

# JUNE 2018

## “IN THE FIRST PLACE”

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**An Open & Affirming, Green Justice Congregation**  
**Mankato MN 56001**  
**(507) 387-6592**  
[www.mankatoucc.org](http://www.mankatoucc.org)  
**Check us out on Facebook!**

### JOIN US ON SUNDAYS:

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

### JUNE 2018 Worship Highlights And Common Lectionary Readings

- \* **June 3** *Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Earth-wise Sunday: Humanity on the Move*  
*Communion*  
*We'll join together around the theme of climate change, celebrate our recognition as a Green Justice Church in the MN Conference, plant a tree in our yard, celebrate our graduates, and hear John Lennon's "Imagine"... Indeed hope is planted among us! Thanks be to God!*  
1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 or Deuteronomy 5:12-15;  
Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
  
- \* **June 10** *Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Baptism of Brody Neil, son of Fiona and Dan, and the reception of New Members.*  
1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20; Psalm 138 or Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130;  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
  
- \* **June 17** *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Father's Day*  
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20 or Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 13-15;  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17 or 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34
  
- \* **June 24** *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Samuel 17 (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20 or Job 38:1-11;  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

Please note the new date:

## **A LATE SUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM!**

**Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7PM**

*Our fellowship hall will become a music hall as our own and local performers take us through the years - from ragtime and the old standards to this day. Refreshments will be served, and dancing anticipated!*

**Tickets: \$10** (will be available soon)

*This is a fundraiser for the arts in our church.*

### **The Centering Strings:**

**The Centering Strings are getting together** for rehearsals and will be participating in worship service this spring and summer. We are inviting anyone interested in joining us to contact Diana S.

### **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 contact our director Angie.

### **ADULT STUDIES**

**Book Study** We're on a bit of a hiatus, but stay tuned!

**Tutoring at the Mankato Islamic Center** We've closed up shop for the season and will gather soon with the women of the Center to reflect on the experience and look forward. All are welcome to join in the conversation. Day & time coming!  
At the moment our friends are celebrating the holy days of Ramadan.

### **CHILDREN'S FAITH-LEARNING COMMUNITY**

**Summer Schedule: June, July & August**

**June 3, 2018**

Communion Sunday - Children attend worship with family

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

**June 10, 2018**

No Children's Faith Learning Community

Children attend worship with family

**June 17, 2018**

Children's Faith Learning Community

Gifts of the Holy Spirit - LOVE & JOY

**June 24, 2018**

Children's Faith Learning Community

Gifts of the Holy Spirit - PEACE & PATIENCE

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**July 1, 2018**

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

**July 8, 2018**

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

**July 15, 2018**

Children's Faith Learning Community  
Gifts of the Holy Spirit - GOODNESS / GENEROSITY

**July 22, 2018**

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

**July 29, 2018**

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

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**August 5, 2018**

Outdoor Worship  
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

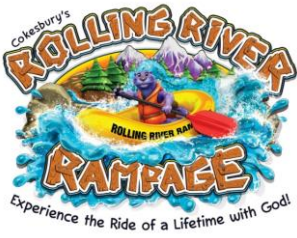
**September 2, 2018**

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

**September 9, 2018**

**RALLY DAY**

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First Congregational UCC is joining with St. John's Episcopal and First Presbyterian Church again to bring our children an exciting week of **Vacation Bible School**.

Our theme this year will be "Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God" and will be held on **Sunday, July 15 from 2pm-5pm and Monday, July 16 thru Wednesday July 18 from 8am-11am at First Congregational UCC**. Children ages 3 through those who just completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to register. Those who completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade through adult are encouraged to sign up to be a volunteer.

Please fill out a registration form (one per child) and return it to the church office by June 30. Email Laurie or the Church Office for registration forms.

Vacation Bible School is \$10 per child with a family max of \$30. Scholarships are also available.

If you have any questions or would like to sign-up to volunteer, please call, text, or email me. Hope to see you there!

Laurie P.

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## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION...

**SYNERGY YOUTH** (4-6 grades)

Wednesday: June 20<sup>th</sup> (6-7:15 pm)

This will be our last gathering until September



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## PILGRIM POINT YOUTH CAMP

(Youth 6th to 12th grade)

**Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> - Friday August 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
(this year this is the only youth camp weekend offered)

**This year's theme: Sowing Beauty, Sowing Life**  
Come dig more deeply into the meaning of gratitude and how it shapes our lives.

**Registration is open!**

- go to [uccmn.org](http://uccmn.org)
- on the top bar click on Pilgrim Point
- in the section on the left click on Conference Camps and retreats

- scroll ALL the way down until you see youth camp...
- follow to registration from there

Please DO NOT pay anything! We will send one big check from church...

The total cost is \$300 until May 1st (after that it goes up to \$375).

Our church will cover \$125 for each youth.

(As we get closer, please make your \$175 check out to our church and drop it by with your paperwork...)

**Please let Pastor Dana know when you register!**

As always, if finances are difficult please speak to Pastor in confidence before May 1st. We'll make it work for all young people who are active in our church to share in the fun!

### ***Pilgrim Point Family Camp June 22-24...***

**Spring is coming.**

**It's time to think about going to the lake!!!**

Everyone is welcome for a weekend of fun and relaxation on the shores of Lake Ida.

**Put June 22-24 on your calendar for First Congregational UCC weekend at Pilgrim Point Camp near Alexandria.**

We have reserved the Lodge (10 BR) and the Annex (2 large BR) for the weekend.

Cost (5 meals, 2 nights) is only \$125 for adults, \$50 for grade 6-12, and \$30 for age 4-grade 5 (age 3 and under are free).

**Pay by June 3.**


**Contact Kim S. if you have questions.**



## **JULY - DEACON MINISTRY EVENT**

**Mankato Moon Dogs Tailgate Party!**

**The Deacons will be hosting a baseball night on Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>.**

 **5:00 pm - Tailgating** across the street in the Madison East Parking Lot.

 **6:05 pm - Game Time**

We will need a minimum of 10 people for the cost of \$6.00 per ticket. Sign up on the kiosk **BY JUNE 17<sup>th</sup>**. The Deacons will provide hotdogs, buns and chips. Please bring your own chair and beverage.

**Come see the new FRANKLIN ROGERS PARK!**

## **MISSION MINISTRY**

**THANK YOU!**

Strengthen the Church offering totaled \$600. Your offering will benefit the MN Conference as well as our denominations national ministries. Thank you!

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY**

**The first work-day for the summer is Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> in Eagle Lake.** For further information, future dates or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bob P.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

**Our Habitat for Humanity beam will be in the Narthex on Sundays, June 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.** After you donate, remember to sign the “beam” which will become part of a habitat home. Thank you for your continued support for this mission.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

***The Men’s Group:* Saturday, June 9, 8:00 am at the WOW! Zone**

***The Women’s Group:* Saturday, June 9, 9:00 am at the WOW! Zone**

***Dinner Out:* Will resume in September!**

## **HEALTH MINISTRIES**

### ***Blood Pressure Check:***

**Blood Pressure check has been cancelled for Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

### ***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](mailto: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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**Pastor:** *Rev. Dana J Mann* [dana@mankatoucc.org](mailto:dana@mankatoucc.org)

**Moderator:** *Silas D.*

**Choir Director:** *Angie BH*

**Organist:** *Diana S.*

**Director of Christian Education:** *Pat T.*

**Parish Nurse:** *Rochelle M.*

**Office Coordinator:** *Diane B.* [katoucc@mankatoucc.org](mailto:katoucc@mankatoucc.org)

**Financial Secretary:** *Donna S.*

# June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> <b>Earthwise Service</b> 9:30 AM Communion 10:30 AM Fellowship 10:45 AM Interfaith Power & Light Speaker	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:30 PM <b>Health                      Ministry                      Team</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00 AM Men's Gr @ WOW Zone  9:00 AM Women's Gr @ WOW Zone
<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Worship, Baptism, Reception of New Members, Mission Moment  10:30 AM Fellowship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4:45 PM <b>Worship                      Ministry                      Team</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Habitat for                      Humanity                      Work Day                      Eagle Lake</b>  5:30 PM <b>Mission                      Ministry Team</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM DV Quilters	<b>15</b> <b>Church                      Office                      Closed</b>  9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Deep Valley Quilters Workshop	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Father's Day</b> 9:30 AM Worship, Summer Sunday School  10:30 AM Fellowship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 2:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group  5:30 PM - 9:30 PM Moms of Multiples	<b>20</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <b>Deadline for                          July                          Newsletter</b> </div>  6:00 PM <b>SYNERGY                      Youth Group</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30 AM Worship, Summer Sunday School  10:30 AM Fellowship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 PM <b>Trustee                      Board</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00 PM <b>Mission                      Ministry                      Umbrella                      Meeting</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
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