

AUGUST 2018

“IN THE FIRST PLACE”

First Congregational United Church of Christ
An Open & Affirming, Green Justice Congregation
Mankato MN 56001
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JOIN US ON SUNDAYS:

Worship 9:30 am Children's Faith-Learning Community 9:45 am
Nursery available Fellowship following Worship

August 2018 Worship Highlights And Common Lectionary Readings

- * **August 5 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Come share communion and join in the blessing of those traveling to Guatemala with Common Hope.
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12 or Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

- * **August 12 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 31-33; Psalm 130 or 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8;
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

- * **August 19 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
1 Kings 2:10-13; 3:3-14; Psalm 111 or Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14;
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

- * **August 26 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Baptism
1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84 or Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18;
Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

A DELAYED OPENING!

*A Late Summer's Night Dream scheduled for Saturday August 25th
is postponed while our musicians recuperate!*

The Centering Strings:

The Centering Strings will be getting together for rehearsals in late August, and will be participating in worship this fall into winter. Anyone interested in joining is welcome! Please contact Diana.

Make A Joyful Noise!

All are welcome to join in our choir when we return in September! Stay tuned for our rehearsal schedule. For information please email our director Angie.

ADULT AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

**Details coming in late August...
but here's a preview for youth!**

Beginning this fall, each of the following will meet one Wednesday each month from 6-7:15 pm.

The Gathering (for those in 7th grade)
will serve as a pre-confirmation experience.

Synergy (for those in 5th-7th grades)
Will serve as an active faith learning community. Service in our neighborhood, experiences with inter-faith/inter-cultural communities, and a deepening understanding of our Christian teachings will be our focus.

And Something New!

Faith Forming Community (for those in the 4th grade)
will serve as an active learning community for our young people to grow in understanding of our faith tradition.

CHILDREN'S FAITH-LEARNING COMMUNITY



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!

Wednesday, August 22 @ 6 pm
Location: UCC at 150 Stadium Ct.

Come at 6 pm to "Build" your car and the movie "The Star" will begin at 7 pm.
Car supplies will be provided. All ages are welcome!
A light dinner will be served at 6 pm and popcorn will be provided.
Questions? Contact Pat.

Children's Faith-Learning Community August Schedule:

August 5, 2018

Communion Sunday - Children attend worship with family

Communion Activity Bags can be found near the entrance of the sanctuary

August 12, 2018

Children's Faith Learning Community: Gifts of the Holy Spirit - FAITHFULNESS

August 19, 2018

Children's Faith Learning Community: Gifts of the Holy Spirit
GENTLENESS & SELF CONTROL

August 26, 2018

No Children's Faith Learning Community: Children attend worship with family

September 2, 2018

No Children's Faith Learning Community: Children attend worship with family

September 9, 2018 RALLY DAY

Communion Sunday - Children attend worship with family
Communion Activity Bags can be found near the entrance of the sanctuary

Calling All Acolytes:

The children from the Children's Faith-Learning Community enjoy helping during worship. Families are signing up as Acolytes and helping prepare the congregation for worship by lighting the candles. If you would like a turn to help, please text/call Pat T. with a date that works for your family. Thank you.

MISSION MINISTRY

Swan Lake Canoe Outing...

**Join us for a canoe trip on Swan Lake August 11 at 9 – 11 am.
with Scott Kudelka, our resident knowledgeable naturalist.**



Swan Lake is North America's largest wetland complex just north of the Minnesota River near Nicollet. It is one of the most important breeding and migratory stop overs for a diverse selection of birds. We will paddle from Nicollet Bay Access Point and talk about significant natural and historical characteristics of Swan Lake.

Nicollet Bay Access Point is located on the north side of Hwy 14, west of Nicollet. Directions will be posted as we get closer to the date. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk. Scott will give canoe and safety lessons before we launch.

CADA Shoe Project:

Time to think of the school year ahead and the need for shoes at the CADA House. **On August 12th and 19th, 1st Congregational UCC will be receiving offering to purchase CADA shoes.** Please write your checks to 1st Congregational UCC with CADA shoes in the memo line. Gift cards will then be purchased with the money received and given to the Moms at CADA.

Thanks for your generous support.

Thank you note...

Thank you for supporting the Common Hope Volcano Relief fund. Total funds donated were \$675.00 which will help Guatemalan victims. Many lost their lives, and many are still missing. I'm sure they will appreciate your help and prayers.

Habitat for Humanity:

Thank you for sponsoring a "beam" in Habitat for Humanity's 2018 20th annual "Get on the Beam" campaign. The total amount raised was \$3398.37.

First Congregational UCC members donated a generous \$220 toward Habitat's home building partnership with families in need. Your "beam" will become part of framework for a house in Eagle Lake.

Thank you for your support.

Sally Coomes, volunteer for Habitat for Humanity's Mankato Partnering Community

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The Men's Group: Saturday, August 11, 8:00 am at the WOW! Zone

The Women's Group: Saturday, August 11, 9:00 am at the WOW! Zone

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Blood Pressure Check:

Blood pressure check will be on **Sunday, August 5th**. The Parish Nurse will be in the church **Library** after worship service.

Assistance Available:

There are crutches, a walker and a wheel chair available for loan if someone has a need.

ALL IN THE CHURCH FAMILY:

Prayer Requests:

We lift up to God's healing presence all those struggling in body, mind and spirit and pray for all caregivers and all those serving to bring peace and justice to our community, our nation and our world.

PASTORAL CONTACT:

**Pastor Dana Mann can be reached at: dana@mankatoucc.org
(507) 387-6592 ext.1 or her cell: 1-917-202-3738**

FROM THE OFFICE COORDINATOR:

**Church Office Hours: Monday 10:30 am - noon & 1-3 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - noon & 1-3 pm
Friday 9:00 am - noon**

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August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 9:30 AM Communion, Blessing of those going to Guatemala 10:30 AM Fellows hip Time & Blood Pressure Check	6	7	8	9 6:00 PM Council Meeting Calendar Planning & Dinner 6:00 PM DV Quilters	10	11 8:00 AM Men's Gr @ WOW Zone 9:00 AM Swan Lake Canoe Outing 9:00 AM Women's Gr @ WOW Zone
12 Guatemala Mission Trip August 12 - August 19 9:30 AM Worship, Summer Sunday School, CADA Shoe Offering 10:30 AM Fellows hip 1:30 PM -2:30 PM Keith Purscell Visitation 2:30 PM Keith Purscell Memorial Service	13	14 Blue Earth County Election, all day in the Fellowship Hall	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 AM Worship, Summer Sunday School, CADA Shoe Offering 10:30 AM Fellows hip	20 Last day for September Newsletter articles 5:15 PM Deacons Ministry Team	21 2:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group 5:30 PM Change Banners 5:30 PM Moms of Multiples 6:30 PM Trustee Board	22 6:00 PM Outdoor Movie Night, light dinner & popcorn	23 5:31 PM Interfaith Service Planning	24	25
26 9:30 AM Worship, Baptism 10:30 AM Fellows hip	27	28	29	30	31	