Judy Willingham
Word for Children...Don Cannon
Word in Music.....Laura Beth & Dory Ann Cochran
Fellowship Hour.....Judy Willingham
Lawn Mowing.....Dale Stearns (*through August 15*)

August 16 2009

Flowers.....*Volunteer Needed*
Greeters.....*Volunteers Needed*
Scripture Reader.....*Volunteer Needed*
Word for Children...Dave Smit
Word in Music.....Saxophone Quartet
Fellowship Hour.....*Volunteer Needed*
Lawn Mowing.....Bill Pallett (*through August 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 Mandy Strawn at 537-7006 or office@uccmanhattan.org.



August 2, 2009

Chief Cook.....Jeff Keller
Volunteers.....Ann Gleason, *Volunteer Needed*
Dessert.....Bill Pugh

August 9, 2009

Chief Cook.....Gretchen Lewis
Volunteers.....Ann Gleason, *Volunteer Needed*
Dessert.....*Volunteer Needed*

August 16, 2009

Chief Cook.....Steve Staker
Volunteers.....Ann Gleason,
Manhattan Mennonite Church
Dessert.....*Volunteer Needed*

August 23, 2009

Chief Cook.....Ann Smit
Volunteers.....ESA Sorority
Dessert.....Ann Smit

Community News

Arts in the Park-Zoo Due to construction of City Park Pavilion the Arts in the Park concerts will be held at the Sunset Zoo Chautauqua stage starting at 6:30 P.M. The final weekend of concerts will be held at the Arts in the Park stage (Larry Norvell Band Shell) starting at 8:00 P.M.

Concerts and Zoo Admission are Free!

July 31 Terry Quiett Band
Zoo, 6:30 P.M.

August 1 Kelly Joe Phelps
Zoo, 6:30 P.M.

August 14 Robin and Linda Williams
Zoo, 6:30 P.M. & Their Fine Group

August 15 Dougie MacLean
Zoo, 6:30 P.M.

August 21 Heather Masse
Larry Norvell Band Shell 8:00 P.M.

August 22 BeauSoleil
Larry Norvell Band Shell 8:00 P.M.

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Birthdays

2	Karen Latas	14	Jeff Peterson
2	Corbin O'Grady	16	Barbara Lanning
3	Sondra Visser	18	Kent Cormack
4	Justin Turner	21	Joe Koudele
4	Anne Stearns	22	Julie Gibson
5	Gracie Kim	22	Joseph MacDonald
5	Tammi Hawk	24	Helen Toburen
7	Sarah Schroeder	26	Judy Willingham
8	Carolyn Thompson	28	Jane Eberle
8	Luke Weisbrod	29	Kent Briggs
9	Joseph Ponte	30	Jo Foy
10	David Vogel	30	Soren Peterson
		31	Linda Hoag

Anniversaries

9	David & Chantel Vogel
14	Dale & Kelly Brown
20	Mike & Martha Miller
21	Jeff & Kerri Keller
24	Rob & Angela Hayes
25	Jim & Judy Ahrens
28	Jim & Gretchen Lewis
29	Bill & Linda Richter
29	R.C. & Melissa Jones

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Dates to Remember

August 2	Fill the Breadbasket
August 5	Lunch Bunch Trustees Meeting
August 10	Newsletter Deadline
August 12	Christian Ed., and Deacons Meetings
August 18	PFLAG Meeting
August 19	Vitality Team Meeting Cabinet Meeting
August 23	Choir Practice Resumes Church School Resumes Feast and Festival
August 24	Newsletter Deadline
August 27	Taizé Resumes