

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF IN-
TEREST:**

- **Meditation** will continue on the third Thursday of each month. Summer gatherings will be on July 21 & August 18 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

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC

ANGOLA, IN

SUMMER 2016

Summer picnics continue

Our July 6 picnic will be at the home of Ann and Bill Eyster - maps are on the Information Table!

Our July 13 picnic is at the home of June Julien and Greg Loft, co-hosted by Bun Mayer.

Join us at 6 p. m. for these fun, informal evenings hosted by FCUCC folks who provide a lawn,

drinks, and meat. Others take a dish to share, table service and lawn chairs.

We still need hosts for some of the Wednesdays in July. There is a sign up sheet on the Information Table if you would like to add your name to the list.

Each Sunday, a map for

Wednesday's location will be on the Information Table.

All are welcome! ❤️



Wacky Wednesday begins!

Hey Kids!!!! Join us for Wacky Wednesday on July 6, 13, 20 & 27 for a Wacky Good Time at our summer youth program!!!

We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and travel to Ball Lake, Crooked Lake, Pokagon State Park and Clear Lake on the four Wednesdays. We will return to church each day for pick up at 2:30 p.m.



Bring a sack lunch, swim suit, towel, sun screen and life jacket each week and a light-colored T- shirt for our first meeting!!

Our theme this year is "Living Water" and we will learn about Bible stories that talk about water, we will be decorating water bottles and we will be swimming!

Please pick up a permission form at the information table. Friends are welcome!

Join us for these four wacky days of fun and learning! ❤️



Pastor Deb Davis

“Bigger is better is moving toward small, deep, creative community,”

From the Pastor's Screen

At the end of June I attended the Washington Island Forum on Washington Island in Wisconsin. This is a continuing education event sponsored by the Wisconsin Council of Churches and *Christian Century Magazine*.

I do a week of Continuing Education each year as a part of my contract with the church; CE units are also required by the Northeast Association's Committee on Ministry to maintain my ordination credentials.

I have attended the Forum for the past several years ... learning from folks like the late Marcus Borg, hymn writer John Bell, author Sarah Miles and this year from the Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, pastor, author, and church consultant.

Carol's area of expertise is in ministering

to millennials ... those she refers to as the missing generation in our churches ... and she spoke a great deal about how we are moving from a consuming culture to a creating culture ... from big is better to small is just fine.

“Bigger is better is moving toward small, deep, creative community,” she says.

Along with so many other church leaders, Carol believes we are at a new Pentecost moment where God is leading the church to this new place ... to what she believes will be a better place.

It is my hope ... and Judy's hope ... that we can begin thinking seriously about this issue of how we can offer deep community to this young generation. Let us know if you have ideas or would like to be a part of the planning!

Blessings,

Pastor Deb

Carpenter Anniversary Celebration Planned

A reception honoring Carol and Veryl Carpenter's approaching 60th wedding anniversary will be Sunday, July 31, from 2- 5 p.m. at the Angola Elks Lodge, State Road 127 (or North Wayne Street) in Angola.

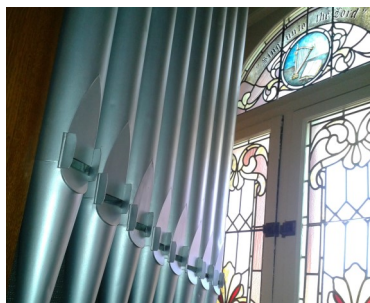
Carol and Veryl were married on November 24, 1956 in Hudson, Indiana.

Their three children, Mark (Julie) Carpenter; Cheri (Greg) Stroh and Terri Carpenter, scheduled the party for this summer so that those friends and family who are snowbirds can be included in the celebration!

Please join the family as they honor Carol and Veryl!



News in Brief



Out-of-the-Bible Study

Out-of-the-Bible Study will not meet in June or July; we will continue the discussion of Marcus Borg's "The Last Week" beginning in September. In August we will discuss short articles.

Women In Black

Women in Black will stand on Saturday, July 9 in front of the courthouse.

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

Write Tribe

Jennifer Decker will engage you with writing "cues" on Saturday, July 9 at 11 a.m. at Ca-

hoots! Bring a notebook and pen for Write Tribe!

Soup & Scripture

Pastors Deb or Judy 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 a.m. at Cahoots. All are welcome to be a part of this group.

Women's Book

Study will meet on July 11 and 25 to watch videos and then discuss "The Bible and the Qur'an: A Comparative Study." Join us at 2 p.m. in Pastor Deb's office.

Church Council highlights

Church Council met on Sunday, June 12 and the following items were among those discussed/approved/reported:

- New members of the Council met for the first time on June 12, 2016;
- Treasurer Betsy Eyrich stated income to date was close to budget and right on budget for pledges. Also there is now a lawn mowing expense since the church is hiring the mowing done.

Donations are being sought for the lawn mowing weekly expense;

- Trustee John Eddy talked about the closing of the parsonage sale that would be upcoming. He and Jill Powers will see the sale of the Parsonage through to closing. Veryl Carpenter said he will replace the side door to the church. Replacement of the main church doors with new fiberglass ones is in progress;

- Deacons continue to plan what the two parish groups can do for fundraising;
- Sunday School will be during worship after the Youth Storytime for the summer. Wacky Wednesdays theme is "Living Water" and will meet each Wednesday during the month of July. Kim Couch and Judy Goodrow will continue to talk and plan for Christian Education.

Council will meet on Sunday, July 10; reports are filed in the church office.



Wacky

Wednesday's

theme is

"Living

Water."

BIRTHDAYS



July Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 - Catherine Ernsberger	28 - Cecil Fugate	6 - Jim & Mary Shearer
9 - Paige Powers	29 - Judith BeHee	15 - Larry & Jeanine Samuelson
10 - Kathy Armstrong	29 - Lynn Simons	19 - William & Alida Frizzell
12 - Jeff Smith	29 - Sharon Stroh	21 - Larry & Anne Watkins
19 - Abby (Lantz) Conover	31 - Ralph McDowell	31 - Gregory & Kathleen Burns
22 - Jill Powers		
27 - Lisa Johnloz		



July volunteers

Date	Liturgist	Greeters	Children's Sermon
Jul 03	Rita Lechleidner	Celia Motz & Sue Myers	Michelle Olson
Jul 10	Marj Lilley	Kathleen & Greg Burns	Celia Motz
Jul 17	John French	Wacky Wednesday youth	Vicki Harris
Jul 24	Jim Simons	Joe & Linda Driver	Rita Lechleidner
Jul 31	Rita Lechleidner	Jim & Lynn Simons	Marj Lilley

Date	Usher	Refreshments	Counter
Jul 03	Ralph McDowell	Open	Gary VandenElst
Jul 10	Ralph McDowell	Olson Family	Marj Stoudinger
Jul 17	Ralph McDowell	Open	John French
Jul 24	Ralph McDowell	Eyster/Harris/Mueller families	Linda Driver
Jul 31	Ralph McDowell	Open	Ralph McDowell

*A \$45 donation
sponsors a week of
lawn mowing!*



Upcoming this Summer

July 4 - FCUCC has a float in the parade!

July 6, 13, 20, 27 - Wacky Wednesday & Summer Picnics

July 16 - Parking Lot Sale

August 14 - New Members received

August 21 - Worship at Wing Haven

July Calendar

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| 1 - Prayer meeting 9 a.m. Cahoots | 15 - Prayer Group 9 a.m. Cahoots |
| 3 - Worship 10 a.m. | 16 - Parking Lot Sale 9 a.m. |
| 4 - July 4th Parade 11 a.m. | 17 - Worship 10 a.m. |
| 5 - Men's breakfast 8 a.m. Mama's Place | 19 - Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. Mama's Place |
| 5 - Soup & Scripture Noon Cahoots | 19 - Soup & Scripture Noon Cahoots |
| 6 - Summer Picnic 6 p.m. Eyster's | 20- Summer Picnic 6 p.m. TBA |
| 6 - Wacky Wednesday 9:30 a.m. | 20 - Wacky Wednesday 9:30 |
| 8- Prayer Group 9 a.m. Cahoots | 21 - Centering Prayer 6 p.m. Sanctuary |
| 9- Women in Black 10 a.m. Courthouse | 22 - Prayer Group 9 a.m. Cahoots |
| 9 - Write Tribe 11 a.m. Cahoots | 24 - Worship 10 a.m. |
| 10 - Worship 10 a.m. | 25 - Women's Book Study 2 p.m. |
| 10 - Council meeting 11:30 a.m. | 26 - Soup & Scripture Noon Cahoots |
| 11 - Women's Book Study 2 p.m. | 27- Summer picnic 6 p.m. TBA |
| 12 - Soup & Scripture Noon Cahoots | 27 - Wacky Wednesday 9:30 |
| 13 - Cancer support group 2 p.m. Rita's office | 29 - Prayer Group 9 a.m. Cahoots |
| 13 - Summer Picnic 6 p.m. Julien/Loff/Mayer | 30 - Women in Black 10 a.m. Courthouse |
| 13 - Wacky Wednesday 9:30 a.m. | 31 - Worship 10 a. m. |



*"Watch for
our float in the
July 4th
parade!"*

About the Community

- Our sympathy to **Jim Byrne** at the death of his father, Bill; to **Ray McHenry** at the death of his mother, Lillian Young; to **Peggy** and **Ralph McDowell** at the death of their niece, Beth Goodale.
- Hats off to **Celia Motz**, who won the Community Service Award from the Indiana State Teachers Association! This award is designed to recognize outstanding examples of courage, commitment, innovation or dedication to the community. Way to go, Celia!
- **Cahoots** will be painting the café on July 10 beginning at 10 a.m. and volunteers are needed!

From the Prayer Chain

From before the world began and after the end of eternity, you are God.

From the sea bursting from its womb to the wind ceasing from its chase, you are God.

In the vastness of the universe and the forgotten corners of our hearts, you are God.

Because the world is beautiful and beauty is a tender thing, and we are caretakers of creation, we need you, God.



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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.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



Our annual Parking Lot Sale will be July
16 beginning at 9 a.m.

Bring items to the church
basement or the Mason
House garage and then
come and browse and
buy a treasure!

Questions? Contact Marj
Lilley, *chair*.



Calendar

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