

# 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 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Fellowship Hour 10:00a.m., Lower Level

Church School Hour 10:00a.m.

**September 16, 2009**



## ***Fall Stewardship Kick-off Friday, October 2, 2009***

***Rock Island Arsenal  
Golf Club***

***6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.***

Come join your church family for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship as we kick-off the fall stewardship campaign.

The evening includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and a silent auction to support church renovations. A \$15 donation is payable at the door. Child care will be available. Please sign up in the church library or call the church office to make your reservations.

You may also contribute to the evening by donating items for the silent auction. The possibilities are endless. Use your imagination and see what you might donate to this very special event. Please call the church office, 309.762.0787, to tell us of your donation.

## **World Communion**

World Communion Sunday will be October 4. I like communion whenever we share it, but there is something about “World Communion” that is special. Maybe it’s because of the word, “world”. The word helps me to imagine a large congregation in Kenya breaking bread in an outdoor worship space. I can see people standing in a line under some shade to receive the bread. Now, as I start to meditate on the idea, the picture changes. Now, I see in my mind’s eye, lots of people brightly dressed, *dancing* in a line to some joyful music under a bright sun.

I’ve never been to Kenya, though I have made friends from that country. I think about them sharing communion on the same day that we are passing bread and cup, and they seem closer to me. Instead of thinking that I’m one in two billion breaking bread, I feel as though the world just got smaller. I picture Christ passing the bread to each of us. Even when communion is distributed in a very orderly fashion, it still feels intimate to me. Christ is with us. He calls us to come because we are his friends and he knows that we need it. No matter what state of mind, on any given day, we are gathered as one.

I remember times when I used to sit in the chair for communion in seminary. Every Thursday morning, we would stop whatever we were doing at 10:00a.m. to attend worship and communion in chapel. Most weeks we would form two lines down the center row, break off some bread and dip it into the cup. Since the lines were long, there was time to sing a couple of hymns. Most days I would feel like singing. We would sing hymns until all were served. Then, we would all thank God together.

There were some days when I didn’t feel like singing. One morning after waiting in my chair/pew I began to sing the final verses before I realized that I was just tired. I stopped singing and closed my eyes. The others continued to sing and it was a holy moment as the voices enveloped me with music. I felt like they were carrying me...and through the spirit they were.

Communion is always...well, communal. It is personal, but never private. Christ calls us as individuals and gathers us as *one*. When we sing during communion, we sing our oneness.

Some days you may come to worship with a heavy heart. Maybe the week had one too many stressors, or perhaps you just want to *listen*...that’s ok. Oneness doesn’t mean a loss of the individual; rather it means the loss of *individualism* (focus on self). During the time of singing, if you feel like joining your voice with the others, great. When your body tells you to listen, then be silent – it may be the Spirit prompting you to listen. Listening *is* to participate.

***Peace, Pastor Jackie***

WORLD COMMUNION  
SUNDAY



## Youth Calendar

- September 24** - Youth Group 5:00p.m.
- September 27** - Confirmation Orientation Dinner for Confirmands/Parents/Mentors 5:30p.m. in the small dining room
- October 1** - Youth Group 5:00p.m.
- October 3** - Confirmation Trip to Elmhurst College Confirmation Day
- October 4** - CROP Walk
- October 8** - Youth Group 5:00p.m.

### Book Discussion Group

Book Discussion group will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 30 from 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m. in the parlor. Bring your lunch if you like. The first meeting of the season will be to discuss a meeting time for this year and a direction we would like the group to go. All are welcome. Last year, the group met every other week at 12:00p.m. on Wednesdays. Contact **Pastor Jackie** for details.

### Advent Craft Items Needed!

The Advent Festival committee is looking for 30-35 empty Pringles cans with lids. If you have any that you would be able to donate, please bring them to **Heidi's** office. Thanks!



First Congregational Church is needing to hire two (2) more nursery workers. If you, or someone you know, would like to apply, please see **Heidi** in the office for applications.

### Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Morning Bible Study meets Wednesday from 10:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. in the Colonial Parlor. **Pastor Jackie** provides a session handout that day. All are welcome. If participants will read the scripture ahead of time their study will be enhanced, but it is not required. Bring your Bible (multiple versions welcome). The study is designed for those who are able to pop in as their schedule will allow, as well as those who seek study as part of a weekly discipline. Lunch after is optional. All are welcome!

<b>Sept. 23</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50
<b>Sept. 30</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16
<b>Oct. 7</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

Whatever is true,  
 Whatever is honorable,  
 Whatever is just,  
 Whatever is pure ...  
 If there is anything  
*worthy of praise*  
 think about these things.

Philippians 4:8, NRSV



## *NEW Children's Worship*

First Congregational Church would like to announce Children's Worship, beginning Sunday, October 4, after the Early Word at the 9:00a.m. worship service. Once the Early Word is done, children ages 4 years through second grade are invited to go down to the large dining room, for their own service. When Children's Worship is finished, the children will be taken to their Church School classrooms, where they will have snack before Church School begins.

The purpose of Children's Worship is to be the "bridge" between nursery and worship-a time for the children to learn how to worship, what worship means, and to teach the elements of worship (including prayers, offering, hymns and songs, scripture, baptism, communion) at a level that the children can relate to. The hope is that by third grade, when the children get their Bibles, they will be able to follow along in the service, and have a better understanding of what worship is. Children's Worship is not meant to take the place of Church School, which is held at the 10:00a.m. education hour. Worship is a time to center on God, and to offer our praise and thanksgiving. Church School is education about the scriptures.

One of the elements that will be taught is offering. On the first Sunday of each month, there will be a Birthday Bank. This is a time when those who have birthdays during that month will bring the number of pennies equal to their age to put in the offering bank. At the end of the year, the children will get to decide a mission project toward which to put this money. On the rest of the Sundays during the month, they will learn that offering ourselves to God is just as important as offering money.

Please pray for this new venture, the volunteers on the Children's Worship Committee, and for the children who will be attending.



**Children's Worship 9:00a.m. ~ Ages 4 yrs. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

## Website News & Flu Shot Clinic

### Flu Shot Clinic & Blood Drive



This year, the flu clinic will be held on Monday, October 5 from 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m. in the parlor. There will be pneumonia shots available, as well as the flu shots. The flu shots cost \$35.00 and the pneumonia shots cost \$50.00. VNHA will bill all insurances, except Medicaid for the shots if you have your insurance card with you. They will also bill Medicare as well as Medicare Advantage Plans. We will also be holding our annual blood drive on the same date, Monday, October 5 from 3:00p.m.-6:30p.m. Sign up now in the library to schedule a time to donate. Contact **Sara McLees**, Parish Nurse if you have any questions.



### WEBSITE NEWS

We would like to put photos of recent church events on our website, but we do not have permissions from many people. We would appreciate all individuals/families to sign one of the following waivers and submit it to the church office as soon as possible. **Some individuals/families have signed these forms already.** If you think you have already submitted one, please call **Shannon Gruhlke** in the church office at 309.762.0787 to verify.

**We want our website to show how exciting it is to be a member of  
First Congregational Church. Get your permission in today!**

#### WAIVER

(If you agree to let us use photos with you in them, sign this top section.)

I(We) \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission to  
(please list all family members giving permission)

First Congregational Church UCC, Moline to publish photographs of myself (ourselves) and/or members of my (our) family on the church website ([www.fccmoline.org](http://www.fccmoline.org)).

I (we) understand that at any future date if I (we) wish to withdraw this permission, I (we) will inform the church in writing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Prayer List & Other Events

### *Please Pray For...*

#### *Friends & Family*

**Family of Elizabeth Swanson**, passed away September 6, Jo Jamieson's mother  
**Family of Beverly Mitchell**, passed away September 1, Larry Shellenberger's sister-in-law  
**Ron Smith**  
**Mary McKoon**, Assisted Living  
**Mary Woodburn**, Amber Ridge, Bill Frazier's aunt  
**Terry Frazier**, Bill Frazier's father  
**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 Church*

Bethany UCC, Tioga  
St. Paul UCC-Fowler, Ursa

#### *The Community*

The still suffering alcoholic

#### *The World*

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

#### *Those Serving in the Military*

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

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

### *Women's Connections Event*



Following a very enjoyable trip to the Lincoln Museum on September 15, ladies can look ahead to our next connection October 19. This will be a van trip to St. Luke's Methodist Church in Dubuque, Iowa where we will have a guided tour showcasing six significant tiffany stained glass windows. We will leave from the church at 9:00a.m., have lunch following the tour, and return by 2:30p.m. Sign up in the library.

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#### **Men's Golf Outing**

**October 11**

The Annual Men's Association Golf Outing is scheduled for October 11, 2009 at Golfmohr in East Moline. Lunch will be served at noon with golf beginning at 1:00p.m. Cost will be \$45.00 per person with 24 slots available. Please sign up during fellowship in the café or contact **David Hulme** at 563.514.1456 or [d.hulme@mchsi.com](mailto:d.hulme@mchsi.com).



Congratulations to **Dick & Carol Kroeger**, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 5. God Bless you on this wonderful milestone!

## *A Message from Your Parish Nurse...*

Peace and Good Health to You...

### **Annual FCC Blood Drive/Flu Shot Clinic**

You may recall, in our last newsletter it was announced that we will be having our flu shot clinic on Monday October 5. This year we will also be having our Annual Blood Drive on the same date. Both, VNHA and the Red Cross, have assured us that there is no reason both cannot be done on the same date, so please mark your calendar and join us on October 5 to donate blood and get a flu shot!

Quick facts about the need for blood:

- Every year in the US, four million people receive blood transfusions.
- One out of five people entering the hospital will need blood
- Every two seconds, someone needs blood
- Nearly 11,000 people a day receive blood transfusions. Many modern medical advances, such as organ transplants and effective cancer therapies, would not be possible without blood transfusions.
- Cancer patients use 19% of our community blood supply
- Heart disease patients use 16% of our community blood supply
- The volume of blood transfused is increasing at the rate of 6% every year

Mississippi Valley Blood Center has set our goal at 17 units. Please check the sign-up table to set up a donation time. If you have any questions contact me at 309.762.0787 or [SMclees@netexpress.net](mailto:SMclees@netexpress.net), or contact the Blood center at 1.800.747.5401 and ask to speak to a nurse in the donor room. Please contact me if you would be able to help supply refreshments (3-4 cookies and 6-8 oz of juice per donor)  
*Thank you for your participation!*

**Free Trinity diabetes screening:** Trinity and its Community Health Partners will offer a **free** diabetes screening from 7:00a.m.-9:00a.m., Monday through Friday, September 14-18 and September 21-25, at both, Trinity at Terrace Park, 4500 Utica Ridge Road, Bettendorf, and Trinity Visiting Nurse, and Homecare Association, 106 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 101, Moline.

According to the American Diabetes Association, there are 23.6 million people in the United States, or 8 percent of the population, who have diabetes.

The total prevalence of diabetes increased 13.5 percent from 2005-2007. The screening will consist of a questionnaire and fasting blood sugar test. The test is a standard finger-prick blood sugar test. To receive an accurate reading, those who participate **should not eat or drink anything except water for eight hours prior to testing.** Type II diabetes is a gradual disease. It develops over time and the symptoms develop slowly, so a person may not realize what is happening. It's important to diagnose diabetes in the early stages when even modest lifestyle changes can help combat its effects. The screening is open to everyone, but those who are strongly encouraged to participate include:

- People who are overweight
- Adults 45 years of age or older
- People with elevated blood pressure
- People who are physically inactive
- People with a family history of diabetes
- People who are Hispanic, African-American, Native-American or Asian American

The most common symptoms of diabetes include feeling tired or ill, having to urinate frequently, particularly at night and unusual thirst. While there isn't a cure for diabetes, this disease can be effectively managed. If a person is diagnosed early, receives correct treatment, watches what he or she eats and exercises regularly, the diabetes can be controlled and managed.

Remember to check the church website at <http://www.fcmoline.org> and go to the parish nurse blog for more community health programs and screenings.



**HELP!**

A blue velvet miniskirt from the 60's might have been returned to you instead of it's rightful owner. If you loaned clothes to the Tulip Luncheon Style Show, please check your closets. Call **Mary Mahar** at 309.762.3545 if you have it. Thank you!

**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.

**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



Coffee fellowship is being served by Diaconate Board in September

**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 September is **Pat Oberg**.



It's Our  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



On October 18, you are cordially invited by Red Wagon Staff & Board Members to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Red Wagon Pre-School & Daycare Center, a strong mission of First Congregational Church of Moline. First, bring your family to the 9:00a.m. Worship Service, then, come to Red Wagon's educational wing for the Red Wagon Open House starting at 10:00a.m. to view the facility, meet the staff, and have a look at what goes on at Red Wagon.

The clothing drive and distribution held on August 29 by the Hospitality Committee was a great success. We are very thankful for all the clothing items donated by our congregation. We would also like to thank **Barbara Jordan** and her **Silent Angels** for their generous donations. Thank you, also, to **Sunny & Jim Moorhusen, Jan & Al McCune, Shirley & Ron Poneleit, Janet Hemmingson, Kathy & Reid Odean, Bill Frazier, Dave Miller, Jo Jamieson**, and the **office staff** for all their hard work. The remaining clothing will be donated to various charities in need of clothing for the disadvantaged.

**Sonja Miller,**  
Hospitality Committee Chairman

## Missions & Miscellaneous

### The Wider Church...

What: Quad City **CROP WALK**  
When: Sunday, October 4 at Modern Woodman Park  
Time: Walk begins at 2:00p.m.  
Registration: 12:30p.m. to 2:00p.m.  
For more information contact: Churches United at 309.786.6494  
Local musician **Lojo Russo** to perform at 12:30p.m. until the walk.

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Thank you to the members of First Congregational Church, Moline for your 2008 contribution of \$27,151.00 for Basic Support of **Our Churches' Wider Mission**. Thank you again for your faithfulness and your commitment to our shared ministry. May God continue to guide us and lead us. May we continue to follow. - **Rev. Phil Hart**, Interim Conference Minister



Get this date on your calendar!  
**Saturday, November 7**

Because...  
**America's Got Chili!**

**This year's chili competition has all the makings of a really HOT event! Chefs out there, get your best chili recipe ready, and expect some new twists and turns this year because BAM! we are taking it up a notch!**

### "Recent Happenings" What is this?

This is the First Congregational Church Web page that highlights "Recent Happenings" in our church. You can write a summary about your group's event and even include digital pictures. We can post this article on the website for all to see. Think of it as PR for your group and our congregation. What better way to get people excited about our church but by showing the diverse activities available to the congregation and visitors.

When you are ready to publish a "Web Report", stop by the church office and pick up a Communications Committee flash drive. Save your written article and pictures to it and bring it back to the office. We recommend 2 - 20 pictures to go with the web report. So start snapping pictures of your events and become an FCC Reporter.

### Giving Report

as of August 31, 2009

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

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Monthly Budget Pledge Income Goal	\$ 38,663
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Monthly Actual Pledge Income Goal	\$ 38,176
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<b>August Actual Pledge Income</b>	<b>\$ 27,241</b>
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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.



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You will find this newsletter on our website: [www.FCCMoline.org](http://www.FCCMoline.org)

# Calendar

## Friday, September 18

7:30 pm Michl/Sommers Wedding, Sanctuary

## Saturday, September 19

1:00 pm McGuire Shower, Dining Rooms

5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

## Sunday, September 20

8:30 am Christian Hospitality Meeting, Parlor

9:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 am Fellowship, Café, Lower Level

10:10 am Church School

10:20 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Red Flames Room

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

## Monday, September 21

10:30 am Rock Island Historical Society, Dining Rooms

4:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting, Board Room

## Tuesday, September 22

6:00 pm Nova Singers Rehearsal, Sanctuary

7:00 pm Music Board Meeting, Café

7:00 pm Diaconate Board Meeting, Parlor

7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room

## Wednesday, September 23

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Parlor

3:00 pm Warm Fuzzies, Parlor

5:30 pm Youth Choirs, Music Room

7:15 pm Bells Rehearsal, Bell Room

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

## Thursday, September 24

10:00 am Prayer Group, Parlor

5:00 pm Youth Group TBA

## Saturday, September 26

5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

## Sunday, September 27

9:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 am Fellowship, Café, Lower Level

10:10 am Church School

10:20 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Red Flames Room

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

5:30 pm Confirmation Orientation Dinner, Small Dining Room

## Monday, September 28

1:00 pm Red Wagon Board Meeting, Parlor

6:30 pm Mary Kay Meeting, Parlor

## Tuesday, September 29

9:00 am Retired Folks, Village Inn, 53<sup>rd</sup> St., Moline

5:30 pm Visiting Friends Meeting, Parlor

7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room

## Wednesday, September 30

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Parlor

10:00 am Newsletter Mailing, Library

12:00 pm Book Discussion Group, Parlor

3:00 pm Warm Fuzzies, Parlor

5:30 pm Youth Choirs, Music Room

7:15 pm Bells Rehearsal, Bell Room

7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

## Thursday, October 1

9:30 am Card Ministry, Library

10:00 am Prayer Group, Parlor

5:00 pm Youth Group TBA

## Friday, October 2

6:00 pm Stewardship Kick Off & Auction, Arsenal Golf Club

## Saturday, October 3

10:00 am Habitat for Humanity, Dining Rooms

5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

## Sunday, October 4

**World Communion Day**

**Stewardship Kick Off**

**Neighbors In Need Collection**

**CROP Walk**

9:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 am Fellowship, Café, Lower Level

10:10 am Church School

10:20 am Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Red Flames Room

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

## Newsletter Article

### DEADLINES:

**Fridays 5:00p.m.**

**September 25**

**October 2**

**October 16**

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

**Email your items for the newsletter to [cminge@netexpress.net](mailto:cminge@netexpress.net)**



# Happy Birthday to...



## September

1. Faye White
2. Larry Wiebel  
Jeanne Rich  
France Driscal
3. Kathy Shepard  
Ella Christopher  
Jerry Siebersma
4. Buck Wendt  
Margaret Driscal
5. June Gustus
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7. Nicole Zude  
Mason Moorhusen
8. Emma Wichman  
Kathryn Goldsmith  
Jon Melin
9. Sue Lawson  
Katie Bopes  
John Grossman  
Pam Chapman
10. Adam Carlson  
Jeff Miller
11. Betty DeWispelaere
12. Amanda Miller  
Angela Foster
13. Barbara Trimble  
J. C. Millman
14. Mary Mason  
Sue Hahn  
Karsten Hulme  
Phyllis Hallene  
Scott Maranda  
Ashley Moore
15. Sue DeGrande  
Harriett Paschall
16. Ally Wichman
17. Gwen Johnson  
Alyssa McCormick  
Sarah Hillbloom  
Nancy Keller  
Brian Holtz
18. Alan Larsen
- 19.
20. Peg Smithers
21. Pam Engstrom  
Linda Gimble  
Jacqueline Perry
22. Bob McKay  
Suzan Rowley  
Ray Choudhry  
Brandon Bealer
23. Vicky Bealer  
Michelle Mampre  
Linda Shearer  
Shirley Poneleit
24. Sarah Ainswoth  
Chris King  
Christie Brown
25. William Geyer  
Claire Wallace
26. Betty Porter  
Ron Smith
27. Joan Nerdahl  
Shelley Reed Dorner  
Whitney Granet  
Parker Marchant
28. Lara Grossman
29. Karen Koenig  
Josh Oberg  
Kayla Dinquel  
Deanna Warpehoski  
Carolyn Byrnes
30. Kimberly Franck  
Becky Neighbors  
Nolan Wandrey  
Adam DeMont  
Jeff Nelson

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



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