

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Centering Prayer** will continue on the third Thursday of each month. In October we will meet on October 19 at 6 p.m. These sessions are led by Jeff Smith; all are welcome!
- **Men's Breakfast** meets at Mama's Place at 8:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday mornings!

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The Good News

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Diversity Sunday October 15

On Sunday, October 15, we will have our annual Diversity Sunday when, once again, members of Trine University's Multicultural Student Organization will be with us.

Under the leadership of Deb McHenry, the students will share their thoughts on

diversity as they also share a part of their stories with us.

Plan to join us for this wonderful Sunday worship experience! ❤️



NE Association to Meet at FCUCC

The Northeast Association of the Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the United Church of Christ will meet at FCUCC on Sunday, October 15.

Fellowship and refreshments will begin at 2:00 p.m. with the business meeting to begin at 2:30 p.m. Our guest will be our new conference minister, the Reverend Chad Abbot, who will talk about the current state of the conference.

All are invited to attend the meeting and meet Chad. ❤️

We need cookies for the NE Association meeting! If you are willing to provide some, please let the office know.



The Story of the Night Watchman

By Anne Eddy

The call for help went out, and 13 church members answered. In an effort to preserve the costly work of a newly poured concrete parking lot, volunteers took 2-hour shifts through the night, and as representatives of the church, became an integrated part of the community. They report that the best part of this

volunteer effort was an opportunity to visit with other church members at the change of their shift. But their stories tell us even more.

Dave Syler, 4 to 6 p.m., was surprised at the lack of foot traffic at that time. One man passed who stopped and asked directions to the library.

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Lynn Syler, from her view nestled under the pine tree, barely survived the concrete dust as the workers finished their job.

Anne Eddy, 6 to 8 p.m., filled the time pulling weeds and watering in the chapel garden, greeting the AA folks as they arrived and headed out for a smoke, while John Eddy took care of the important things, like talking parking lot business with Veryl Carpenter.

Gary VandenElst, 8 to 10 p.m., reports his most exciting experience was a long visit with Veryl Carpenter. All was quiet the rest of his shift.

Jill and Paige Powers and their **dog**, 10 p.m. to midnight, noticed people were on their way TO the bar. Paige thought the watchman situation a bit scary and felt certain that the weirdos come out at 11 p.m. They met their challenge. No matter how they explained it, the guy in the “Rosta” basketball shorts just couldn’t grasp the concept of wet concrete. Next, the girl with the backpack slipped past them onto the concrete before they could warn her, all their hand-signals were in vain, but the surface was dry. No damage done!

Heather Burkett and **Kristy Couch**, midnight to 2 a.m., also saw people who were headed TO the bar. The instinctive attraction to new concrete surfaced on their shift. A passerby spied the concrete and without words, ran as fast as he could to make his mark. Heather cried, “NO!” but he got

to the concrete before she could stop him. Too late! Fortunately the concrete surface was dry! And a neighborhood cat, in an act of defiance, listened to her direction, then perched himself exactly where she had said NOT to go.

The graveyard shift proved to be the most exciting!

Dave and Bonnie Snyder, 2 to 4 a.m., set their alarms, and to their surprise discovered how much night life takes place in Angola. They noticed how well-lit the downtown and the church property are. In the 3 a.m. closing of the bar, they met the foot traffic of 40 to 50 Trine students heading back to campus. Bonnie described the students as “friendly and well-mannered” as they helped each other home. Dave laughed as he

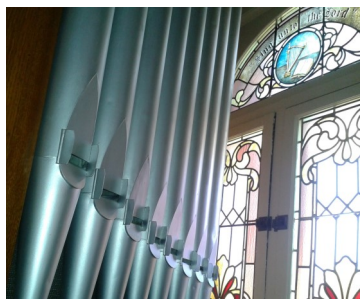
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Donations Needed for Parking Lot Project

Our new parking lot - and improved drainage away from our building - will cost a total of nearly \$80,000 with \$41,000 already paid from our Capital Campaign fund. That leaves a little under \$40,000 for us to raise by the end of the calendar year. If you would like to donate to this project, please so indicate on your check. We hope everyone will help us complete this much needed project!

News in Brief



No-Book Book Study

We are gathering for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays at Auntie V's - with no agenda and no book to read! Just come for fun conversation!

Women In Black

Women in Black will stand on Saturday, October 14, in front of the courthouse.

Folk are invited to gather from 10 to 11 a.m. and stand in protest of war and domestic violence. WIB is an international movement to end all forms of violence.

Soup & Scripture

Pastor Deb will lead a Soup & Scripture session at Cahoots

each Tuesday at 12 noon. Join us for a look at the lectionary scriptures for the next Sunday.

Friday Prayer Group

The Friday Morning Prayer Group meets each Friday at 9:00 a.m. at Cahoots. All are welcome to be a part of this group.

Women's Book Study will begin meeting again on Tuesday, October 10, at 2:00 p.m. We will be discussing Anne Lamott's Plan B - Further Thoughts on Faith.

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recalled the fun the boys and girls were having, laughing, staggering, boys carrying their girlfriends who couldn't walk. The Venue shuttle service passed several times. Keeping the students off the parking lot without walking into traffic was the biggest challenge. As the night quieted, Dave and Bonnie spent the rest of their shift counting the time between trucks on Maumee Street.



Pete Groth, 4 to 6 a.m., said his shift was uneventful. He acknowledged the value of the preventative measure of watchmen on duty and noted that the lights of the property were a deterrent. **Ron Hays**, the Visiting Angel, stopped by bringing ginger cookies, and had a nice chat.

Dick Powers, 6 to 8 a.m., enjoyed a long visit with Pete Groth. Dick walked the property, assessed the work done, and felt confident that the concrete could have handled a semi-truck.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries



2 – Claudia Camargo
3 – Dylan Lejeune
4 – Kimberly Lejeune
5 – Donna Hankins

8 – Lois McEntarfer
10 – Gayle Newton
11 – Jane Papsdorf
14 – Marge Mueller
15 – Andy Boneff
16 – Cec Shultz
17 – Doug Robinett
18 – Taylor Byrne
18 – Cate Grandlienard
29 – Norma Baker



6 – Steve and Marilyn Newman
19 – Dick and Jill Powers

October Volunteers

Youth Group will kick off Sunday, October 8, after church with a trip to Ridenour Acres!

PULSE resumes on November 19!

Date	Liturgist	Greeters	Children's Sermon
Oct 01	Rita Lechleidner	Karen Miller and Jennifer Decker	Michelle Olson
Oct 08	Marty Diller	Powers family	Celia Motz
Oct 15	Jim McEntarfer	Celia Motz and Sue Myers	Vicki Harris
Oct 22	Lois McEntarfer		Rita Lechleidner
Oct 29	Lynn Simons	John and Judy Behee	Mari Lilley

Date	Usher	Refreshments	Counter
Oct 01	Ralph McDowell	Sponsored by Bev Gerner	Gary VandenElst
Oct 08	Ralph McDowell		Dave Syler
Oct 15	Ralph McDowell	Evergreen Parish Group	John French
Oct 22	Ralph McDowell	Eyster/Harris /Mueller families	Marge Mueller
Oct 29	Ralph McDowell	Red Parish Group	Ralph McDowell

Upcoming This Fall!



October 15 - Diversity Sunday

October 15 - NE Association meets at FCUCC

November 19 - *PULSE* with Christina Krueckeberg

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

October Calendar

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| <p>1 - Worship 10:00 a.m.
 - Youth Sunday school 10:15 a.m.
 3 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Mama's Place
 4 - Bell and Chancel Choir 5:45 and 7:00 p.m.
 6 - Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Cahoots
 8 - Worship 10:00 a.m.
 - Youth Sunday school 10:15 a.m.
 - Council meets 11:15 a.m.
 - Youth Group after church trip to Ridenour Acres
 10 - Soup & Scripture 12 noon Cahoots
 - Women's Book Study 2:00 p.m. Pastor Deb's Office
 11 - No-Book Book Club 8:00 a.m. Auntie V's
 - Bell and Chancel Choir 5:45 and 7:00 p.m.
 13 - Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Cahoots
 14 - Women in Black 10:00 a.m. Courthouse
 15 - Worship - Diversity Sunday 10:00 a.m.
 - Youth Sunday school 10:15 a.m.</p> | <p>15 - Northeast Association Meeting 2:00 p.m.
 17 - Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Mama's Place
 - Soup & Scripture 12 noon Cahoots
 18 - Bell and Chancel Choir 5:45 and 7:00 p.m.
 19 - Centering Prayer 6 p.m. Sanctuary
 20 - Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. Cahoots
 22 - Worship 10:00 a.m.
 - Youth Sunday school 10:15 a.m.
 24 - Soup & Scripture 12 noon Cahoots
 25 - No-Book Book Club 8:00 a.m. Auntie V's
 - Bell and Chancel Choir 5:45 and 7:00 p.m.
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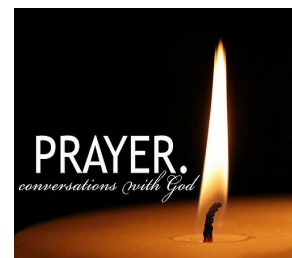
About the Community

- We welcomed five new members into our church family recently: **Doug Robinett** and **James Grant**; **Liz** and **Bruce Andres**; and **Kim Rentz!!!**
- In the hospital in August and September: **Della Peel**, **Jim McEntarfer**, **June Julien**, **Cec Fugate** and **Deborah Gavisk**;
- Our sympathy to **Doug Robinett** at the death of his mother, **Wilma**; to the family of **Don Zartman**, who died September 26; to **Pastor Deb** and **Paul** at the death of their son-in-law **Bobby Kissinger**; and to the family of **June Burner**, who died September 27.

From the Prayer Chain

*You are the One who has
 brought our Lord Jesus Christ
 again to life from the dead;
 You are the One who by your
 summoning imperative has
 caused the worlds to be;
 You are the One who by your
 faithfulness has given a son
 to our vexed mother Hannah;
 You are the One who has the
 will and power to begin
 again, to start anew.*

*You are the only self-starter
 whose name we know.
 And so we beg you, start again,
 start here, start now, start
 with us and with our school,
 start with your mercy and
 with your justice, and with
 your compassion and with your
 peace.
 Make the world new again, and
 young again, and innocent again . . .
 Start . . . before it is too late.*



Walter Brueggemann
 "Start Again"

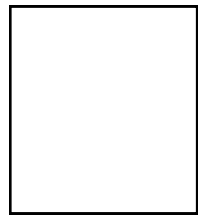
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First Congregational United Church of Christ, as an inclusive and caring Christian community, welcomes into its full life and ministry persons of every race, ethnic background, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, criminal history and faith background. As we serve those within our church family, the community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ, we celebrate each person's uniqueness and look forward to the gifts they bring to us.



PULSE Resumes November 19!

Join us as *PULSE* begins again after worship on Sunday, November 19. Christina Krueckeberg, RN at Parkview Regional Medical Center, will discuss "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Health Care."

If you have a topic you would like to see scheduled, please contact Gayle Newton or Jennifer Decker.



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