

First Congregational Church, UCC

2201 7th Avenue, Moline, IL 61265 * 309.762.0787

* All Members, Ministers * Rev. Allen Mothershed, Senior Pastor

* Rev. Jacqueline Perry, Associate Pastor

Saturday Worship 5:30p.m., Lower Level

Sunday Worship 10:00a.m.

Fellowship Hour 11:00a.m., Lower Level

August 5, 2009



Summer Multigenerational Mission Trip August 15

We still have **FOUR** openings for the one day trip to “Feed My Starving Children” in Aurora, IL. We will leave at 5:30a.m. Saturday, August 15 and be returning that evening. Please sign up in the library or call the church office if you would like to be take part in this inspiring experience!



The Christian Hospitality Committee is sponsoring a student and adult work-wear drive to benefit persons in our church neighborhood. We are accepting donations of good, clean clothing and backpacks for adults and children. **We are in need of more items for children ages 6-18.** New clothing items are also welcome. These items can be dropped off in the church library. Distribution will be on August 29. Any questions, please call **Sonja Miller** at 309.496.9947.

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E-mail: FCCMoline@netexpress.net

Worship, Education, Youth, & Missions

Last Summer Choir Opportunity

August 30 will be the last chance for any and all to learn a simple anthem at 9:30a.m., then sing at the 10:00a.m. service. Join us at the "Dew Drop Inn" located in the choir room upstairs. Feel free to see **Paul Renaud** for advance copies of the music.

Are You Being Called? We Need 3 Teachers!

This year in Vacation Bible School, the children were taught a new Bible point every day. When they heard this Bible point, they were invited to yell "FEAR NOT!!" I also invite you to FEAR NOT! We need three more volunteers to teach Church School. Please see **Heidi** if you are interested in teaching or have any questions.

Last Summer Wednesday Morning
Bible Group Lunch
Meet at 11:30a.m.

August 19 Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, 1300 River Drive, Moline



Coffee fellowship is being served
by Mission Board in August

Would you like a ride to worship?

If you would like the church van to bring you to 10:00a.m. worship, please call the church office by Friday at 309.762.0787. Driver for August is **Mike Bealer**.



Western Association Fall Meeting

Join us on Saturday, October 31 at Hope UCC in Moline. Registration will begin at 8:30a.m. Our keynote speaker will be **David Schoen**, Minister and Team Leader, Congregational Vitality and Discipleship Ministry Team, Local Church Ministries, UCC, Cleveland.



CALENDAR

August 15 - 5:30a.m.-3:30p.m. Feed My Starving Children, Aurora, Illinois

September 6 - Last 10:00a.m. Worship Service

September 13 - First day of Church School, Multigenerational

Fair Trade Coffee Items

Mission Board will no longer be selling Fair Trade items. These items can be found at most grocery stores and Starbucks Coffee Houses. Please continue to visit your local market for Fair Trade items.

Meal Site Dates for 2009

Sign up in the library and pick up a guide for serving at the Churches United meal site. The next opportunity is **November 19 at Mt. Zion**. See **Pastor Jackie** if you have any questions. Here is the last date for 2009:

Mt. Zion, East Moline

December 17

Summer Worship Times: Sunday 10:00a.m. & Saturday 5:30p.m.

Prayer List & Other Events

Please Pray For...

The World

Please pray for African countries: Kenya, Tanzania

From the *Ecumenical Prayer Cycle* (the National Council of Churches)

Those Serving in the Military

Matt & Kelly Walters, Vance Johnson, Leon & Sara Starberg, military, family members of Leon & Karen Starberg

Joel Price, combat medic in Afghanistan, nephew of Kathie Heaps

Friends & Family

Family of Thomas Byrnes, who passed away July 31, husband of Carolyn Byrnes

Mary Woodburn, medical

Terry Frazier, permanent disability

Carter McKinley, medical, nephew of Laura Hozak

Clarice Johnson, medical

Ruth Brink

Marjorie Parker, Lighthouse

Jan Bjurstrom

Robert Glass, son of Sandy Glass

Richard Laws

Sydney Sophia Mowen

Karla Lohman, friend of Kristin Dowell

LaVerne Dunham, friend of Kristin Dowell, uncle of Scott Maranda

Bryan Glass, son of Sandy Glass

Marvin Anderson, grandfather of Denise Browning

Catherine Jasper, Rosewood

All those in assisted or skilled care facilities

For those going through surgery and their recovery

The Community

The still suffering alcoholic

The Church

Western Association Office, Peoria

Stark Congregational Church, Princeville

****Please contact the church office when it is time to remove names from the Prayer Request list.**

Women's Connections Event



YES YOU CAN!

Women's Connections "YES YOU CAN" Workshop will be a fun afternoon teaching you the art of napkin folding and scarf tying. On Sunday, August 23, plan to bring one cloth dinner napkin and one silk scarf to the parlor at 1:00pm. **Rosemary Graham** and **Lois Florence** will be leading the fun and you will all receive instruction sheets to follow along. With Lois and Rosemary's expertise, you can all be the 'hostess with the mostest' and that gal with fashion flair! Feel free to bring your friends. And, as always, refreshments will be provided. Sign up early in the library. This should be a popular connection!

Summer Outing for Warm Fuzzies

The Warm Fuzzies are planning a lunch out and program following on **Wednesday, August 12**. We would love to have anyone interested join us. We will meet at the church at 11:10a.m. to travel to TPC at Deere Run for lunch at 11:30a.m. Upon returning to the church, **Kathy Evans** will present a short program featuring her spinning and creative knitting techniques. Please call **Kathy Harris** at 309.797.5939 by Monday, August 10 if you can join us. Our regular Wednesday afternoon sessions will begin again on September 2.

Foot Clinic

August 20

Next Trinity Foot Clinic will be on Thursday, August 20 in the dining rooms. Please call the church office to make a reservation by Monday, August 17.

Congregators

September 10

Join us on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00p.m. at the home of **Buck** and **Coralie Wendt** on the Rock River. We will provide the entrée, beverages and table service. Please bring a dish of your choice. We welcome new members to join us.

A Message from Your Parish Nurse...

Peace and Good Health to You

Many of you are aware of the recent Hepatitis A outbreak in our area. Several people have had questions about Hepatitis A since the outbreak became public. As the number of confirmed cases began to grow, **Dr. Damon T. Arnold**, State Public Health Director, sent out a notification on July 16 reminding people of the importance of proper hand hygiene. His report contained helpful information about Hepatitis A, which I believe may help answer some of your questions. The following information is obtained from his report.

Hepatitis A is a virus that can be carried on the hands of an infected person who does not wash his or her hands thoroughly after using the bathroom. You can become infected by direct contact with a person who does not practice good hygiene or by consuming food or drink handled by an infected person," said Dr. Arnold. "Your best defense against getting ill is to properly wash your hands –use soap and warm water and rub your hands for 20 seconds."

Hepatitis A can also be spread in child day-care settings, especially if good hygiene is not practiced after changing diapers. It also is due to the close personal contact among children, who are still learning to practice proper hygiene.

Symptoms of Hepatitis A include fatigue, poor appetite, abdominal pain, vomiting and sometimes fever. Urine may become darker and jaundice may then appear. Symptoms can appear from 15 to 50 days after exposure. If you have these symptoms, contact your doctor or a medical professional.

The infectious period begins about one week before the onset of symptoms if there is no jaundice (a yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes). If jaundice occurs, the infectious period begins two weeks prior to that and lasts until seven days after the onset of jaundice. Because of the delay in symptoms, a person can transmit the virus without realizing it.

Along with proper hand washing, those who work in food service, health care or in occupations where Hepatitis A may be spread should not work while infectious. Those who have close contact with someone who is ill with Hepatitis A should contact their physician about vaccination.

The disease is rarely fatal, and most people recover in a few weeks without any complications. Infants and young children tend to have very mild or no symptoms and are less likely to develop jaun-

dice than are older children and adults. Not everyone infected with the virus will have all of the symptoms. There are no long-term effects. Once an individual recovers from Hepatitis A, he or she is immune for life and does not continue to carry the virus. People experiencing symptoms should contact their physician.

www.idph.state.il.us/public/press09/7.15.09HepACluster.htm

For more information contact:
Illinois Department of Public Health
535 West Jefferson Street
Springfield, Illinois 62761
Phone 217.782.4977

Trinity Pathway Hospice hosts free training series for volunteers Trinity Pathway Hospice will host a 21-hour training session for those interested in volunteering for the program. The training session is free, but registration is required for all those who wish to attend. The classes will cover a variety of topics in the art of hospice care and volunteering, including the myths of hospice care, how hospice can help someone who is facing the end of their life, how families benefit from hospice, roles of the hospice team members, why volunteers are so important and what can volunteers do to add life to days when days can no longer be added to life. For more information, contact **Billie Terrill**, Trinity Pathway Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, at 309.779.7402

For more information or to register, call Trinity's My Nurse at 309.779.2000 or 877. 242.8899



Sara McLees, B.S.N. E-mail: smclees@netexpress.net

Miscellaneous

All Eras Veterans Healing Field

The brave men and women of our Armed Forces will again be honored during the "All Eras Veterans Healing Field.

When: Friday, August 28 - Sunday, August 30

Times: Opening Ceremonies, Friday, August 28 at 7:00p.m.
 Open Mic Night, Saturday, August 29, 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
 Closing Ceremonies, Sunday, August 30 starting at 4:30p.m.

Where: Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery
 1022 E 39th Street
 Davenport, Iowa

Donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Monetary donations will be used for hotel rooms for our speakers and some of the Fallen Soldiers' families who are traveling from out of town or state. We would also appreciate donations of water, Gatorade, cookies and other finger foods for those who are volunteering. Volunteers are also needed.

Donations may be made to:
 ALLVETS
 c/o Runges
 838 E Kimberly Road
 Davenport, Iowa 52807



Please contact **Jim** or **Judy Foss** at 309.795.1471 if you have any questions.

Meal Team

Would you be willing to help out by preparing, freezing, or purchasing a meal? Occasionally, after surgery, some of our church family are quickly discharged with minimal, if any, help at home. It would be such a blessing for them to have one or two meals to help get through the first week. Please sign up in the library or call **Sara McLees**, Parish Nurse at 309.762.0787.

Weeds, Weeds, Weeds!

We need someone who is willing to do some weeding and pruning on our church grounds (other than the islands). If you would be willing to do this for your church, please let **Shannon** in the church office know. Thank you!

Our Flamingos Would Like to be Out in the Sun!

We are in business SEVEN days a week! The cost to flamingo is a donation to the First Congregational Youth Group. To "step things up a bit", the youth will be doing RANDOM FLAMINGOING. This means that anyone can get flamingoed by the youth, at the choice of the youth, unless you have purchased insurance. We will offer insurance for a cost of \$25 for three months. **GUARD YOURSELF!** Otherwise, celebrate an anniversary, birthday, retirement, or graduation with a beautifully decorated front lawn. **FLAMINGO THOSE YOU LOVE!** Contact **Heidi** at 309.762.0787 or heidi.hulme@netexpress.net.



Giving Report as of July 31, 2009

2009 Budget Pledge Goal	\$463,960
2009 Actual Pledges	\$458,106
2009 Pledging Units	265

Monthly Budget Pledge Income Goal	\$ 38,663
Monthly Actual Pledge Income Goal	\$ 38,176
July Actual Pledge Income	\$ 31,801

This report reflects giving only to the general operating fund. Additional gifts directed to specific ministries are not included here. Please contact the church office if there are any questions.



Stewardship

Stewardship Kick Off Event The Arsenal Golf Club Arsenal Island

Friday, October 2, 2009

6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

Save the date now and plan to come for an evening of fun, food and fellowship

For the past several years, this event has featured a very fun silent auction of items donated by individuals in our church family. The auction items include a wide variety of items, such as homemade fudge, rack of barbeque ribs, Christmas cookies, a children's swimming party, jewelry, gift baskets, artificial flower arrangements, and river boat rides. The possibilities are endless. We welcome donations from members of our church family. Use your imagination and see what you might donate for this very special silent auction. All proceeds will go toward the renovations of the church parlor, library and dining rooms.

You won't want to miss our own auctioneer, Paul Renaud.

Please call the church office, 309.762.0787, to tell them of your donations.

Stewardship Moment

Does Money Keep You Up at Night?

Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. (Matthew 14:29)

On a Gennesaret night-crossing the wind blew up and, hard as they rowed, the disciples were driven off course. As Jesus walked across the waves, their small craft passed into an eye of calm. Peter came to Jesus, treading faith like crazy, until he looked at those storm clouds! He started to sink, until a hand reached out to lift him up.

A circle of people, congregation members and community friends, sit in a comfortable room in a church basement. They are borrowing it from the youth group for the swayback sofas and derelict deckchairs. Refreshments are jalapeno bean dip and peanut butter chocolate brownies. Only the brave mix! A man is talking about his family's "staycation" this summer and how much fun it seemed, until he overheard his son's lie, telling a friend they'd gone to Disney World. A woman explains her daughter's frugal wedding plans contrasting with her own need to be extravagant and suggest a gown twice the budget. One person complains of retirement out of reach, while another complains about retirement induced early by an unbeatable insurance offer. No one is fixing anyone else's situation. Foreclosure, deadbeat spouse, home permanent gone wrong - each is respectfully heard.

Listening and learning from the traditions, the experience, and the usual support of recovery groups who share stories, steps and sponsoring in similar church basements, these folks are helping one another step out on the water.

God, grant us the serenity to trim financial sails in home and church, the courage to weather changes in employment, housing, pension and endowment, the wisdom to detach personal value from a sink-or-swim mentality, and the compassion to keep others from drowning.

Amen.

You will find this newsletter on our website: www.FCCMoline.org

Calendar

Saturday, August 8

5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

Sunday, August 9

10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship, Café, Lower Level

Monday, August 10

6:00 pm Personnel Meeting, Pastor Allen's Office

6:30 pm Mary Kay Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, August 11

1:00 pm Embroiders Guild, Dining Rooms

4:00 pm Prenatal Class, Parlor

6:00 pm Church Life & Growth Meeting, Jr. High Room

6:00 pm Mission Board Meeting, Parlor

6:00 pm Christian Hospitality Meeting, Library

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting, Board Room

7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room

Wednesday, August 12

11:10 am Warm Fuzzies go to TPC at Deere Run for lunch, return to church for Program in Parlor

6:00 pm Yoga, Large Dining Room

6:00 pm Metro Mini Makers, Board Room

Thursday, August 13

10:00 am Prayer Group, Parlor

Saturday, August 15

5:30 am Feed My Starving Children Mission Trip leaves from the church

5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

Sunday, August 16

10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary, Anderson Baptism

11:00 am Fellowship, Café, Lower Level

Monday, August 17

4:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting, Board Room

6:30 pm Mary Kay Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, August 18

9:00 am Retired Folks, Village Inn, 53rd St., Moline

4:00 pm Prenatal Class, Parlor

7:00 pm Habitat for Humanity, Small Dining Room

7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room

Wednesday, August 19

10:30 am Newsletter Mailing, Library

11:30 am Bible Study Lunch, Johnny's Italian Steakhouse, Moline

4:00 pm CommU, Jr. High Room

6:00 pm Yoga, Large Dining Room

Thursday, August 20

9:00 am Foot Clinic, Dining Rooms

9:30 am Card Ministry, Library

10:00 am Prayer Group, Parlor

5:00 pm Crop Walk Package Pick Up, Dining Rooms

Saturday, August 22

5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

Sunday, August 23

10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship, Café, Lower Level

1:00 pm Women's Connections "Yes You Can" Workshop, Parlor

Monday, August 24

1:00 pm Red Wagon Board Meeting, Parlor

6:30 pm Mary Kay Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, August 25

4:00 pm Prenatal Class, Parlor

7:00 pm Music Board Meeting, Board Room

7:00 pm Diaconate, Parlor

7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room

**Pastor Jackie
Continuing Ed./Vacation
July 24-August 10**

Newsletter Article**DEADLINES:****Fridays 5:00p.m.****August 14****August 28****September 11**

**DATES ARE FINAL, SO BE
SURE TO GET YOUR ARTICLES
IN TO THE OFFICE ON TIME!**



Happy Birthday to...



August

1. John Ulrich
2. Jan Parsons
Jennifer Tyler
Travis Franck
Katie Klingborg
Larry Madison
Sandy Glass
Austin Owen
Driston Owen
3. Juliann Hillyer
4. Barbara Johnson
5. Yrsa Hannan
Courtney Miller
Larry Reakes
Jon Greko
6. Sarah Case
Don Engstrom
Rachel Michl
Mary Stewart
7. Molly Newell
Pam Robson
Jon Keith
Jonathan McGehee
8. Cindy Meers
9. John Eastland
Roy Johnston
10. Earl "Boo" Wendt
Kevin Stickell
11. Shavaun Kidd
12. Drew Wiemers
Nora Rexroth
13. Karla Larson
Benjamin Churchill
Kira Mothershed
14. Lauren Fulscher
Brink Brinkmeyer
- 15.
16. Claire Eaton
Melissa Maranda
17. Mike Wendt Sr.
18. Miriam Beitel
Katherine Evans
Scott Patton
Kathleen Rynott
19. Jeff Adamson
Ava Sorgenfrey
20. Paula Evans
Theresa Dondanville
21. Katie Jo Allee
- 22.
23. Louise Stoelting
Ashley Hoff
Abe Driscal
Scott Illingsworth
24. Harold Duckett
Bobbie Ray
25. Mary Hull
Matt Lackey
Ashley Lewis
26. Pat Shannon
Eileen Hoegner
Rob Marchant
Sharon Sterbenz
27. Clarice Johnson
28. Gail Franck
Tyler Spellious
Trevor Seyller
29. Allison Nordstrom
Erin Willhite
30. Scott Klingbiel
Mike Newell
Bill Keller
Sean Ulrich
Dustin Peterson
31. Myrtle Capouch
James Winship
Jeanne McGuire

*Please let the
church office
know if we
have missed
your special day!*



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Coral at 309.762.0787 or cminge@netexpress.net. Thank you!



Mission Statement of
First Congregational Church
Seeking, Serving, and Sharing Christ