
First Congregational UCC "At First"
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December 2018

Please Join
Us
for Our

7:00 pm Christmas
Eve Candlelight
Worship Service,
December 24th

Children's Christmas Program

Our Sunday School children will be performing their Christmas program on Sunday, December 16th during our Worship Service. Please have your children to church by 9:00 am that day. Thank you!

Sunday School Schedule:

December 2nd, 9th & 16th.

No Sunday School - December 23rd & 30th

Sunday school resumes January 6th.

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one or friend, **please call the church office at 864-3855 by Tuesday, Dec 11th. Cost is \$9.50.** You may take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Service.

"Veterans of the Cross"

They work throughout the year to help Pastors and their families. Dollars given to the fund go directly to those who serve or have served the church in their moments of need. Gifts have been provided to seminarians who have had a life crisis creating a financial hardship; to active clergy and lay employees whose financial situations have been compromised by tragedy or illness. **We will be receiving "Veteran of the Cross" offering on Sunday, December 23rd.**

Card Shower

The Deaconesses are having a Card Shower for Mickey Beltz's 100th Birthday. Please shower Mickey with messages and remembrances. **On Sunday, December 9th, Mickey's family will be celebrating Mickey's 100th birthday during coffee hour.**

Greetings from your Search and Call Committee!

Since our last update, we have had three profiles sent our way! We have thoroughly read through each of these and have conducted two interviews. We have a third interview lined up! We hope to have additional information for you in our next update.

We are eager to find our church a great Pastor but want to ensure we hire one who shares our churches passion too. We will keep you updated as progress is made.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue in our search.

Private Baptisms

were held at First Congregational Church on
November 18th for:

Lavender Kottke, daughter of Chad Kottke
and Maria Bilsborrow

Avenna Kottke, daughter of Ethan and
Cassidy Kottke



Happy Birthday!!

4. Jill Alsleben,
Miriam Jungclaus
7. Lily Ann Kottke
10. Margabelle Beltz
11. Janet Popelka
13. Howard Bulau, Lisa Raiter
15. Desiree Richardson
16. Erin McNellis
18. Mara Gould
19. Peyton Gould, Wyatt Sullivan
Teal Johnson
20. Tom Winn
28. Kyle Robb
30. McKenzie Patnaude, Sharla Defoe
31. Brenda Benson, Dylan Dahlke



On The Job in December

Deacon of the Month: Dan Kottke

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Deaconess in charge of Communion at @
Church on December 2nd: Miriam Jungclaus

Long Term Care on
December 5th: Miriam Jungclaus

In Charge of Altar: Ann Wangerin

We Extend Our Sympathy and Prayers

to Pastor Michael and his family. Pastor
Michael's mother passed away on
Thanksgiving. Her Memorial Service will be
held on Wednesday, November 28th.



Christmas Caroling

This year we are going to revive the old
tradition of caroling for the local senior living
homes. Put the evening of **December 12th**
on your calendar now. The plan is to meet
at **Long-Term Care at 5:30 pm** and carol
there first. Then we will sing at **Orchard
Estates at 6:00 pm**, **Millie Beneke at 6:30
pm**, **Grand Meadows at 7:00 pm**, and then
meet **back at church for warm apple cider
and cookies.** Please join us, even if you can't
make it to every stop. And even if you can't
sing, please come listen and support us.

Special Christmas Eve Choir

The Young Person's Special Music Task
Force is putting together a one-night choir to
perform at our 7:00 pm Christmas Eve
Service. The more singers the merrier.
**Practices are planned for after church on
Dec 2th, 16th, and 23rd**, but still join in no
matter how many or few you can make it to.
Let Kara or Anthony know if you'd like to be
involved and help make one of the year's most
special services even better.

A Very Special Christmas

This time of the year should be a time of peace and joy,
as we recall that special night and that baby boy who was born in a manger on that starry night.
For the shepherds and wise men, can you imagine that sight!
The love they shared could surely be felt.
As one by one they came to the manger and knelt beside the babe all wrapped and quiet
on that very, very, special Christmas night!
By his birth we are given a special love, sent from the Father who reigns above.
So enjoy the festivities, food and gifts, too.
But remember his birth was meant especially for you.
Make this Christmas special and share that peace and joy.
That came about by the birth of that baby boy.

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Please remember our Shut-In's this holiday season.

Trustees Newsletter Report for November 2018

The following business was addressed at the November 21th meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- * Total deposits for October were \$4,944.97. Of that, \$4,734.25 was for operating expenses; the remainder was for missions and special offerings.
- * Other Business:
 - a. Voted to approve the October financial report and minutes; mileage reimbursement to Pastor Michael for September and October; one outstanding invoice to Vos Construction for roof repair.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Warner, Secretary

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Newsletter Deadline – Third Monday of the Month

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

**Merry
Christmas!!**

2018 Living Nativity
Oak Leaf Park (Glencoe) on
Saturday, December 15th 5:30-7:30 pm

This will be a drive-through production featuring six scenes depicting the Good News of Jesus' birth. Live animals, crafted scenery, biblical characters and music will provide a memorable Christmas experience for the whole family. Admission is free to the event; however we will invite all attendees to bring a donation of food or money for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thru	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Christmas Bazaar
2 Advent Begins 9:15 am Communion Worship Service 10:30 am Sunday School	3	4 10:00 am Bible Study	5 10:15 am Communion @ GRHS Long Term Care 6:30 pm Confirmation	6 8:00 pm A.A.	7	8
9 9:15 am Worship Service Coffee Hour in honor of Mickey Beltz's 100th Birthday 10:30 am Sunday School	10	11 10:00 am Bible Study Poinsettia's Order Deadline	12 5:30 pm Caroling - starting @ Long Term Care 6:00 pm Women's Fellowship Board Meeting	13 8:00 pm A.A.	14	15 5:30-7:30 pm - Live Nativity @ Oak Leaf Park
16 9:15 am Worship Service w/ Children's Christmas Program 10:30 am Sunday School	17	18 10:00 am Bible Study	19 Peace Circle Meets Noon-Trustee's Meeting @ Gert & Erna's 6:30 pm Confirmation	20 8:00 pm A.A.	21	22
23 9:15 am Worship Service No Sunday School Collecting Veteran's of the Cross Offering	24 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/ Special Christmas Eve Choir Office Closed	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26 No Confirmation	27 8:00 pm A.A.	28	29
30 9:15 am Worship Service No Sunday School Deacon's Meeting	31	Deacon In Charge for December: Dan Kotike Altar: Ann Wangerin	Deaconesses In Charge of Communion @ Church & Long Term is: Miriam Jungclaus	Coffee Hosts: Dec 2nd: Chris, Jamie Yurek/Dan & Joanne Biederwolf Dec 9th: Mickey's Family Dec 16th: Dec 23rd: Dec 30th:		

