

# A JOYFUL NOISE!

June 2016

## **FROM OUR INTERIM MINISTER**

Growing up in Arizona gives you a particular understanding of "summer." It's not the same understanding you'd get growing up in, say, Beulah. It's like the old saying, "I've been rich and I've been poor, and rich is better." Well, I've seen summer in Tucson and Phoenix and Beulah, and . . . .

In fact, I've always thought summer in Arizona ("summer" being April through October) is probably why I'm pretty much the indoor type. I enjoy the opportunities summer gives me to catch up on reading and the mess on my desk and socializing with people who'll have me. Come summer, life in the church slows down just a bit. Less stress is always a good thing. Use summer well. Recharge and regenerate and refresh what you're running low on. Relax. Read. Reflect.

Use summer for church, too. I know: some Sundays are pretty warm in our unair-conditioned building. I know also vacations and weekend visitors are more likely this time of year than others, but even in summer there's more to life than taking it easy, isn't there? Sometimes I wish vacations and family and vegging out could carry more of The Meaning Of Life, but that just ain't so.

Put it this way. When it comes to What Matters Most I've been to church and I've been other places, and . . . .

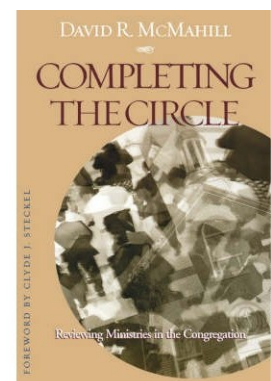
God is good. See you in church (and bring someone with you!).

*~ Dr. Charles Guerrero*

## **FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE**

We are making progress and learning so much. The committee has reviewed many profiles and interviewed two candidates to date.

In preparation for our new pastor and over the summer months, we would like to have members gather in small groups to discuss the book "Completing the Circle". This book presents a different way to evaluate our pastor and opens the way for better communication among members of our congregation. There are 25 copies of this book in the Library – please take one to review. More information will be presented very soon.





Thank you to all who helped with spring cleaning on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Much was accomplished including trimmed bushes and yard clean up, windows cleaned, sanctuary dusted and super cleaned, Nursery and Sunday School Rooms ready for the youngsters ..... and more! WOW – Many hands make light work. Thank you again to all!!

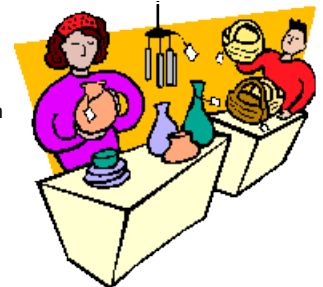
**News From the Women’s Fellowship**

Circle 1 will not have any formal meetings this summer but encourages all members to help with the junk sale. Help will be needed to set it up, run it and clean up. A fun lunch meeting may be scheduled later in July or August. A kitchen cleaning bee is planned for September.

The CLASSIC JUNK SALE will take place on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 3 pm. We invite you to donate treasures that you are no longer using. Antiques and collectibles were very popular items last year. Other great items include kitchen items, bedding, towels, tools, gently used household items, toys, landscaping stuff – almost anything you can think of. However – no clothing, books or electronic items such as old computers, printers etc.

You can bring your donated items in starting Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Please put them in the Sunday School room right next to the south parking lot. Then plan to attend this sale – EVERYONE LIKES TO FIND A BARGAIN OR TWO.

If you have time, we will be needing help with the setting up on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and also on the day of the sale. If you can help, call Barb Brian at 352-4929 or email her at [The\\_Brians@charter.net](mailto:The_Brians@charter.net).



Women’s Fellowship uses funds from this sale to support their programs.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR JUNE VOLUNTEERS -**

	<b><u>COFFEE HOUR</u></b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>	<b><u>GREETERS</u></b>
<b>June 5</b>	Deacons	Mary Rodriguez	Bill and Kay Bos
<b>June 12</b>	Sunday School	Carly Wagner	Geri Thornell
<b>June 19</b>	Chris Gehring	Kris Richards	Ardith Jones
<b>June 26</b>	Joan Harwood	Barb Brian	Cindy Schnarr

**Head Usher:** Earl Schopp

**MEMORIAL GARDEN:** On the north side of our church property is a beautiful memorial garden for members and friends of the church who would like their cremated ashes interred on our sacred grounds. For \$500 you may reserve a square-foot plot that covers future opening and closing as well as a memorial plaque to be placed on the stone along the walkway. Donations for perpetual care are welcomed.

**CHILDREN’S BOOK DEPOSIT:** At the entryway from the parking lot, just inside the doors on the left, is a wooden cabinet labeled “Children’s Book Deposit.” The Christian World Service Board is working to enhance a new relationship between our church and Crystal Lake Elementary school by donating children’s books for their library or to be given directly to the students. Please bring books you would like to donate and use the new cabinet at the church.



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

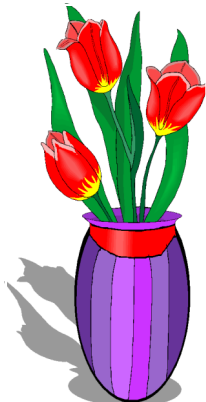
- 5 Doug Joy, Sr.
- 8 Harold Case
- 9 Alan Appelhof
- 10 Virginia Kilburn
- 15 Bob Ward
- 16 Mercedes Smith
- 18 Roger Vance
- 21 Mitchell Webb
- 21 Pamela Carlson
- 21 Kathy Neveu
- 25 Ethan Webb
- 28 Chris Stone
- 29 Victoria Joy

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**



- 2 Doc and Mary Ellen Wagner
- 8 Lee and Chris Stone
- 14 Mark and Mary Thompson
- 22 Roger and Phoebe Vance

**FLOWERS**



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for altar flowers. If you would like to supply flowers, please sign up for a certain date. You may then bring in your own flowers or donate \$25 and we will order flowers from a local florist.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**THOSE FACING HEALTH CONCERNS:**

- Brenda Case                      Jerry Richardson
- Tom Kennard                      Ruth Blacklock

**THOSE IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES:**

- 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.

**FOR OUR SHUT-IN: Doii Burget**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

**Jean Edwards** who died on May 5.

*May her soul and the souls of all the departed rest in peace.*

**Reminder:** If you, or a loved one, is in the hospital, please let the church office know so that our pastor may visit. Due to privacy laws, hospitals no longer contact the churches to let them know church members are hospitalized. The church wants to know so that we can support you during this time of need.

**Congratulations Graduates!**

**Bryce Brouwer**  
and  
**Paige Cutler**



**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 June to pray for the ongoing mission and ministries of the First Congregational Church of Alpena.

# JUNE 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
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