

The Good News

First Congregational United Church of Christ

314 West Maumee

Angola, Indiana

June 2015

Summer Picnics begin June 17

Our summer picnics will begin on Wednesday, June 17, at 6 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the Information Table for those who wish to host.

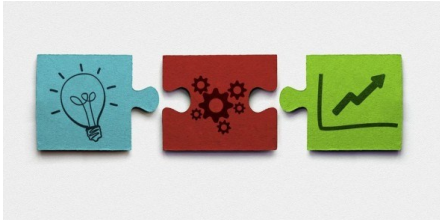
Hosts provide meat and drinks and all others take a dish to share, table service and lawn chairs.

Plan to join us at the first picnic at **Ron & Madeline Smith's** home! Maps will be available on the Information Table the week before each picnic.



Potluck June 7 to discuss Generations

On June 7 ministerial intern Judy Goodrow will initiate a conversation about generational perspectives - how we all see our church and our world differently because of the era in which we live.



The presentation features a study entitled *The Six Living Generations in America*. We'll have a brief discussion about our younger generation of Millennials and how we envision the future of our church.

The Powerpoint and video presentation will follow a potluck in Fellowship Hall, featuring Paul's sloppy Joe sandwiches. Bring a dish to share and plan to join us!



From the Pastor's Screen

Birthday treasures

Daughter Katie and her partner, Tom, as well as Tom's young daughter Mathilda, sent me a box of wonderful gifts for my recent birthday.

The box contained a pair of earrings that are small globes filled with dandelion seeds - I love them because dandelions are the most persistent thing I know ... they remind us we should never allow anything to stop us from growing!

The box also contained a birthday card ... whose verse from Shakespeare I was enchanted by and so I have included it in this newsletter under "Links from the Prayer Chain" on Page 3, so you can ponder it as well.

And then there was a small book ... a more typical gift from these two adults who are writers themselves ... a book titled *Citizen - An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine, chancellor of the Academy of American Poets and who teaches at Pomona College.

It is a book of poetry/prose by an African-American woman who writes about her day-to-day life as a black person in America ... and as one reviewer wrote: "It's the best note in the wrong song that is America ... its realities are almost too much to bear, but you bear them because it's the truth."

The book, a National Book Award Finalist, has some startling, insightful passages. Here's one:

"The world is wrong. You can't put the past behind you. It's buried in you; it's turned your flesh into its own cupboard. Not everything remembered is useful but it all comes from the world to be stored in you ... Did that just come out of my mouth, his mouth, your mouth? Do you remember when you sighed?"

Blessings,

Pastor Deb

Links from the Prayer Chain

... and we'll live,
and pray, and sing, and tell old tales,
and laugh at gilded butterflies ...
and take upon us the mystery of things,
as if we were God's spies...



Shakespeare

Proposed 2015-16 church officers

The following slate of officers will be presented at our Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday. New officers of the church will be installed during worship on Sunday, June 14:

Moderator - **Jill Powers**

Moderator-Elect - **Michelle Olson**

Clerk - **Vicki Harris**

Treasurer - **Betsy Eyrich**

Financial Secretary: TBF

Trustees - **Kim Hyland, Roger Krueckeberg, Veryl Carpenter, John Eddy**

Deacons - **Deb Miller, Bonnie Snyder, Bill Eyster, Anne Eddy**

Pastoral Relations - **Michael Eyster**

Missions - **Gayle Newton, Deb Miller**

Worship/Music - **Lynn Syler**

Welcoming - **Marj Lilley**

Christian Education - **Kim Couch, Betsy Eyrich**





Calendar Markers



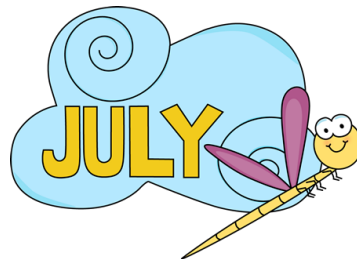
2	- Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. Timbers	17	- Summer Picnic 6 p.m. Ron & Madeline Smith
	- Soup & Scripture 12 noon Cahoots	19	- Prayer group 9 a.m. Cahoots
3	- 'Out-of-the-Bible' Study 9 a.m.	20	- Burlingame Wedding Sanctuary
	- Bell Choir/Chancel Choir meet at Syler's	21	- Worship 10 a.m.
5	- Prayer group 9 a.m. Cahoots	23	- Soup & Scripture 12 noon Cahoots
7	- Worship 10 a.m. Potluck to follow	24	- Summer Picnic 6 p.m. Cablk/Papsdorf
11	- Women's Book Study 4 p.m. Pastor's office	25	- Families of Inmates group 6 p.m.
12	- Prayer group 9 a.m. Cahoots	26	- Prayer group 9 a.m. Cahoots
13	- Women In Black 10 a.m. Courthouse	27	- Brown Wedding Sanctuary
	- Write Tribe 11 a.m. Cahoots	28	- Worship 10 a.m.
14	- Worship 10 a.m.	30	- Soup & Scripture 12 noon Cahoots
	- Council meets 11:30 a.m.		
16	- Men's Breakfast 8 a.m. Timbers		
	- Soup & Scripture 12 noon Cahoots		

Upcoming

1,8,15,22,29 - Summer picnics

12 - Council meets

8,15,22,29 - Wacky Wednesdays



About the Community

- In the Hospital ... **Adam Garza** and **Vicki Harris**.
- In Nursing Homes ... **Maryellen Hays** (Lakeland).



Happy June Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 - Joann Boneff

1 - Lillina Stoner

4 - Lauren Couch

5 - Bun Mayer

6 - Norm Adams

7 - David Frazier

13 - June Julien



17 - Rita Lechleidner

17 - Steve Newman

17 - Jim Shearer

17 - Madeline Smith

21 - Jim Simons

25 - Don Zartman

28 - David Lloyd



3 - Jerry & Julie Hewes

4 - Pastor Deb & Paul Nailor

7 - Roger & Christina Krueckeberg

8 - David & Margie Frazier

9 - Brian & Abby Lantz

10 - Steve & Marilyn Newman

14 - Pete & Janis Groth

15 - Tom & Judie Sagendorf

21 - Jim & Lynn Simons

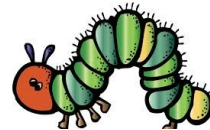
21 - Bonnie & Dave Snyder

22 - Betsy & Steve Eyrich

24 - Marj & Walt Lilley

30 - Madeline & Ron Smith

Volunteer Schedule for June



Date	Liturgist	Greeters	Children's Sermon
Jun 07	Marty Diller	Marj Stoudinger & Grandkids	Marj Lilley
Jun 14	Jim McEntarfer	Cheryl Myers & Marty Diller	Vicki Harris
Jun 21	Lois McEntarfer	Karen Miller and Jennifer Decker	Rita Lechleidner
Jun 28	Rita Lechleidner	Powers family	Marj Lilley

Date	Usher	Refreshments	Counter
Jun 07	Cec Shultz	Potluck	Gary VandenElst
Jun 14	Cec Shultz	Marty, LauraLee, Jeanine, Sally	Cheryl Myers
Jun 21	Cec Shultz	Sponsored by Bev Gerner	Marge Mueller
Jun 28	Cec Shultz	Dave & Lynn Syler	Gayle Newton

News in Brief

Plant sale success!

We raised \$931 from our annual plant sale ... \$100 more than last year! Thanks to all who brought plants to sell and all who made purchases; all who worked to make the plant sale a success; and especially chair Marj Lilley!



Soup & Scripture

Pastor Deb leads a Soup & Scripture session at Cahoots each Tuesday at 12 noon. Join us for a look at the lectionary scriptures for the next Sunday. We will order our soup - or whatever you would like - and then dig in!



Women's Book Study



Women's Book Study will meet on Thursday June 11 at 4 p.m. in Pastor Deb's office. Join us as we continue our discussion of Barbara Brown

Taylor's book, *An Altar in the World*.

Men's Breakfast group

The Men's Breakfast group will meet on June 2 & 16. All men are invited to these informal gatherings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 8 a.m. at Timbers. Questions? Contact Ron Hays.

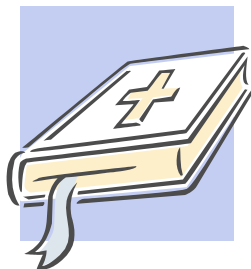


Friday Prayer Group

The Friday Morning Prayer Group meets each Friday at 9 a.m. at Cahoots.



'Out-of-the-Bible' Study



Join us for "Out-of-the-Bible" Study, on Wednesday, June 3 at 9 a.m. Following this meeting we will take a hiatus for the summer months and begin meeting again in September.

Women in Black

Women in Black will stand on Saturday, June 13 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.



Church Council highlights

Church Council met on Sunday, May 17, and the following items were among those discussed/approved/reported:

- Trustees are waiting to meet with Van Gordon Construction to start work planning the parking lot upgrade and re-doing the east entrance. John French will schedule a meeting with trustees to set up specific plans for this project;
- Jill Powers is completing nominations for 2015-16 church officers;
- Deacons will be meeting with Pastor Deb to review and update the role of deacons;
- Judy Goodrow's Ministerial Plan will be distributed at the Biannual Meeting in preparation for a presentation and discussion following worship on June 7.



Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 14 following worship.

Complete minutes and financial reports are available in the church office.

Around the church ...

Thanks to **Anne Eddy** for planting the flowers in the front of the church and who, along with **Bob Cablk**, maintain our chapel gardens ...

Thanks to **Dave Syler** and trustees **Veryl Carpenter** and **John Eddy** for taking down two dead trees at the Mason House ...

Thanks to **Veryl Carpenter** and **John Eddy** for installing a new stove at the Parsonage ...

Thanks to **Dick Powers & John Shepherd** for mowing the church yard ...

Thanks to **Paul Nailor** for preparing "sponsored" refreshments ...

Thanks to **Art Eberhardt** who prepares CDs of our worship service each week and

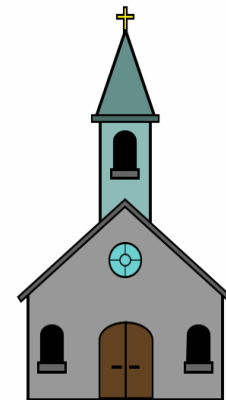
who stuffs our Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters ...

Thanks to **Kim Couch, June Julien, Lois McEntarfer, Norma Baker, Jill**

Powers and **Judy Goodrow** for working with our youth during Sunday School this past school year ...

... and thanks to the **CHOICE students** who continue to clean our building September through May and landscaped the front of the Mason House.

You are all appreciated!



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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
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