April Sidebar 2015

Bacon & Eggs!
The chicken makes a contribution; the pig makes a commitment.

Recently the eight year old toilet in our home had a problem with the handle extension on the inside of the tank breaking. The breaking it seems, happened because the “plunger” that raises during the flushing operation and lowers to seal off the flow of water was ineffective due to eight years of wear and tear. I thought to myself, How difficult can it be to replace the plunger ‘thingy?’

So off to the hardware store I went to find a new plunger (I’m not certain that is the proper terminology so I hope you know what I am writing about.) I found one identical to the one that came with the toilet. I read the directions and reviewed the artist’s rendering. Simple enough. Shut off the water source. check
Remove the hose from the tank. check
Flush to empty the tank. There will be some water remaining. Remove with a sponge. check
Remove three tank bolts. check
Remove tank from toilet and lay on it’s back. check (This is a good time to clean behind the toilet!)
Unscrew the large nut from the bottom of the tank that holds the plunger in place. check
Set the tank upright, remove the plunger and rubber ring. check The rubber sealing ring was deteriorated to the point of useless!
Install the new plunger and reset the rubber ring - thankfully it came with a replacement ring!
Carefully align the tank over the tank bolt holes and the toilet ring. check
Re-use or replace the tank bolts. (I re-used because they looked fine to me.) check
Do not over tighten! check
Re-connect the intake water source. check
Turn on water! LEAKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

After three trips to the hardware store for replacement tank bolts, washers, rubber rings and leaks following every attempt (I must inform you that there were fewer leaks following every removal and replacement) it finally stopped leaking on the fourth try. Next time I’ll call my plumber.

In the 12th chapter of Paul’s letter to the Christians in Corinth he compares the Church to a body and maybe this is where we decided the Church is The Body of Christ. In the chapter Paul compares the Church members and officers to human body parts, where none are better than the others and all are needed for the body to function. All parts make a necessary but insufficient contribution. All the parts of the body need each other interdependently to be well and live.

We need plumbers, lawyers, police officers, fire fighters, teachers, doctors, sales persons, mechanics, singers, administrators, cooks, dishwashers, refuse collectors, scientists, counselors, social workers, secretaries, computer specialists, etc. First Congregational Church of Tallmadge, UCC needs you: Board member, administrator, choir director, librarian, cook, dish washer, gardener, hostess, greeter, usher, youth advisor, fund raiser, electrician, florist, caring for others, teacher, prayer partner, etc.

We can’t all be plumbers (and some of us should never try) but we are all needed. The chicken makes a contribution but the pig is “all in” with a commitment. Are you a pig or a chicken?

Just askin’

Love, Dr. J
Hello Friends,

Well, the weather is changing! How wonderful 55 degrees feels in comparison to the chilly nights that dipped into the teens just weeks ago. In the spring, we can find ourselves wearing t-shirts and shorts in 55 degree weather, while in the same 55 degree weather in the fall we reach for the sweater and slippers to ward off the chill. Though the temperature is the same, our perspective of it is different because of where we came from, either the chilly snowy nights or the hot humid air of the midday sun in summer. Our perspectives change.

In life, we are all in need of a new perspective. Jesus’ disciples got many new perspectives on life as they learned from Christ how they should treat others and live their lives. Their idea and view on the tax changed when Jesus told them, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” Their perspective changed. They began by looking at things the way humans see them, not how God sees them. Speaking of taxes, (since we all just paid ours by April 15th), a gentleman’s comment on them changed my own perspective. He said, “I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means that I am employed.” Now that is a great way of finding blessing in things we often are discouraged by.

There are many things to be thankful for, even those which frustrate us. We just need a new perspective on them. I can be thankful for….

The clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
A lawn that has to be mowed, windows that have to be washed and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
The spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
All the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.
The lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.
The huge piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.
The alarm that goes off early in the morning hours because it means I’m alive.

Yes, a new perspective is such a wonderful thing. It frees us, it liberates us, and gives us a new opportunity. Usually a new perspective allows us to be more tolerant, loving, accepting, and compassionate towards others. This spring, as we dust off our shelves, and do a little spring cleaning, perhaps we can throw out some of our old views in favor of new ones, and new perspectives. We can do a little cleaning in our hearts and souls to sweep out our preconceived notions, judgments, and negative attitudes and usher in fresh ideas, happy thoughts and positive outlooks on other people and situations. Perhaps we trade in our human viewpoints for God’s viewpoints. Who knows how our lives will be changed! Remember, it’s all about perspective! (See picture at right)

Blessings, Pastor Sarah
“Some people, in order to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things. Look above you! Look below you! God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?”

~St Augustine (354-430)

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22 each year and this year I invite you to participate as a spiritual practice. We read in scripture that God created the heavens and the earth and said, “It is good!’ Creation is a wonderful blessing to us that we often take for granted. The blue sky, the soft rains, the grassy fields, the birds of the air, and the worms in the earth are all carefully created and designed by our God. And they along with us are created to glorify, praise and worship our Lord.

One way Creation does this is through prayer. The earth prays! It gives praise: “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises” (Ps. 98:4). It prays lament: “We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now” (Rom. 8:22). All creation prays and in doing so, as we listen, calls us into prayer. We see the mighty works of God in the world around us and cannot help but be drawn into wonder about our majestic Creator.

This Earth Day, I invite you to engage with Creation. This can be done through a walk outside, studying a leaf, opening a window and breathing the fresh air and hearing the birds sing, going for a hike and planting seeds to see them burst forth in bloom. Let us hear the songs of praise from Nature and join in shouts of joy at the baby birds learning to fly, awe at the mystery of an acorn growing into an old oak tree, and even lament at the destruction of our beautiful lands.

Perhaps as we pray with Creation, we can think of more ways to care for it as we have been called to do by God. We can plant a tree, sign a petition against pollution, we can buy recycled paper goods, and recycle items in our house instead of throwing them in the trash. Through our actions, we can live out our prayers, not only praising God with our voices, but in caring for the earth.

May this Earth Day bring you into a deeper relationship with our Creator and the beautiful Creation that surrounds us.
**YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP MEETING**

Parents and students are asked to come to our second meeting to go over Mission trip specifics on April 30th at 7:00PM.

1st Payment of $125 due May 3rd

Any questions, please see Pastor Sarah.

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**Scholarships**

College Scholarships for high school, college and adults pursuing continued education, scholarships are now available. Applications are due Sunday, April 26th.

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**High School Fellowship Schedule**

**Bowling**

(for those NOT on the Boston Trip)

April 26, 11:30AM-2:00PM

**Whirlyball**

May 17, 5-8PM

$20, we will get food on the way

**Youth Group 2015-16 Planning with Youth Fellowship**

May 31, 11AM-NOON

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**STARLIGHT RANCH DINNER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

Saturday May 2, 5-9PM

We are in need of volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up. Pizza will be provided for dinner! Come help out Mission and Social Action Committee as we support the Youth Mission Trip to Missouri!

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**ATTENTION GRADUATES!**

**Scholarship Application Due**

April 26th

**Graduate Dessert Night**

May 7, 7PM

Parents: please email Pastor Sarah four pictures of your graduate!

**Graduation Sunday**

May 24, 10AM service
Faith and Family
Each month, families with young children are invited to come together at a social event. For the month of May, we are inviting everyone to come to our outdoor worship experience on May 17. We will gather at Tallmadge Meadow’s Metro Park at 12:00 PM. Bring your lawn chair and your dog if you wish. God gave us beautiful parks in the area, let’s take advantage of them.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.” John 15:5

Boy Scout Rummage Sale
Once again, the Boy Scouts are hosting a Rummage Sale on May 29-30. If you have items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the church beginning on Wednesday, May 27. If you need someone to pick up items, contact Wendy Brown in the church office and it will be arranged. Last year this proved to be a great fund raiser for the troop and we hope it will be the same this year.

Sunday School
April 26- Cherry Choir- end of the year party
May 3- Last day for Confirmation Classes
May 10- Confirmation Sunday
May 17- Last day for Sunday School Classes
May 24- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL or CHOIRS
May 31- One worship service, 9:30 AM
     One Room School House Sunday School during worship. This will go throughout summer. One room school house is for children age 3 through 3rd grade in room 207.

Middle School Fellowship
We are done until September. We are going to try and plan a joint event with the High School Fellowship over the summer, so watch for details. It was a great year and I am so thankful to have a deeper relationship with each of you because of our time together. 8th Graders, have fun in the high school group.

Vacation Bible School
You are invited to MOVE, ACT, CARE, FOLLOW and SHARE at G-Force: God’s Love in Action Vacation Bible School. Children age 4 through 5th grade (grade you just completed) are welcome to explore and experience serving God and others with active love. The fun begins June 21 and ends June 25 from 6-8 PM. The adventures includes music that will energize your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science projects, cool crafts, hands- on mission work, delicious snacks, and great games. To register, there will be VBS registration forms on the welcome center beginning May 1.

If you just finished 6th grade or higher, I need helpers that week also. If you can help with our small groups of children, we always need many helpers. You too, will need to register, just mark, HELPER, across the top of the registration form.
We never know what a year will bring in our lives. I am experiencing something I never thought of happening to me. I could not imagine the situation I would be dealing with. The other thing I did not realize was how much support by cards, prayers, visits, and phone calls I would receive from my church friends. How encouraging it has been for me. This congregation is fantastic in the support they give to those in need. I am grateful to have received all the support. Thank you again and God Bless you all and your individual families. Larry Bagnoli

Dear Congregation: On behalf of everyone at Haven of Rest Ministries, I want to thank you for the personal care items you helped us with last month. We want to let you know how very much we appreciated it and that you've made a difference in the lives of many men, women, and children who are helped through the Mission. We thank the Lord for your partnership. Please call me any time people in your church family would enjoy having an in-depth tour of Haven of Rest Ministries. It’s always my delight to sharing the many free programs and services that help individuals back onto their feet and restore hope. May the Lord bless you with joy for helping to further His kingdom through Haven of Rest!

Your sister in Christ, Rose Rose (Community & Church Relations at Haven of Rest Ministries.)

Thank you for the beautiful flowers in honor of Herbert. W. Freyman. Sincerely, the Freyman family

Dear Congregation,
Thank you for the flowers and all the nice sympathy cards that you sent after my father, Jerry Feezel passed away. Linda Bors

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your most generous donation of $1,000 from your Christmas offering! We will use your gift to continue to spread the love of Jesus to the people of Summit Lake– we are very grateful for your kindness! Sincerely, Miller Avenue UCC

Thanks so much for the planter the Church sent. It was beautiful! We thank all the congregation who came to the calling hours. Thanks so much to Judy and Don Woerz for the Church donation. Thanks too for all the beautiful cards of sympathy. In Christian Love, Betty Gulledge and Family

Dear First Congregational Church Family & Dr. Schluep, Thank you for all of the support and care shown to Lillian. The planter was beautiful and very much appreciated. The Church family was a very important part of her life and she enjoyed all the cards and visits. A special thank you to Dr. John for your visits, care and words of encouragement. The Cochran Family.

Dear Friends, I would like to thank pastor Sarah for her visit and prayers before my surgery. Thank you to my friends for all the visits, cards and calls. God Bless You all, Barb Stutler

Dear Church, Ron and I sure do justice to Olive Garden. Thank you for the generous gift card and for the opportunity to be of service. Hope Mitchell
"I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you" ~ Romans 1:8

Dear Friends,

Thank you doesn’t seem to be enough for the most wonderful and touching Installation service and reception on Sunday. It meant so much to look out and see so many members of my new church family smiling back at me as we covenanted to serve God together. The reception was beautiful and the food was delicious! This church sure does know how to throw a party! I was so happy to have my family meet all of you and they could not stop talking about how wonderful the people here are. I truly felt surrounded by love throughout the whole day and I will cherish it always. Thank you for welcoming me to your church family and I look forward to all the memories we will make together.

Blessings and love,
Pastor Sarah

INSTALLATION RECEPTION THANK YOU

My sincere appreciation to 7 amazing women for their vision and implementation of this memorable and elegant celebration: Janet Davis, Betty Cottrill, Linda Kester, Jackie Mohr, Carol Myers, Susan Schunk and Cherie Wade, Your attention to our vision down to the smallest detail is a testimony of what GOD’s people can do when they work together in harmony. A thousand thank-yous are not enough. I would be remiss if I did not include Teresa Snyder, Tom Kester and Gary Myers for their help in the kitchen that day. Thank you to John Kinzel for the beautiful artwork, Jim Harris for photography, Renee Crighton for the special cake and gluten free cookies and the ladies of the church for cookies and crackers.

My grateful thank you to the members of the Associate Pastor Search Committee. The first meeting on May 21, 2014 charged us with the task of reading ministerial profiles, allowing the Holy Spirt and the hand of GOD to guides us in calling the person best suited to meet the needs of the congregation. Then to complete the process with a service of Installation and reception for the newly called Associate Pastor. You never waivered from your commitment and dedication to the congregation or any duty asked of you, including cleanup at the reception. It has been my privilege to serve with you. Thanks be to God for leading Pastor Sarah to become part of our church family.

Blessings, Sandy Farabee, Chair Associate Pastor Search Committee
News from Family Promise

Our next hosting at Northwest Church is May 3rd. The Zion Apostolic Church in North Hill is going to be a support church with us. It will be good to have more people involved. If you would like to join us, please see Betty Cottrill or call 330-923-8517.

We are very excited about our new van which was donated by Northern Ohio Golf Charities, and it is in service now. We will keep the old van and fix it up so that we can help the families move into their new housing when needed.

Thanks to everyone who donated money for our walk Back On Your Feet, we collected $192.00. It was a good day for a walk, although we didn’t have as many people as last year, we raised $7,673.00. Janet McCauley, our daughter Vicki, granddaughter, Macie, Jim and I walked. Had a great time. There was a group of people recovering from strokes there, some of them walked a short distance, but one man walked the whole way, we were very proud of him.

Bob Evans is continuing to have our fundraiser once a month. The flyers are on the Welcome Center, and they have all the days for the whole year on them. Take as many as you would like. We raised between $700.00 and $800.00 last year. Thanks to everyone for supporting Family Promise, it means so much to so many people.

BOOKMARKS

Hello to Everyone,

I sincerely hope you had a wonderful Easter and were able to attend our meaningful and moving messages at our services.

I have a couple books to tell you about. The first one is “Bryson City Tales” by Dr. Walt Larimore. A story about a young physician, just out of Duke University, wanting to pursue a career of family practice. He and his wife choose the small town of Bryson City N.C. He soon learns his latest medical knowledge is not always appreciated in rural N.C. He also finds he’s not only a family doctor; he is also a corner, OBGYN (not limited to humans). Also finds you do not question or cross Louise, the ER nurse. And he must deal with Helen who is a very strong and opinioned nurse with her “own” ways to treat certain illnesses and injuries and not his new state of art knowledge from Duke.

Has a lot of laugh out loud reading. There are many colorful characters and unusual situations. One of the funniest events is the birth of his second child. He is in for a big surprise and so humorous. A good read, funny, sad, interesting spiritual, life and death events.

The second book is “One Summer” by David Baldacci. This novel is a very different read than his usual books. It starts with the life of terminally ill, Jack, he is trying so hard to live until Christmas…counting down each day. Then a terrible tragedy happens when the wife dies in a car accident. Desperate to keep his family together and take care of his children and heal the family, he moves them all to the childhood home of his wife on the ocean in S.C. There a miracle happens to Jack and he slowly heals. It is a struggle to rebuild their lives and how to become a loving caring family again. A good book!!

Have several Vietnam books recently given to the library. Come and take a look at them. Be thankful you can read and have so many choices of books.

Blessings,

Jo

“The books that help you the most are those which make you think the most.”

Theodore Parker
Called to Serve

As a covenant community we respond to the call to serve in the name of Jesus Christ through the many and varied ministries of First Congregational Church of Tallmadge, UCC. The service is in the form of teaching a Sunday School class, directing a choir, operating the sound board, serving meals at Miller Ave. UCC, volunteering at Family Promise or Faithful Servants Urgent Care. Others offer prayers and send cards to our homebound members and friends. The list is long! Each ministry is an extension of our Boards of Ministry and Fellowship Groups. The Boards of Ministry meet on the second Tuesday evening each month (July exception) to plan, organize, prepare, and act. The boards meet at 7:00 p.m. for devotions and conduct their board ministry business from 7:15 to 8:15. The Executive Council is made of board chairs and meets at 8:15 when the board members are excused. Currently a Nominations Committee has been formed to invite you to serve on a board of ministry for 1 to 3 years depending on your availability. Below is a brief description of each board. Should you be interested in serving please contact a committee member or me. Thank you.

Dr. John

Board of Christian Education Ministry: Creates, directs and manages the entire Christian Education Ministry area including Breakfast with Santa, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation I, II and works with Wendy Brown and Rev. Sarah Courtney. Contact Kathy Buser 330.289.1561

Board of Social Action and Missions Ministry: Is responsible for the ongoing service to area organizations united to be Christ present in the wider community. This board also informs the congregation on Social Justice issues facing our nation and world. Rev. Sarah Courtney works with this board. Contact Mindy Hill 330.671.1519

Board of Trustee’s Ministry: Is responsible for the care and maintenance of our church grounds and building. They make repairs and plan capital improvements. Our building has over 1,000 people weekly who use our building, so the building itself becomes a statement of our faith in Jesus Christ. Dr. John Schluep works with this board. Contact Richard Thomason 330.208.0891

Board of Stewardship Ministry: Is responsible for overseeing the finances of our church (budget, raising the funds, investments, and caring for God’s creation as His stewards.) This board is involved in the “business” side of ministry: contract services, and watching spending. Mr. Bill Hoover and Rev. John Schluep work with this board. Contact Tim Burns 330.703.4807

Board of Deacon’s Ministry: Is responsible for the multi-faceted pastoral and spiritual care ministries, the conduct of worship, special services of worship, and membership care and evangelism (telling others about Jesus Christ and our church.) Dr. John Schluep works with this board. Contact Larry Clarke 330.630.2484

Board of Music Ministry: Is responsible for the music programs, choirs, and the development of ministry through the music of our church. Ms. Nancy Robinson works with this board. Contact Fred Pedersen 330.714.9102 or Annette Pedersen 330.388.7894
ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregators will meet on Tuesday, May 5th, 12 noon at Sammie’s 498 South Ave. Tallmadge.

All God’s Children – May 5, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
A supportive group for families and friendships with people who are gay, lesbian, transgender, and bisexual (GLBT) within our congregation. We meet in the Heritage Room every month on the 1st Tuesday.

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group
Tuesday, April 28th, at 11:00 A.M.

“The Alzheimer’s Association’s Caregiver Support Groups are designed to provide emotional, educational and social support for caregivers through regularly scheduled meetings. They help participants develop methods and skills to solve problems. The groups encourage caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical and emotional health, as well as optimally care for the person with dementia.”

Project Summit presents:

Wounded Warrior amputee softball team in a Double Header against Akron Fire Dept & The Akron Racers:
Saturday, June 20, 2015
Firestone Stadium: 1575 Firestone Parkway, Akron, OH
Tickets are $10 each.

It’s that time again...
Board secretaries, Committee chairs, Moderator, Church Clerk, Pastoral staff, Finance, etc. – The “Annual Reports” of the past fiscal year’s activities (June 2014 – May 2015) are due in the office by Sunday, May 24, 2015. Following the May 12th Board meetings, please review your activities and submit a typed report (keep to one page if possible). You may email it as an attachment to tallmadgefcc@sbcglobal.net or drop it off in my mail box in the copy room. Thank you for your year of dedication to your church, Nancy Beken

ROUND UP TIME
AT THE
STARLIGHT RANCH
SATURDAY. MAY 2, 2015
6:30 PM
ENJOY GREAT ENTERTAINMENT
AND DELICIOUS BUFFET
Please sign up in the Atrium To benefit our adult and youth missions
CHURCH WORK DAY
SATURDAY, May 2nd, 8 AM-12 NOON
Spring is here. The Trustees have scheduled an outside workday for May 2. We are hoping to clean up limbs, leaves, and debris in the yard and flower beds. There is a signup sheet at the Welcome Center. Having an idea of how many will be here helps us to organize ahead of time for how much we can get accomplished. Prayerfully consider giving some of your time and talents on May 2nd. A member of Trustees will call to remind you. Thank you and God Bless, The Board of Trustees Ministry.

Yarning for Peace will meet on Monday, May 11 at 7:00 PM in the David Bacon room. We are in need of people who would like to knit or crochet prayer shawls for this tangible ministry. If you don't knit/crochet then you could help by preparing the shawls to be delivered. Please consider joining us in May to find out more about what we do.

Come, Join Our Big Beautiful – United Church of Christ
This summer for the Biannual General Synod in Cleveland
Be a loving, caring volunteer June 26-30

- Information and Communication Desk
- Registration and Check-in
- Exhibit Hall Support
- Floor Stewards
- Badge and Credential Checkers
- Recorder For Committee Business
- Delegate and Guest Welcome
- Welcome and Reception At Local Hotels
- Children's Program and Childcare
- Local Transportation For GS VIPs
- Ushers For Worship Services
- Volunteer Recruitment and Scheduling
- Volunteer Services
- General Synod Staff Office Help

See Mike Collins at the General Synod Information Table
Or send him an email at mikecollinsae@gmail.com

Partners in Ministry - Article Two
When Jesus gave the "Great Commission," the people went forth using their faith, the education they had, the means of communication of their day, and their limited way of travel. Similarly today, we serve our Lord in the United Church of Christ, using the abilities God has given us, and are in this world seeking to be faithful in discipleship and service.

Those who have been called into the ordained ministry of the United Church of Christ have accepted a great responsibility. Those who have been called to serve as lay leaders of the church do so with equal responsibility. In harmony with each other and with God, both are uniquely called to further the work of the church of Jesus Christ.

Our duty lies in assisting each other in fulfilling these commitments to our Lord and to our church. It is in this spirit that the Eastern Ohio Association offers the Partners in Ministry program for those who through training would like to better equip themselves for ministry. Contact Dr. John with any questions about Partners in Ministry.
Men's & Women's Ministries

Men's Ministry Announcement: Next Meeting Sat May 16th

All Men of the church are welcome to attend our next Men's Ministry meeting. Please join us for a great opportunity to gather for some topics of discussion, followed by a time of Fellowship. Let this be a time to meet some new people, as well as grow spiritually together! Men of all ages are welcome to attend...look for more details in the upcoming Bulletins!

Please join us at:
Panera Bread 689 Howe Ave, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 We will purchase our own food as we arrive.
May Meeting: Saturday, May 16th: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Questions? Tim Burns timburns999@gmail.com (330) 703-4807

TEA WITH HOPE MITCHELL

Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Tea on Thursday, May 7th at 2:00 in the afternoon. Our own, talented Hope Mitchell will be presenting an adventure in music for your enjoyment. Everyone is welcome. As always, we would appreciate your registration at the Welcome Center in the atrium. There will be no charge for this event. The Women's Fellowship would like to use this event as a thank you for all the donations and food that have been given by the women of our church over the last year. There will be a door prize. Please come and join us for a fun day.

SPRING SPECTACULAR

WNI will collaborate with Daytime Women's Fellowship for our annual tablescapes and potluck supper which will be held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm. in the Atrium. Anyone who wishes may create a table theme. A sign-up sheet will be available before and after church on the Sundays of April 26 and May 3, for those who wish to participate. We are asking those whose last names begin with A-J to bring a main dish, K-R bring a salad, and S-Z bring dessert that will serve 8-10 people. Serving Utensils are provided by the church.

Our featured speaker for this event is Dr. Deborah Plate. Program chairs for this spring spectacular are Susan Schunk and Marie Zimmer. Please come and enjoy this lovely spring event!
The Prayer Chain Connection.
There are ten church members dedicated to service through praying for individual’s concerns and celebrations. Prayer requests may be known by filling out a yellow colored prayer card and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or in the prayer box in the narthex. You may wish to call Dorothy Taylor at 330.633.3008 or Karen Sauerbrey at 330.920.1285. Thank you.

**Condolences:**

**Deepest sympathy** to Robert (Rosemary) Cochran, Mitchell (Debbie) Cochran, Richard Sprague (Lisa), and their families on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, Lillian Cochran. Lillian passed away on March 21, 2015. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 28, 2015. The Rev. Dr. John Schluep officiated.

**Deepest sympathy** to Judy Salmond and family on the loss of Jim. Jim Salmond passed away on April 17, 2015. A memorial service was held on April 22, 2015 at the First Congregational Church. The Rev. Dr. John Schluep officiated.

**Sincere sympathy** to the family and friends of Janet Forshey who passed away on April 17, 2015. A memorial service will be held on April 23, 2015 at the Donovan Funeral home at 3 p.m. The Rev. Dr. John Schluep officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:30 – 3 p.m. prior to the service.
UPCOMING SUNDAYS/SERVICES

**Preaching Schedule:**

- **April 26**  Dr. John Schluep
- **May 3**   Rev. Sarah Courtney
- **May 10**  Dr. John Schluep
- **May 17**  Dr. John Schluep
- **May 24**  Dr. John Schluep

**Altar Flowers**

- **April 26** Haynes/Crighton
- **May 3** Mohr
- **May 10** Buser
- **May 17** Buser
- **May 24** Dodge

**Acolytes**

- **April 26**  Maddy Galloway
- **May 3** Nicholas Hargrove, Parker Ramp
- **May 10** Max Drummond, Hannah Carlton
- **May 17** Jake Kanatzar, Madalyn Parry
- **May 24** Derek Peters

**April 26** Mike & Lori Bell, Jim & Jana Caplinger
- **May 3** Jim & Carolyn Mackey, Jo and Carle Wyler
- **May 10** Jim & Kendal Taylor, Loretta & Dick Jirsa
- **May 17** Patsy & George Lowe, Eleanor Hall, Barbara Botimer
- **May 24** Don & Judy Woerz, Julie Long, Barbara Stutler

**March 22**
- 8:30 Worship 49
- 10 am Worship 225

**March 29**
- 8:30 Worship 50
- 10 am Worship 242

**April 2**
- Maundy Thursday 91

**April 5**
- Sunrise Service 48
- 8:30 Worship 112
- 10 am Worship 340

**April 12**
- 8:30 Worship 45
- 10 am Worship 247

**April 19**
- 8:30 Worship 37
- 10 am Worship 266

**General Operating Fund Note:** During March, 2015, receipts of $41,781 were ($1,324) below the monthly budget. Actual expenses for March were $41,612 leaving a surplus for the month of $169 and a year-to-date deficit of ($10,125). Operating expense is $1,100 under budget year-to-date, which is good news considering the winter-seasonal increase of many expenses. However, operating revenue is now ($11,224) under budget, primarily due to the level of Faith Offerings during February. Our cumulative Operating Fund Deficit sits at ($37,888). Signing up for electronic transfers is an easy way to meet your monthly pledge goals and to pre-arrange regular purchases of SCRIP cards. Faith Offerings can also be mailed to the Church Office. Please continue to support the SCRIP Program for both your day-to-day and big ticket purchases.

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**FCCoT Monthly Operating Income vs. Expense**

- Monthly Budget = $43,105
- 2015 Revenue

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