

THE LEAFLET

First Congregational, United Church of Christ
Naperville, IL
Week of May 17, 2010

PASTOR'S NOTES—ADVANCING GOD'S LOVE AND JUSTICE

Our worship this Sunday will include several important elements that highlight some of the diversity that is Christian community. First, within our global liturgical year this Sunday marks the major festival of *Pentecost*. *Pentecost Sunday* traditionally celebrates the official "birthday" of the Church of Jesus Christ, with the coming of God's Holy Spirit power. Without Pentecost the Spirit of God might be considered available only to a few leaders, priests and prophets. But Pentecost declares that you and I have equal access to God's Spirit!

Second, we celebrate our wonderful adult musicians this Sunday – having already recognized and enjoyed our children's music ministries on Mother's Day! We are so blessed with talented people of all ages whose sharing of their gifts enhances our sense of God's Spirit and love in our weekly worship. How appropriate that we highlight on Pentecost the spiritual enrichment we gain through music.

Third, a special offering is being collected this Sunday called "*Strengthen the Church,*" giving us another chance to share some of our missions resources. This offering provides assistance to other church's in our UCC family who are in need of renewal for ministry. Thanks to our many blessings in God's Spirit, we are given these opportunities to reach out in love and support to sister churches with whom we share Christ's work. (You'll find more about this inside this *Leaflet*.)

And finally, we will rejoice in the renewing and enlivening power of God's love in and among us, as we celebrate the baptism of one of our children, Eva Pelecky. Baptism is the outward sign of God's graceful embrace that sets each of us on our way as a growing disciple of Jesus. Having just witnessed the confirmation of eight of our youth last Sunday, it's wonderful to be reminded so soon of the faith journey that begins with baptism. Every baptism invites each of us to recommit our own life to the continual formation and renewal of faith in God's Spirit.

And all of this goes into the experience that is our worship life and community at First Congregational UCC Naperville. I hope you will be able to join us in church this coming Sunday, to celebrate God's presence among us, and to be strengthened in YOUR spirits by God's Holy Pentecost Spirit.

Grace and Peace,
Greg

JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY
At 9:30 a.m.

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY

**"Pentecost Spirit
in Music"**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-4, 12-18
Psalm 104:24-34

LITURGISTS

Diana Lorenz
Brenda
Hockberger

FLOWERS

Betty and Rob
Robson, in
celebration of
their 52nd
Wedding
Anniversary!



This Sunday,
there will be a
**Special Plate
Offering**
for "**Strengthen
Our Church!**"
(Please see the
attached flyer for
more information!)

MAY / JUNE BIRTHDAYS



May 19
Cynthia Woods

May 22
Linda Eifler
Chip Latta

May 25
Bill Diamond
Chris Fleming
Joe Latorre
Wesley Owens

May 26
Chris Farthing

May 29
Steve Hyett
Kennedy Sobol

May 30
Alyssa Lindley

June 1
Dick Scrymiger

June 2
Dave Leeseberg
Tiffany Oken

June 3
Ryan Gilligan

June 4
Jim Fancher

June 5
Mike Ode

YOUTH TIME EVENTS

(meeting at church from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

5/22: Saturday at church from 5:30-8:00 p.m. is the 50's Sock Hop! Youth are needed to be car hops and soda jerks! Sign up with Ron LaVoie.

5/23: Mini Golf!

5/30: Regular Youth Time! Thank you to the Robsons for dinner!

6/06: Cookout! We'll invite the rising 6th graders!

6/19: Rummage Sale to raise money for Mission trip! We'll need your help Friday for set up and Saturday to run the sale! Sign up with Amie and Brian Laporte (630-355-6186, gwendyllyne77@yahoo.com).

Save the dates: Tower Hill Youth and Everyone Else Retreat is June 11-13! Mission Trip to Rock Island is August 1-7!

Evening Circle This Week: Please join us for a Salad Celebration! On Wednesday, **May 19** at **6:30 p.m.** (please note earlier time), we will meet at the home of Barb Kling (1224 Wilshire, Naperville, 630-357-6622) to celebrate a year of fellowship and fun. Bring a salad to share and ideas for next year. All are welcome!

River Sweep Saturday, May 22



DuPage County River Sweep is a county-wide stream cleanup. The purpose of the River Sweep is to encourage citizens and volunteer groups to help "sweep our rivers clean" by picking up debris in and along our waterways. We will clean the river from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and then share a picnic lunch afterwards. Everyone is welcome to participate. Contact Tom Farthing (630-416-0474, tom@farthing.us) for more information.

ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays, May 23 - June 6

(11:00a - 12:00n)

"Global Human Trafficking"

Global human trafficking affects more people now than at any previous time in history. We are inspired by the story of those who struggled to end slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, and by God's deliverance of an entire people from slavery in the biblical book of Exodus. But how aware are we of the millions of people who live in slavery today—and what can we do to reach out to them? Join us as we address this crucial social issue.

"Christian Faith Without Fear"

WHAT DO UCC'ers BELIEVE? Revs. Mark, Greg and Lewie Mitchell invite you to this opportunity to explore who we are as UCCer's and what we believe. No homework required, but resources will be provided for you to consider! Come when you can! Enjoy the chance to listen and "think out loud" with members and friends of your church. Questions? Ask the pastors!

Can you hear me now?!

Learn how to make sure the entire congregation can hear. Come to training on our sound system in the Sanctuary. Join Sound Board Maestro Paul Grizzell as he explains the slides and switches. The training will be right after church this Sunday, **May 23**. Questions? contact Susan Greenwood (630-369-0625).

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Many people signed up to teach Sunday School next year. BUT, we still have a few positions available! Our teachers team teach and rotate Sundays throughout year. There are lessons resources and support available. Please contact Tina Giehler (630-305-9345) if you have any questions and want to sign up!

United Vacation Bible School 2010 Hero Headquarters!

This year's United Vacation Bible School will be from **June 21-24** from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Children (4 years – entering 5th grade) are welcome to attend. Any youth who has completed 5th grade can volunteer to be a Junior Counselor. We are also looking for volunteers! Adults and anyone entering 7th grade in the fall can volunteer. For more information, check with Tina Giehler (tinutt@wideopenwest.com) or check out the UVBS website: <http://web.me.com/pcourington/UVBS/Welcome.html>

Come to Our Fabulous 1950's Sock Hop on May 22!

It will be held in the Community Room THIS SATURDAY from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. The admission is for you to purchase food and drinks. Come relax and let our fabulous 1950's carhops bring your meals to your car (table) and listen to oldies music! Dance if the spirit grabs you! **Help Needed: Car Hops and Soda Jerks (hello YOUTH!!) are still needed! Please sign up to help us make this a fun evening for our community.** If you would like to help in any way, please contact Ron Lavoie at ronaldlavoie@att.net, 630-456-3739, or 630-759-5899.

Tower Hill "Youth and Everyone Else" End-of-the-Year Event: June 11-13

Join us for Swimming, Campfires, S'mores, Singing, Conversation, Games, Jigsaw Puzzles, More Conversation, Strawberry Shortcake... at Tower Hill Camp & Retreat Center in Sawyer, Michigan. **Indoor sleeping accommodations: \$60/person. Outdoor camping: \$25/person. Cost**

includes Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast. Please contact Tom Farthing for more information (tom@farthing.us 630-416-0474) and turn your names and payments in to him.

YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE JUNE 19 (8:00a - 2:00p)

Need to do some spring cleaning? Trying to figure out what you're going to do with all the stuff you're cleaning out? Donate it to the Youth Rummage Sale! We'll be having this sale on June 19 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All proceeds will be going toward the Youth Mission Trip to Rock Island this summer. **We'll be accepting all donations (no clothing, please) on Friday, June 18 starting at 10:30 a.m.** We also need some volunteers to help with the set up and pricing on Friday, as well as for the sale itself on Saturday. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Amie and Brian L a P o r t e (gwendyllyne77@yahoo.com or 630-355-6186).

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tues. May 18	7:00p	Dance of Universal Peace (Community Room)
Wed. May 19	6:30p	Evening Circle (Barb Kling's home)
	7:00p	PADS (Community Room)
Thurs. May 20	10:00a	Men's Discussion Group (Library)
	6:30p	Gospel Group Rehearsal
	7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat. May 22	9:00a	DuPage River Sweep
	5:30p	Fabulous 50's Sock-Hop (Community Room)
Sun. May 23	8:40a	Gospel Group Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	9:30a	Worship / Music Appreciation Sunday
	10:45a	Sound System Training (Sanctuary)
	11:00a	Adult Education / Bible Adventure / Jr. High / Sr. High
	5:00p	Youth Time
Wed. May 26	7:00p	Last PADS until October (Community Room)
Sun. May 30	9:30a	Worship / Spirit Band playing!
	11:00a	Adult Education / Bible Adventure / Jr. High / Sr. High
	5:00p	Youth Time
Mon. May 31		Memorial Day - Church Office closed!
Wed. June 2	11:30a	Old Goats (Quincy's Restaurant)
	6:30p	CE Meeting (Library)
Thurs. June 3	10:00a	Men's Discussion Group (Library)
	11:30a	Ladies Do Lunch (Colonial Restaurant)

CHURCH STAFF

Co-Ministers
Greg Schneck-Skiba
Mark Winters

Paul Grizzell,
Music Director

Barbara Bailey, Secretary

Dana Merker, Bookkeeper

Gabriel Salgado,
Custodian

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Carol Fancher,
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Betsy Grizzell,
A Joyful Sound!

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