

A JOYFUL NOISE!

June 2017

From the Interim Pastor

Dear Members and Friends of First Congregational Church,

June is going to be a busy month around the church. Of course, the most excitement will center on the visit from our candidate, Patty Higgins. Patty will be here on the weekend of June 4. There will be a reception for her on Saturday, the 3rd, during which time we can all meet her. Then on Sunday, the 4th she will be preaching and assisting me at the communion table. After the service, we will have a congregational vote on her candidacy.

This is very exciting, since the search committee has been working so hard for so long. They are all very pleased with this candidate.

Our children and youth will be conducting the worship service on June 11. We give thanks for the adults who work with our youth and for all who participate in this service. We encourage everyone to support their efforts.

Finally, we will be receiving our special offering called “Strengthen the Church.” This will take place on June 18. “Strengthen the Church” goes to support new church development, especially the kind of new church ministries that happen beyond the walls of our buildings. It is an investment in the future of Christianity and the church as we develop a vision of what God is calling us to do together. Offering envelopes will be available on that date.

Tim Murtaugh

June Birthdays

- 5 Doug Joy, Sr
- 8 Harold Case
- 9 Alan Appelhof
- 10 Virginia Kilburn
- 15 Bob Ward
- 16 Mercedes Smith
- 18 Roger Vance
- 21 Mitchell Webb
- 21 Pamela Carlson
- 21 Kathy Neveu
- 24 Noreen Henry
- 25 Ethan Webb
- 28 Chris Stone
- 29 Victoria Joy



June Anniversaries

- 8 Lee and Chris Stone
- 14 Mark and Mary Thompson
- 22 Roger and Phoebe Vance

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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| Brenda Case | Ruth Blacklock |
| Jean Bowers | Nancy Reynolds |
| David Neiger | Gary Brouwer |
| Judy Herban | Andy Wagner |
| Kay Fischer | |

Pink Rearick who is at the Culver Meadows
Mary Hopkins who is at Frankfort Senior Care
Rosemary Miller who is at The Pines
Helen Pickard, Pat Forrester, and Hal Bruning who are in Traverse City

- Family of Mickey Austin**
- Family of Tom Kennard**
- Family of Doc Wagner**

UCC SISTER CHURCH OF THE MONTH

As part of our continuing efforts to work together as a community of faith, in worship we pray for UCC churches in our United Northern Association. You are invited in May to pray for the ongoing mission and ministries of First Congregational Church of Cadillac.

FLOWERS

If you would like to supply flowers, please sign up on the sign posted on the bulletin board, and indicate who the flowers honor or memorialize. You may then bring in your own flowers or donate \$25 to the church to make the arrangements with a local florist.



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR JUNE VOLUNTEERS

JUNE 4

COFFEE HOUR

Barb Brian

NURSERY

Mary Rodriguez

JUNE 11

Sunday School

JUNE 18

Chris Gehring

Kris Richards

JUNE 25

J. Harwood & L. Joy

Barb Brian

HEAD USHER

Earl Schopp

LIBRARY NEWS

Three books for children were donated by Ann Nordbeck. Thanks, Ann.

What Happens when Children Pray... by Evelyn Christenson. Children will learn to talk to God about their lives through prayer.

Giving Thanks: a Native American Good Morning Message... these words are based on an ancient message of peace and appreciation of Mother Earth and all her inhabitants.

Noah's Ark... Genesis 6:5-9 and 17 are retold in this Little Golden Book.

Another donation comes from Kay Fischer. Some of you are aware that Kay is writing her memoir. *One Woman's Journey* is the chosen title. The first segment, *Childhood 1923 – 1938* has reached book form and this is what Kay donated. For those of us whose only knowledge of the 20s and 30s comes from history books and old movies, this little book gives a fascinating look into the life of one Midwestern family. Well done, Kay. We look forward to the next 'episode'.

Hallelujah Anyway...Rediscovering Mercy... Author Lamott explains the importance of mercy in our lives. Mercy is the promise to offer and receive relief and forgiveness. It is the permission you give others...and yourself... to forgive a debt, to let go of the judgement and pain that make life so difficult. Mercy points the way forward in our increasingly complex world. Written in her unique voice, *Hallelujah Anyway* is witty, funny, irreverent, while offering a powerful exploration of mercy, its limitless presence, why we ignore it and how we can embrace it.

Attic Treasures Sale: June 24

You may start bringing donations in the week before the sale. We will not take items after Thursday June 22nd. All items must be clean. No books, clothing or electronics will be accepted. A work schedule will be posted for workers to sign up.

June 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 12N AA (Barn) 5:00 MRT 7:00 NA (Barn) 7:30 Choir	2 9:00 Centra Wellness (Barn) 12N LOWV (Library)	3
4 10:30 Worship & Church School	5 10:00 Centra Wellness (Barn) 11:00 Commodities Distribution 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 2:00 Centra Wellness (Barn) 5:00 LoveINC 7:00 AA (Barn)	6 10:00 Yoga (Barn) 12N AA (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	7 12N AA (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	8 12N AA (Barn) 4:00 Deacons 5:00 MRT 7:00 NA (Barn) 7:30 Choir	9 9:00 Centra Wellness (Barn) 12N LOWV (Library)	10 8-12 Zonta (Barn) 8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Papa J's
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