
“At First”
First Congregational UCC
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August 2022

Please Note!

New email addresses:(old email addresses are still active and will automatically forward to new email addresses) Wendy/church office – office@firstcongochurch.org
Pastor Adam – pastor@firstcongochurch.org

Building A Tiny House

Join Pastor Adam on Saturday, August 27th at his church of membership, Colonial/Meetinghouse Church in Edina, to help in building a new tiny house. The tiny home will be to house a chronically homeless individual in a newly developed “Sacred Settlement”. Details of the tiny houses and sacred settlements can be found on Settled.org. Please get with pastor Adam for more details.

For Annual Meeting

In preparation for our upcoming Annual Meeting, please review your personal information in the 2021 Annual Report and let me know if you've had any changes (i.e. address, phone, email, etc.). With any changes you may have, please call **Wendy on Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 8am and 4pm to what you what changed!!**

Also advise us if you want to be on the list, choose to be removed or remove family members who've moved on. Also let us know if your birthday dates are being announced correctly. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Annual Reports Are Needed!

It is time to start thinking about getting your committee's Annual Report to me. My hours will be limited at church so I am going have to have everyone get their reports to me early.



Aug 5-Jeanette Miller
 Sandy Bargmann
 Aug 7-Sherri Geise
 Jan Mackenthun
 Aug 10-Kelsey Dahlke
 Aug 12-Mike Dahlke
 Aug 14-Stevieona
 Olson'Neely
 Aug 15-Anthony Hanson
 Aug 19-Brian Nagel
 Aug 22-Daniel Maguire
 Erica McClaskey
 Aug 24-Sue Bacon
 Aug 25-Annika
 Richardson
 Caleb Richardson
 29-Joel Thompson
 Aug 30-Ed Patnaude

On the Job in August

Deacon: Robert Navarro

Deaconesses: Jan Willand

Altar: Ann Wangerin

New Housekeeper

As of August 1, 2022, **Ann Wangerin** will be our new Housekeeper

From Pastor Adam:

A.U.G.U.S.T

August means different things to different people. With August comes a sadness that the summer is coming to a close. August also brings the hope of new beginnings. It's the "dog days" of summer and a promise of the coming harvest. During this month, take a few moments to reflect on the word August and see what this new month brings forth:

Abundance: *"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."* – 2 Corinthians 9:8

Understanding: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."* Proverbs 3:5

Grace: *"This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."* Titus 3:6-7

Unto: *"Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you"* Luke 6:31

Spirit: *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."* 2 Corinthians 3:17

Trust: *"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock."* Isaiah 26:3-4

Think on these verses as we move through August, consider finding your own verses that fit

for you, maybe even share them with a friend.

Peace, Pastor Adam

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Looking ahead!

***Communion Sunday, August 7th** Rev. Dr. Casey Baggott will be our Pulpit Supply.

***September 4th, Labor Day weekend,** we will have **NO physical/in-person service.** Instead, Pastor Adam will regale us from afar **via Facebook Live.**

***Communion** in September will be on the 11th.

***Sunday, September 18th** we will have Bonnie Buckley in the pulpit.

COMMON CUP

The mission of Common Cup Ministry is to gather and share Spiritual and financial resources of area churches into one "Common Cup" so that we may minister to those in need.

"Summer" may be waning but NOT the important events taking place this month! Check out the Common Cup website (common-cup.org) for a full listing of events.

Back to School Supplies Drive

First Congo hopes to buy 20 backpacks for Junior & Senior High students. The backpacks are made to protect the laptop computers the students bring to school daily. *Women's Fellowship* will match the cost of the backpacks up to \$200. We need your help to reach our minimum goal of \$400. (Backpack prices have increased over last year so every additional dollar will be appreciated.) *The Deacons* made a generous contribution to this effort by donating their tips from the Coborn's Brat Stand in July – a "whopping" \$136.25. We are SO close to our goal, any donations will be appreciated. I know we can get there. Wendy will have the "donation box" in her office this week. If you would like it to use this as a tax donation, be sure to write a check. Any extra money received will be given to our Church Benevolence Fund.

School Supplies Distribution: - Common Cup takes request for free school supplies through August 5 and is limited to the first 400 students. CC serves only residents of McLeod County. Students who live elsewhere but attend schools in McLeod County qualify. Families bring their acceptance form to the event.

School Supply Dates and Distribution:

Hutchinson	August 17	Christ the King Church,	3:00 – 6:30p.m.
Glencoe	August 18	Lincoln Elementary School	3:00 – 6:00p.m.

(Any extra supplies are distributed to the individual schools to pass out to those in need.)

MORE PROGRAMS NEEDING OUR HELP

The Backpack Program is run by Hunger Free McLeod, a part of Common Cup Ministries & provides food over the weekend to students receiving free lunch during the week. This incredibly important program helps sustain children who would often go hungry on the weekends. Donations for this program are sometimes more desperately needed than others. In past years First Congo participated in this program but gradually dropped off. Monetary donations are particularly preferred as dollars can go further when buying in bulk. Use the CC website for more details.

Laundry Love is a program available to those in need of help paying for their laundry. It takes place the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Glencoe Laundry Center and the Royal Wash House in Hutchinson. The Glencoe program is primarily supported by Christ Lutheran Church. They provide quarters, soap and dryer sheets up to \$25 per family and \$15 per individual. In Glencoe it is open from 9AM – 12PM and 4:30PM – 7PM. Quarters not used are returned to the volunteers. Approximately 30-45 families attend monthly.

Coming UP... Get more Info from the website

Diaper Distribution – Diapers are still being collected. Our church hasn't participated recently.


Warm Coats Program - Gently used coats, boots, snow pants and waterproof gloves/mittens are distributed to folks of all ages. (Sorry- no wool coats please)

Learn More About: Free community meals, Fare for All, PoPP program

Greatest Requests for Help In July – Help w/Housing Shortage, Utilities from the Gen. Exp. Acct. Requests for gasoline for Job interviews, new jobs, Dr Appointments.

First Congo Rep: Bridget Klennenberger

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Deacon: Robert Navarro Deaconesses: Jan Willard Altar: Ann WangerIn</p>	<p>1 Pastor/Youth on Mission Trip ←</p>	2	3	4	5	6 Pastor/Youth on Mission Trip →
<p>7 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Rev Casey Beggott, preaching</p>	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>14 9:15 am Worship Service New Members Received</p>	15	16	17 Noon - Trustee's Meeting 7:30 pm church council Meeting	18	19	20
<p>21 9:15 am Worship Service</p>	22	23	24	25	26	27 Church Group help w/building Tiny House @ Colonial Church
<p>28 9:15 am Worship Service w/Baptisms Deacon's Meeting</p>	29	30	31			



2022 & 2023 CONFERENCE YOUTH GATHERINGS & TRIPS

Register Now for Fall 2022

Fall Youth Gathering | October 7-9 | Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center, Sandstone

UCC 101 — For youth 6th-12th grades. What is this thing we call the United Church of Christ and why does it matter? Join us as we explore and share what faith and belonging mean and how the UCC speaks and act out its theology. Wait...what's that word "theology"?

Cost: Early registration before August 12 is \$100; after August 12 cost is \$125/youth,\$100/adult

Save the Dates for 2023 Events

Spring Youth Gathering | April 28-30| Camp Onomia, Onamia

For youth 6th-12th grades. Come to explore the connection between justice work and faith. We will learn together how to lean on wisdom, strengthen our voices, and tend to our inner needs as partners in creation. There will be plenty of time for food, fun, friends, and a nap!

Summer Middle School Camp | July 5-7| Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center, Sandstone

For youth entering 6th grade through 8th grade. Swim, canoe, hike, and meet some birds of prey. Let's explore the connection of eco-justice and faith while connecting with new friends and eating some great food!

High School Immersion Experience |July 21-28| Washington D.C.

For youth entering 9th grade through graduated seniors. Spend a week connecting with faith leaders engaged in public dialogue on justice issues of critical importance and engage in legislative advocacy/lobbying with Minnesota's Congressional delegation. Participants will decide in advance the specific justice issues that will form the advocacy/lobbying priorities. In addition to this work, we will participate in service-learning opportunities and visit a number of historical sites and cultural institutions. More details will be coming in late August and registration will open in October; registration deadline is January 15, 2023.

Fall CYE |October 6-8 | TBD

Find details and registration links to all Youth Events using this QR code or go to uccmn.org/ministries/outdoor.



Have questions?

Contact Rev. Sheri Nelson, Director of Outdoor Ministry, at sherln@uccmn.org or Rev. Kevin Brown, Associate Conference Minister, at kevinb@uccmn.org.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN

REGISTER NOW FOR ALL 2022 EVENTS



Music & Worship Leaders' Retreat | August 18–20 | Luther Crest Camp

Outdoor Ministry of the MN Conference invites congregational musicians, clergy, and lay leaders to an August music retreat. Join musician and psalmist Richard Bruxvoort Colligan and colleagues from around Minnesota for a few days of singing, music making, and rich conversations about music and worship that sustains and enlivens our souls and the soul of our communities.

Cost: \$200/person for double room; \$250/ person for single room

Register by August 12th.

Women's Retreat | September 9-11 | Camp Onomia, Onamia, MN

"Women as Storytellers and Healers" is our theme. Throughout the centuries varying cultures have pushed feminine voices to the margins. Yet hidden deep in Scripture and other texts are stories of the mental and spiritual strength of women who have carried the gauntlet of spiritual wisdom and humanity on their shoulders. Join us for a weekend filled with their stories, as we learn to share our own stories of struggles and joys with the next generation of women and men ready to author the next spiritual chapter in our human evolution.

Cost: \$200/person for double room; \$250/ person for single room | Ages 19+

Register by September 2nd.



Men's Wilderness Retreat | September 9-11 | Camp Amnicon, WI

Women's Wilderness Retreat | September 23-25 | Camp Amnicon, WI

Spend the weekend hiking through acres of forest, marshland, and Lake Superior shoreline, along with paddling on the lake in a Montreal canoe. Sleep in a bed inside a tent, enjoying the sounds of nature and feeling the crispness of the air. With a hearty breakfast and morning prayer, the days are set for "nature bathing" and connecting with other participants during lunch and dinner with amazing gourmet food. End the day with meditation around the campfire and soaking in the amazing sky full of stars.

Cost: \$300/ person | Ages 21+

Register for Men's by September 2nd

Register for Women's by September 16th.

More information and registrations scan here



Fall Wilderness Meditation | November 6-8 | Luther Crest Camp

Using gentle hikes, meditation, and discussion, participants are encouraged to leave their worries at home and find their soul rhythm in natural spaces and deep conversations. Come to find reconnection for your body, mind, and soul.

Cost: \$200/person for double room; \$250/person for single room | Ages 19+

REGISTER by October 31st.

**Or go to uccmn.org/ministries/outdoor
Contact Rev. Sheri Nelson, Director of
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with any questions.**



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Dear Friends at First Congregational UCC:

Thank you for your generous donation obtained from your recent benefit to support disaster relief in Ukraine. Your gift of \$1,531.00 was received on 6/21/2022. Through your gift, families that have been displaced and are in need of shelter and basic necessities will receive support.

Hand in hand with our Partners in Service and other volunteers, congregations, and conferences, UCC Disaster Ministries seeks to serve families and communities by identifying and meeting unmet needs and providing spiritual and emotional support.

Your love of neighbor will be made tangible through your gift. With the help of our global partners, you will provide welcome, shelter, and respite for families. Through your giving, those in need will be provided with spiritual support and physical resources to rebuild their lives.

United in prayer, action, and giving, we stand as a people of faith in love and compassion. Thank you again for spreading God's hope, peace, and love through your financial assistance as the United Church of Christ continues to build a just world for all. If you have questions regarding your donation, please feel free to contact us at giving@ucc.org or 1-800-846-6822.

In faith,

Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer
General Minister and President

*No goods or services were provided in return for this donation.
Please keep a copy of this letter as a receipt for your taxes.*

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