
First Congregational UCC "At First"
1400 North Elliott Avenue, Glencoe, MN 55336
Church phone: 320-864-3855

Rev. Dr. Bob Baggott and Rev. Dr. Casey Baggott; Co-Pastors

February 2021

Worship Services!

Will continue to be carried live from our sanctuary on our **facebook page: First Congregational Church, Glencoe at 9:15 am each Sunday morning.** They will remain on the page for a two week period for those who would like to access the service later. For our Shut-In's at Long Term Care, it can be seen on **Monday's at 9:30 am and Tuesday's at 6:00 pm in the Chapel.**

Sunday School will continue as distance learning through the church's facebook.

Our weekly **Bible Study** is meeting via **Zoom at 7:00pm on Wednesdays.** If you would like to participate, please contact the church with your email address so that we can add you to the list of invited participants. You will then receive an email each week with a link to the Zoom Bible Study site. We hope you'll join Pastors Bob and Casey for this study.

For Pastoral Care

Because of **COVID Pastoral Care** we will be unable to deliver in person. If you have a pastoral need leave a message on the Pastoral Emergency Line and a Pastor will call you back. Prayers to be included during Sundays worship may be passed along this way as well. Stay safe! You are loved

Lent

Lent will begin on **Ash Wednesday, February 17th.** Due to Covid, we will not have a **Ash Wednesday Service.** Lent has been observed by Christians since the fourth century. It is a time of **reflection, penitence and spiritual renewal before Easter.**

Trustee's Report for December 2020

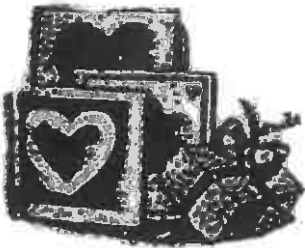
The following business was addressed at the **December 16, 2020** meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- Total deposits for November were \$10,972.
- Paid invoices for furnace, electrical and lighting repairs.
- Reviewed details for upcoming Christmas Eve special program for facebook.
- Approved re-investments of several CD's in 3 year & 6 year funds.

For You Information!!

Facebook views data? As of today we are at **450 views from several countries around the world.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Warner, Secretary



Happy Birthday!

- 1. Mark Forcier
- 9. Ethan Lehmann
- 10. Paula Bulau
- 13. Cassie Shemanek
- 14. Marshall Jones
- 15. Travis Robb
- 20. Blair Collins
- 24. Alvin Huff
Patty Robb
- 25. Vivian Grimm
Jessica Baldwin
Desiree Richardson



God has poured out his
love into our hearts....

Romans 5:5

A Special Thank You!

Thanks so much for your wonderful gifts for the patients at St. Peter Treatment Center. Around 400 patients will be getting a gift and for most of them – this is all they will receive. They appreciate your generosity and we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas. St. Peter Treatment Center Christmas Staff

On The Job In February

Deacon of Month: Jim Cox

In Charge of Altar: Ann Wangerin



Cue Seminaries

CUE is the partnership of three seminaries, 16 conferences of the United Church of Christ, 2,525 congregations, and Local Church Ministries of the National United Church of Christ, working together to promote and support theological education. Support of theological education includes: interpreting programs and activities of the CUE as they affect the churches and conferences of the CUE region; affirming the support of the theological education as an essential mission of each church; providing funds to the CUE Seminaries. CUE envelopes are available at the back of the church.

On Sunday, February 28th we will receive the CUE offering.



Women's Fellowship Work and Fund-Raising Summary

During this downtime of COVID, Women's Fellowship has taken a look-back at their work and fund raising efforts over the past years and what has been accomplished by our women's group. As our member numbers have declined it is painfully clear that business will not be run as usual in the future. Changes will need to be made to accommodate a smaller and aging membership. Regardless, it was good to review a list of projects, missions and multiple years support WF has provided with their efforts and the dollars raised. All could not have been accomplished without the support of our church membership. Thank-you.

- **Funeral receptions (organize, make, serve, clean-up)**
- **McLeod County Food Shelf**
- **Minnesota Nice**
- **Laundry Love**
- **City of Glencoe (new Christmas decorations)**
- **Pulpit supply**
- **Registration fees for women at UCC camp retreat**
- **Church library support**
- **Church office remodel support**
- **Christmas trees and decorations**
- **Youth mission trip fees**
- **Youth camper-ships**
- **Christmas treat bags for Sunday School**
- **Support for cost of CPR classes for members**
- **Seed money for Thanksgiving Day meal**
- **\$5000 towards purchase lot across the street**
- **General Church Fund support 2018 (proceeds of bazaar \$7000)**
- **Remodeling of our church's kitchen including walls, flooring, cabinetry, countertops, stainless steel tables, stoves, refrigerator, freezer, compartment sink, dishwasher, dishes, utensils, pots and pans, trays, glassware, roasters, small wares, coffee pots, etc.**
- **Carpeting upstairs and down throughout the church**
- **\$5000 for thorough cleaning of sanctuary including beams prior to 150th Anniversary.**
- **Remodeling of the gathering room**
- **Furniture in the link room (sofa, chairs, tables, lamps)**
- **New round and rectangular tables for the fellowship hall**
- **Custom cabinet for serving in fellowship hall with shade**
- **Cake room cabinets and counter-tops, doors for corner cabinet**
- **Ongoing stocking of kitchen supplies: all paper goods, napkins, paper towels, disposable plates and cups, place-mats, dish towels, dishcloths, table covers, soap, coffee supplies.**
- **McLeod County Historical Society**
- **90th Birthday Party's support**
- **Lamberty Missionary Support for Cameroon**
- **Support for the Warner Family Summer meal program.**

Pastor's Page:

Being Kind

Kindness seems like an old-fashioned word. And it does have history. It apparently derives from or is related to words in Old English that mean kin, clan, or family. To display "kindness" in its original sense, was to behave to others as one would naturally want to behave to one's own "kind," that is, with courtesy, with helpful deeds, and with compassion.

Kindness was a virtue held in high regard for century after century. Maybe kindness was admired because it was recognized that kindness demanded a lot of the person offering it. Clearly, it can be hazardous to be open-hearted. Our caring and sympathy may be rejected or exploited. It takes courage to risk that. It takes courage to be kind.

So why bother with kindness? Well, some of us don't. In recent centuries there has been less cultural appreciation for the sort of mutual belonging and interdependence out of which kindness grows. Instead, we have come to admire fierce independence and self-reliance as the highest forms of personal development. We are inclined to see kindness as a ploy for the manipulative or a crutch for the weak. Kindness seems to have fallen out of favor.

But what are we missing by turning away from kindness as a virtue to develop and a practice to cultivate? How are we personally affected by the scarcity of kindness? Isn't a life without kindness a little bleaker, a little colder, a little harsher?

Poet John O'Donohue once claimed that despite all the harshness that hovers round us and even seems to threaten our world these days, human hope has survived because of an instinct we possess. And that instinct tells us that at the heart of reality, deep down where we cannot see but only sense it, kindness holds sway. Kindness, despite our recent dismissal of its significance, is at the very heart of things.

Perhaps it was, after all, an unshakeable divine kindness that brought the world into being, that spread the stars across the heavens, that formed the land and seas and creatures, and finally breathed its own breath into dust from the ground and made a human being. That this beautiful world exists is a kindness. That we are born to live in it is a kindness. That we bear the image of the divine likeness and its very breath in our own being is a kindness.

So why wouldn't we want to assist, and enhance, and magnify the divine kindness that under-girds everything? Be swift to love and make haste to be kind! Kindness never goes out of fashion.

You're in our prayers, friends,

Pastor Casey and Pastor Bob



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Newsletter Deadline – Third Monday of the Month
Our Church Website: firstcongochurch.org

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Happy Valentine's Day!

What God has given

Friendship – a shelter for the lonely heart.

Music – wings for the heavy heart.

Laughter – healing for the hurting heart.

Beauty – an answer for the searching heart.

Hope – strength for the discouraged heart.

Peace – a resting place for the weary heart.

Love – the greatest gift for every heart.

**–Sue Warner
Brooks Ave. Church of Christ
Raleigh, NC**

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	4	5	6
7 9:15 am - Live Communion Worship on Facebook Page (First Congregational Church, Glencoe) Christian Ed Board Mtg	8	9	10 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	11	12	13
14 9:15 am - Live Worship on Facebook Page Sunday School on Facebook	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins 1:00 pm Trustee's Meeting 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	18	19	20
21 9:15 am - Live Worship on Facebook Page Sunday School on Facebook	22	23	24 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study	25	26	27
28 9:15 am - Live Worship on Facebook Page Sunday School on Facebook Deacon's Meeting CUE Offering						

Volunteers needed in Glencoe

1 message

Dalton Kalina <Dalton.Kalina@lssmn.org>
To: "CongoUCC@gmail.com" <CongoUCC@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 25, 2021 at 11:44 AM

Hello,

I'm Dalton Kalina with Lutheran Social Service. I am the Community Development Manager for our LSS Meals program.

We have an urgent need for Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers and volunteers to setup meals in the City of Glencoe, Monday through Friday.

I am hoping you may be able to help promote our need for volunteers within the community!

Details:

1. We have one delivery route it usually starts at 10:45AM and it will take about an hour long in the town of Glencoe. We are also in need of people to help setup meals before they are taken for the meal delivery route.
2. We offer contact-less delivery (meaning you knock and leave the meal and then walk away to see if they pick up the meal).
3. We have gloves and masks available for volunteers.

People interested in volunteering can contact our Regional Manager in Glencoe Chrissy Elton at 320-905-2528 or at chrissy.elton@lssmn.org.

Please let me know if you know of anyone wanting to volunteer and feel free to contact Chrissy or I with any questions.

Thank you,

Dalton Kalina

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