
First Congregational UCC "AT FIRST"

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October 2017

Fall Meeting for Women's Fellowship

Wednesday, October 11th

All Women's Fall Fellowship meeting will be a potluck on **Wednesday, October 11th, at 6pm** with supper, a short meeting and attendees from the Women's Fall Retreat sharing their insights from the experience.

Please bring a dish to share. Come hungry for fellowship, inspiration, and the best food in McLeod County!

Invite someone from church who hasn't come to Women's Fellowship before!



Annual Meeting Set Sunday, October 30th

Our church year has been changed to the first of September through the last day in August. So that means our **Annual Meeting is set for October 30th.**

Annual Reports are due by Wednesday, October 5th.

Each Committee should make sure that someone from their Committee turns in a report.

Save The Date!!

First Congregational will be celebrating it's
160th Anniversary
on

Sunday, November 5th

Watch for more details!!

Voter's Meeting

A church vote is planned for Sunday, October 1st to release a small amount of Ondrachek funds.

The purpose would be to make a \$250 donation towards the cost of bringing out Pastor Timms. The ministerial hopes that every church in the GSL school district (there are 12) will help with defraying the cost of this event which will be available not only to all of our youth, but all of us. We can also discuss making a contribution from Ondrachek for an additional cause.

Eric Samuel Timms is a painter, motivational speaker, author, and preacher. This past week He did presentations at all GSL schools during the day and held a Christian-themed presentation at GSL High School in the evening. **All reviews were excellent!!**



Happy Birthday!

1. Kayla Salmela
5. Todd Forcier
6. Randy Schilling
Bill Schwanke
7. Duane Maguire
8. Tyler Rath
9. Fredric Kottke
10. Jacob Popelka
12. Todd Hoesel
13. Sharon Bruckschen
15. Joanne Biederwolf
18. Scott Salmela
Rod Wangerin
22. Don Popelka
25. John Jennings
30. Travis Wangerin
31. Olivia Hinojosa



Hurricane Harvey Relief

We are asking for prayers for everyone impacted by the storm, and for your continued support as the long-term recovery take shape. The wide-spread rain across many areas of Texas, was devastating, and will require volunteers who can help with the rebuilding process, at the appropriate time down the road, of course. Individuals, work groups, and financial support will be needed as the entire process is likely to take 3-5 years or longer. Find up-to-date information at: www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_harvey

Job for October

Deacon: Jim Benson

Acolytes:

October 1st – Annika & Caleb
Richardson

October 8th – McKenzie Patnaude/
Grace Patnaude

October 15th – Emily Forcier/Ona
Olson'Neely

October 22nd – No Acolytes

October 29th – Nathan Warner/Jake
Paul

In Charge of Altar: Ann Wangerin

Deaconesses In Charge of
Communion at Church: Claudia
Thunstrom/Chari Grewe @ GRHS Long
Term Care: Jan Mackenthun

Neighbors In Need

The Neighbor's In Need offering, which we will receive on Sunday, October 1st supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used for the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental justice. One-Third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries.

The Abundant Table Community Meal

The Abundant Table Community Meal is **FREE** and open to everyone-families and children, elderly and all seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand.

When: October 4th (the first Wednesday of every Month)

Where: Christ Lutheran Church Basement Fellowship Hall, 1820 Knight Avenue, Glencoe

Time: Doors open at 4:30 PM for Fellowship; Meal served at 5:00 PM.

Notification: Let us know to prepare for you by calling Christ Lutheran Church at 320-864-4549.

Remember there is a place for YOU at our Abundant Table.



Warm Coats for McLeod County

It's not too soon to begin thinking about cooler weather moving in and bringing out our winter wear! We are one of many churches throughout McLeod County to begin collecting clean, gently used (or new) winter **JACKETS** through our Common Cup organization. We will collect winter jackets through October 15. A coat rack will be set up by the organ to gather our donations together. Please look through your closets with an eye toward donating outgrown or under-needed warm **JACKETS** for children through adult 4-X size. Also needed are new or gently used **SNOW PANTS & MITTENS** (not gloves)! Distribution takes place at the Hutchinson Maplewood Academy (Hwy. 15N) on October 18 from 10AM to 5PM. Anyone in need of a warm coat may attend. We are always looking for volunteers to help sort and size coats. Please contact Common Cup at 320-864-5511 with any questions or to volunteer. **THANKS!**

(NO light weight or fall jackets, women's dress coats or gloves are needed. Please share these with other groups.)

Volunteers Needed!!

Habitat for Humanity is in great need of volunteers to help finish out their 25th Habitat home. We are very far behind and are looking for many volunteers. We would like to have the Olson family home for the holidays. **If you can help one day or more, now thru mid-December, please call Deb Rueb at 320-587-8868**

Pastor's Report

Dear Friends,

October tends to be a month where our community ideals show through. Families have been back in town for while after summer trips. Fellowship hour is a regular part of our church life again. We are working together on another program year that is under way. And this October will show our community ideals in even more ways here at Glencoe's community church.

We start things off right away with World Communion Sunday, October 1st. This is the day each year that churches of diverse traditions all over the world have lifted up to consider all of their Christian brothers and sisters who share the holy meal with them, and remember how much bigger Christ's table is than just the one we see in our own chancel. We also use World Communion Sunday as the official collection day for the UCC's Neighbors in Need special offering. NIN combines our efforts with those of other churches to support disaster relief aid throughout the US, advocacy efforts for those who can't advocate for themselves, and restorative justice through the Council for American Indian affairs. We are called to be the church in our time and place, but on October 1st we will remember that we are also part of a church that is much larger than us, God's family on earth which is even more than we can understand.

Then the month will end with another important Sunday of our church year. Congregational Annual Meeting will be held after the church service on October 29th. Annual meeting isn't always the most fun part of being a church, but it's important. Congregationalism only works if people show up and participate, and once again we will be counting on you, the members of FCUCC, to support the church by attending annual meeting. This is where we plan the church's course for the coming 12 months, and each of us has a place in that conversation. So let's come together to do more than we could do alone.

Then we get to celebrate. On November 5th, we will be having a special service to mark 160 years of FCUCC's ministry here in Glencoe. This fun event to recognize the church's 160th anniversary is to intentionally recognize the work and effort that have sustained us so long, and remind us why it has all been worth it. More details will follow, but expect the church service that day to be later in the morning than usual, so that afterwards we can enjoy a catered lunch together. Also, instead of a guest preacher, some church members will be invited to share favorite FCUCC memories as part of the service. If you have a story you would like to share on November 5th, please come speak with me. I'd love to get you involved.

Community means a lot of things. It means thinking about each other, our brothers and sisters at Christ's table that we know well and those that we don't know at all. It means working together to guide the efforts of our church for another year. And it means celebrating together, lifting each other up when the milestone calls for it. I'm looking forward to being a community with you this month, and seeing us grow even closer in Christ.

With you on the journey,

Pastor Michael

Minnesota Nice Project

Women's Fellowship will once again support the Minnesota Nice Project (supporting our troops overseas). There will be a box for your donations at the back of the church. Below is a list of items needed. **If you want to donate money, make the check out to Minnesota Nice – Linda Krueger and give it to Karen Benson.** Our participation last year was greatly appreciated and we are excited about being involved again this year. It gives us a chance to say thank you for all the troop do for our country!!!

Suggested items to send to Troops:

Food

Beef Jerky
 Breakfast Bars
 Canned Fruit (pop top lids)
 Canned Meats (pop top lids)
 Canned Soup (pop top lids)
 Cereal – in small boxes
 Cookies – Girl Scouts support us
 Crackers – Plain with cheese or peanut butter
 Granola Bars
 Nuts (sunflower seeds, peanuts, etc.)
 Oatmeal – Instant packets
 Pop Tarts
 Protein Bars – Balance or Cliff
 Ravioli – Pop Top
 Sardines
 Spam – Minnesota Tradition
 Tuna – Pouches or Pop Top

Candy

Chocolate (In cooler Months)
 Fruit by the Foot
 Gum – Packages Only
 Hard Candies
 Tootsie Rolls
 Twizzlers

Drinks

Coffee (Instant)
 Kool Aid Bursts
 Shelf Stable Milk – Parmalet
 Sweetened Powder Drink Mixes
 Tea Bags or Mixes

Condiment Packets

Creamer
 Chocolate Syrup
 Ketchup
 Mustard
 Sugar (If you think it can burst-put in zip-lock bag)

Hygiene Items

Baby Wipes
 Chapstick
 Cold Water Wash – Woolite
 Deodorant
 Eye Drops
 Feminine Products
 Floss
 Foot powder
 Hair Brushes
 Hand Lotion
 Knee highs – keep mites from boots
 Mouth Wash
 Nail Clippers
 Q-Tips
 Saline
 Shampoo
 Shoe Insole Cushions
 Soap – no bar soap – liquid only
 Socks
 Sunscreen
 Tissues
 Toilet Paper (including Travel Size)
 Tooth Brushes
 Tooth Paste
 Tylenol Individual Packets/Travel Sizes
 Hand/Feet Warmers

Miscellaneous

Batteries
 Bug Spray (deet lotions or wipes)
 Board and Travel Games
 Books
 CD Fanny Packs & CD's
 Crossword Puzzle Books
 Decks of Playing Cards
 Disposable Cameras
 Flashlights (Mini Mag, extra bulbs)
 Flypaper
 Greeting Card Assortments
 Magazines
 Knitted/Crochet Slippers
 Twin Sheets & Pillows
 Halls Vitamin-C Drops

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Newsletter Deadline – Third Monday of the Month

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

**First Congregational Church's
Christmas Bazaar
December 2, 2017 10:00-1:00
Mark your calendar!**



It will *soon* be time for the annual Christmas Bazaar!

The profits earned this will be given to the church for the general fund.

Have you thought about what you can do, how you can help?

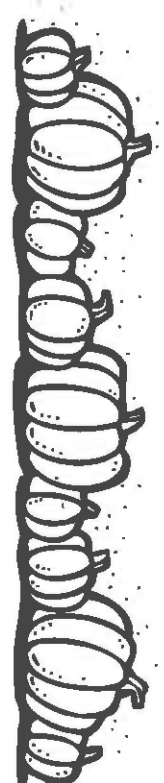
We need

- *volunteers to make cookies, baked goods, crafts, candy and rosettes to sell*
- *donations for a used-a-bit shop*
- *donations for the ingredients to make the luncheon*
- *volunteers to help arrange items for sale, set up and package on Friday*
- *volunteers to help in the different areas on Saturday*

Please be thinking what you can do to make this the best bazaar ever!! If you would like to enjoy fellowship, laughs and fun together with your church family, please help! Watch for upcoming information!

Questions? Call Linda Landon (864-5384) or Chris Marsh (864-3577).

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 am Communion Worship Service w/ Voter's Meeting 10:30 am Sunday School Deconesses Meeting Acolytes: Arnika & Caleb Richardson	2 NIN Offering	3 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Christian Ed Board Meeting	4 10:15 am Communion @ GRHS Long Term Care 6:30 pm Confirmation	5 8:00 pm A.A.	6	7
8 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 am Sunday School Acolytes: McKenzie & Grace Patnaude	9	10 10:00 am Bible Study	11 5:00 pm Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting 6:00 pm All-Women's Fall Meeting w/Pot-Luck 6:30 pm Confirmation	12 8:00 pm A.A.	13	14 10:00am-2:00pm Act2day4 tomorrow Youth Event
15 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 am Sunday School Acolytes: Emily Forcier/Ona Olson/Neely	16	17 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting	18 Circle Meets No Confirmation - MEA 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	19 8:00 pm A.A.	20	21
22 9:15 am Worship Service 10:30 am Sunday School Deacon's Meeting No Acolytes	23	24 10:00 am Bible Study	25 Noon-Trustee's Meeting@ Carmelita's 6:30 pm Confirmation	26 8:00 pm A.A.	27	28
29 9:15 am Worship Service Annual Meeting 10:30 am Sunday School Acolytes:Nathan Wamer/Jake Paul	30	31 10:00 am Bible Study				
	Deaconesses In Charge of Communion @ Church: Claudia Thurstrom & Chari Grewe @ GRHS Long Term Care: Jan Mackenthun	Deacon In Charge: Jim Benson In Charge of Altar: Ann Wangerin	Coffee Hosts: Oct 1: Norma McNeill/Bob Hopple Oct 8th: Chari Grewe/ Claudia Thurstrom Oct 15th: Open	Oct 22nd: Karen & Jim Benson/Bill Curtis Oct 29th: Confirmation/Mission Trip participants		