



**Congregational  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

# *The Open Door*

## October 2018

### Who We Are

We are a community of God's beloved dedicated to **following** the teachings of Jesus as we live our faith by **loving** and **serving** all of God's creation and **striving** for justice and peace throughout our community, our nation, and the world.

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### Pastor Petersen's Perspective: On Self Evaluation

Last month I underwent my very first annual performance evaluation as the pastor of Congregational UCC. (Yes, I realize I've been here for 7 years now, but getting new procedures in place sometimes takes time.) Part of this process involved me doing a self-evaluation. I was asked to name some of my greatest achievements over the past year and to share about some of my greatest challenges during the same period of time. The bulk of the evaluation involved reflecting on how well I believe I met the expectations set out in my job description. This includes things such as worship, pastoral care, vitality and evangelism, Christian education; you get the picture.

As I went about reflecting on the various aspects of my role here as pastor, I found it extremely helpful. Going through this process also got me wondering, "What would a self-evaluation look like based on one's performance as living as a Christian, as a follower of Jesus?"

Well, to start off, it would seem, at least according to church consultant Susan Beaumont (whose direction we followed with regard to my evaluation), that we would first need to have a good, clear job description that lays out the expectations of a Christian, of one seeking to walk in the way of Jesus.

So, perhaps the Ten Commandments would serve well as such a description: God is one, don't have any other gods; don't have idols; don't take God's name in vain; keep the sabbath holy; honor your parents; don't kill; don't commit adultery; don't steal; don't bear false witness; and don't cover your neighbors stuff or spouse.

Or maybe something from Paul would do. Romans 12:9-18 directs:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the low-



ly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Or what about Luke 4:18-19, which is really from Isaiah? Bring good news to the poor; proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; let the oppressed go free; proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

While all of these options seem good to me, there is another that I think sums them all up in a pretty direct, concise way. It's known commonly as the greatest commandment and appears in the three synoptic gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This is Mark's version, found in 12:29-31. Jesus says,

The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

So, love God with your everything and love your neighbor as yourself.

Now that we have a description of what it means to be a follower of Jesus, we can reflect on how well we are meeting these expectations of the Christian faith. How are you doing when it comes to loving God with all that you are and all that you have? How are you doing when it comes to considering God with each word you speak, each action you perform, each decision you make? How have you loved God well and where do you find areas for improvement? Perhaps you dedicate regular time to prayer and meditation but have struggled to live, speak, act, and vote, trusting in God's way of peace as the way to bring about justice putting your trust in violence and domination instead.

And, how are you doing when it comes to loving your neighbor as yourself? How have you loved your neighbors well and where do you find room for improvement? Perhaps you have helped a neighbor living nearby by watching their pet when they've been gone for vacation or regularly checking in on an elderly neighbor but have neglected to press for changes to be made to our immigration system that continues to tear apart families while brutalizing and dehumanizing detainees and deportees while packing the pockets of for-profit prison corporations.

How are you living up to or falling short of the expectations set before those of us who seek to follow Jesus?

The final piece of my self-evaluation is to name possible goals for the year ahead. Once you have reflected on your performance as a Christian, as one dedicated to following in the way of Jesus; I encourage you to prayerfully develop a few goals for the year ahead. How is God calling you to love into the future? None of us can do it all; not one of us is a perfect Christian just as I am not a perfect pastor. But just as I believe I can grow and develop in my role as a pastor so too do I believe we can continue to grow in the living of our faith.



## Online Photos



One way we seek to stay connected with one another and to reach out to potential new members is through our online presence via our Facebook page and website. As a part of this effort, we will begin to post photos and videos of our church life. If you do not want your image (or your child's image) posted, please notify Rev. Petersen or Patricia Castline in the office. Thank you.





## Worship ...

### Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer will be offered weekly during “Harvestide” (September through October). Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to experience God’s presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. It is simply a wordless, trusting opening of one’s self to the divine presence. The group will meet in the **Chapel**, just off of the Sanctuary, on **Wednesdays, 5:15pm-5:45pm**, with the final gathering of the season on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact April Faidley with any questions.

### Sponsor “God Is Still Speaking”

In an effort to get the word out about who we are as a congregation, we have a weekly airing on KCOB (95.9 FM and 1280 AM) on Sunday mornings at 7:35am. Rev. Petersen offers a weekly reflection regarding how “God Is Still Speaking.”

The weekly cost is \$25. You are invited to sponsor a Sunday or more to increase our community’s awareness of what we are all about here at Congregational UCC. We are engaging in wonderful ministry together, and it’s time that more folks know about it! Please send your donation into the office referencing “radio” or “God Is Still Speaking” if you are interested in donating.

## ... Education

### Bible Study: “Always With Us?”



Jesus’s words “the poor you will always have with you” (Matthew 26:11) are regularly used to suggest that ending poverty is impossible, that poverty is a result of moral failures, and that the poor themselves have no role in changing their situation. In her book “Always With Us? What Jesus Really Said About the Poor,” Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis examines both the biblical text and the lived reality of the poor to show how that passage is taken out of context, distorted, and politicized to justify theories about the inevitability of inequality.

Theoharis reinterprets “the poor you will always have with you” to show that it is actually one of the strongest biblical mandates to end poverty. She documents stories of poor people themselves organizing to improve their lot and illuminates the implications for the church. Poverty is not inevitable, Theoharis argues. It is a systemic sin, and all Christians have a responsibility to partner with the poor to end poverty once and for all.

Theoharis is Co-Chair of the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival with the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. She is the Co-Director of the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice and a Founder and the Coordinator of the Poverty Initiative.

Join us in the **Parish House on Thursdays at 5:00pm, through November 8<sup>th</sup>**, as we engage in this 8-week study utilizing Theoharis’s book seeking to follow more closely in the way of Jesus. Participants should read the designated section of the book prior to our Thursday meeting and be prepared to discuss any thoughts, questions, and curiosities spurred by the weekly reading. The reading schedule for October is: October 4<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 2; October 11<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 3; October 18<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 4; October 25<sup>th</sup> – Chapter 5.

Contact Rev. Petersen with any questions or concerns.



## ... Education (con't)

### Education Series on Poverty

During our 2017 Annual Meeting, we affirmed God's call to focus on developing relationships with our neighbors directly impacted by poverty as we seek to live out our overall mission as a congregation. Over the course of six months (October-April, no meetings in January), you are encouraged to continue learning about the state of poverty in our nation and to listen for ways we are being called to address this injustice through a two-pronged approach: a film series at 6:00pm on the first Wednesday of each month and a reading group on the third Sundays at 9:00am (except in October, when we will meet on the fourth Sunday due to the annual meeting).

On **Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00pm-7:30pm**, you are encouraged to gather in the **Sanctuary** for our first video teach-in, entitled "Somebody's Hurting Our People: Children, Women, and People with Disabilities Living in Poverty." This teach-in, along with those to follow, consists of a panel speaking about poverty from various perspectives as part of this summer's 40-day launch of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

Then on **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-9:45am**, you are invited to gather in the **Parlor** to discuss a segment of "The Souls of Poor Folk: Auditing America 50 Years After the Poor People's Campaign Challenged Racism, Poverty, the War Economy/Militarism and Our National Morality" by the Institute for Policy Studies. Participants should read the Foreword, Executive Summary, and Introduction prior to our meeting.

Over the course of these six months, participants will read all of "The Souls of Poor Folk" audit, which is an assessment of these conditions today and trends of the past 50 years in the United States. It challenges us to take a look at how these conditions have changed since 1968, when Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., alongside a multiracial coalition of grassroots leaders, religious leaders, and other public figures, began organizing with poor and marginalized communities across racial and geographic divides to confront the underlying structures that perpetuated misery in their midst. The stark findings draw from a wide variety of sources, including primary and secondary data as well as interviews with and testimonies by people who have been living through and responding to these changes on the ground. "The Souls of Poor Folk" is available online at [www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/audit](http://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/audit). Contact Rev. Petersen if you would like a printed copy for a small fee.



### Morning Circle

The next meeting of *Morning Circle* will be **Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**. Pat Van Klompenburg will serve as hostess, and Jane Ann Cotton will offer devotions. The group is studying "Radical Hope: Letters of Love and Dissent in Dangerous Times" edited by Carolina De Robertis. We will be discussing pages 92-119.

All are welcome to join us as we come together for fellowship, devotions, and study seeking to follow more closely in the way of Jesus.



## ... Service



### Food Pantry Sundays

The first Sunday of each month we receive donations for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. On **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**, a cart will be in the west entrance to receive gifts for the food pantry. The Salvation Army is in special need of tuna helper (not hamburger), Ramen noodles, canned fruit cocktail (peaches or pears), canned tuna, and macaroni & cheese. Of course, other canned or packaged foods are always accepted. They also need any kind of personal care items: such as diapers, bath soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and laundry soap.



### “Doggone Good Treats” Project

The Progress Industries partnership with UCC of making and baking all natural dog treats takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month at 2:00pm. PI participants and church members Stormy Storms, Marti Barker, and Suzanne Van Zandt work together to mix ingredients, roll out the dough, use cookie cutters to make bone-shaped treats, and bake them with assistance from a PI staff person.

The dog treats are then transported either to JCARL or to the Farmer’s Market where donations are accepted for the bagged treats. The funds received will go to JCARL. Obviously, this combined PI and CUCC project has resulted in many happy dogs and dog owners and will surely do the same into the future!

Contact Stormy Storms or Rev. Petersen if you’d like to participate. You can participate one time or many times. Whatever works with your schedule.

You will have a very gratifying experience!



### Jasper County Animal Rescue League

On the third Sunday of each month we collect items to help the Jasper County Animal Rescue League (JCARL). The next collection date will be **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Their current wish list is: paper towels, garbage bags, raw hides (for big dogs and small), peanut butter, bleach, dish soap, Fabuloso (the purple kind), laundry soap, liquid hand soap, rubber gloves, kitty litter, canned shredded and filet cat food, canned dog food (Purina), dry dog food (Purina), and dry cat food (Indoor Purina).

### Cleaning Project with Progress Industries

Thanks to the dedication of Carolyn and Duane Hobbs, we were able to work with PI participants and staff for a church cleaning project. Under their guidance, a small group from PI did some light cleaning and dusting in the sanctuary, library and other areas of the church building twice each month. This ministry was on hiatus for the summer and has begun again under new leadership. Thank you to Heidi Grandstaff-Fresh for her willingness to work with PI to continue this ministry.

### Church Kitchen Cleaning Day

On **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**, at 9:30am we will be giving the church kitchen a little refreshing. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Carolyn Hobbs (792-2687). We will have a Spooktacular time!





## Prayers and Concerns

### Please hold in prayer

- ◆ The family of Bob Van Drimmelen following his death on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ◆ Stormy's Mom

✝ If you know someone in need of support – a visit, a call, a note, or prayer – please contact Rev. Jessica Petersen.



## Blood Pressure Monitoring

Carolyn Hobbs will offer blood pressure monitoring any Sunday during Fellowship Time. If you are curious about your blood pressure reading, please let Carolyn know.

## Meals on Wheels

Our congregation is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels on weekends in October and one weekend in December. The week before each delivery, please go to the Jasper County Community Center (2401 1<sup>st</sup> Ave E, Newton) and pick up the list of who needs meals. The hospital makes the meals, and you will pick them up at the hospital.

Thank you to Duane & Carolyn Hobbs (October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>), Lynne Cottrell and Summer Margritz (October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>), Heidi & Neva Grandstaff-Fresh and kids (October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>), and Stormy Storms (October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>) for your willingness to help those in need in this way. We are still in need of volunteers for December 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may sign up on the sheet in the Parlor. For more information contact Stormy Storms.

## CROP Hunger Walk

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

The Newton CROP Hunger Walk is on **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. You can register at **1:30pm** at the Courthouse lawn. The walk starts at **2:00pm**. This is a three-mile walk that ends at the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for refreshments. If you would like to walk, please contact Stormy Storms for more information and a donation envelope. Or, like last year instead of walking, donations may be given.



## Opportunities to Serve

All volunteers/workers in the church are very much appreciated. Many of you are seen carrying on the work of the church and many things are done unseen, but just as appreciated. It takes many hands and minds to get everything done. Thank you so much for your willingness!

There are many different ways in the church to serve God and others. The more who help, the less work there is for each one. Signup sheets to provide flowers, greet, usher, serve as a lay reader, mow the lawn, and host fellowship time are located in the vestibule. Please help if you can.

Additionally, there are a few members who may need transportation to worship and church activities. Please contact the church office to volunteer.

The office has great volunteers who come in monthly to assemble and ready this newsletter for mailing. If you would like to help, just call the office.





## Neighbors in Need

Love your Neighbor

The *Neighbors in Need* offering, which we will receive on **October 14<sup>th</sup>** supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Through [ucc.org/justice](http://ucc.org/justice), our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates). Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIMI). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.





# Communications

## Church Council Catch Up

In an effort to keep our congregation more informed regarding the various matters that impact our life together, notes from Church Council meetings are being shared with our friends and members via this newsletter. Complete minutes of each Council meeting are available in the church office. Below please find highlights from the September 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

- Treasurer's report: insurance, electricity costs have gone up. We need more funds for "God is Still Speaking" on the radio.
- **Note change of church's email address to [uccnewton@windstream.net](mailto:uccnewton@windstream.net)**
- Internet is now working in the main building.
- Samantha Sledge agreed to serve as assistant moderator following resignation of Craig Armstrong.
- Church t-shirt orders will be taken in early October.
- The Congregational Conversation meeting after worship on Oct. 14 will focus on "inreach" activities of the church and plan for the potluck on Oct. 21.
- Church Annual meeting and potluck will be **Oct. 21**. Proposed budget will be shared. Reports for the annual meeting are due **Oct. 10**.
- Upcoming education series will focus on poverty.
- Bev Thomas has resigned as our volunteer choir director. The seasonal choir will cease to function until further notice.

## Church Council Composition

Following the resignation of Craig Armstrong from the position of Moderator, the Church Council appointed new members to the resulting vacant position in accordance with our Bylaws. The current composition of the Church Council is as follows:

Jane Ann Cotton – Moderator  
Samantha Sledge – Assistant Moderator  
Jamie Sawin – Secretary  
Les Morgan – Treasurer  
Lin Chapé – At-Large  
April Faidley – At-Large  
Norm Van Klompenburg – At-Large  
Rev. Petersen – Pastor



## Worship Attendance

<u>September Attendance</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
First Sunday	41	17
Second Sunday	32	28
Third Sunday	30	24
Fourth Sunday	29	34
Fifth Sunday	Will be in the November newsletter	



## Birthdays to Celebrate in October

- 2-Kathryn "Kate" Stonehocker
- 4-Jill Sawin, Craynes McGinley
- 5-Josephine Turk
- 6-Donna McCoy
- 7-Marilyn Jagau
- 17-Judy Brody, Steven Joy
- 28-Aurora Schlichte



## Anniversaries to Celebrate in October

- 6-Bruce & Shirley Nuzum
- 21- Mark & Diane Babcock
- 23-Todd & Kylee Planer
- 25-David & Dorothy Raymond

## **Take note...**

### Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet on **Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Parish House**. Please contact Jane Ann Cotton or Rev. Petersen with any matters you wish for the Council to consider as they meet. The Council meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm.

### Congregational Annual Meeting

The annual Congregational meeting will be held following the worship service on **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**. By attending you will receive reports from various church committees and the 2018 financial report through the third quarter (the full year report will be provided in January 2019). You will also be able to vote on the 2019 proposed provisional church budget (see page 10; fully itemized version available in church office) and to share your thoughts regarding the changes made to the Bylaws and governance structure during the 2017 Annual Meeting.

There will be a church potluck following the meeting. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share along with your own table service.

Note: In order to be included in the 2018 Annual Report that will be presented at the Annual Meeting, reports are to be submitted to the church office by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Patricia with any questions.

This notice is being included here in accordance with our by-laws which require that such notice be given two (2) weeks in advance of the annual meeting of the congregation.

### Congregational Conversation

Building relationships is essential to living together as a community of God's beloved. Jesus often gathered with others to eat and talk and reached out to people in their times of greatest need. You are encouraged to gather together in the Parlor on **Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am** (immediately following worship) for a congregational conversation regarding fellowship and inreach. Come share your experiences and ideas as we discuss and act on ways to strengthen our relationships and come together as this community of faith. Come listen and learn how we care for one another as Congregational UCC. We will also solidify plans for the potluck that will follow the Annual Meeting.



## 2019 Provisional Proposed Budget

### 2019 Budget Items

Minister's Salary & Benefits	\$ 81,417.00	Increase due to ins./housing	\$ 2,169.00
Organist Salary	\$ 6,750.00		
Custodian's Salary	\$ 8,554.00		
Administrative Assistant's Salary	\$ 13,332.80		
FICA (Employer's Share)	\$ 2,099.16		
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 112,152.96</b>		
<b>Percent of the Budget (151,362.77)</b>			<b>74%</b>
<b>Building Maintenance, Insurance &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 31,400.00</b>		
(Does not include major capital improvements)			
<b>Percent of the Budget (151,362.77)</b>			<b>21%</b>
<b>Total Salaries, Building Maintenance &amp; Utilities</b>	<b>\$ 146,152.96</b>		
<b>Percent of the Budget (151,362.77)</b>			<b>95%</b>
<b>Other Budget items</b>	<b>\$ 7,809.81</b>		
Office Supplies, Postage, Christian Education, Our Church's Wider Mission, Pulpit Supply, Health Ministry, Other Miscellaneous items			
<b>Percent of the Budget (151,362.77)</b>			<b>5%</b>
<b>Total 2019 Budget</b>	<b>\$ 151,362.77</b>		<b>100%</b>

### 2019 Projection for Receipts & Expenditures (Copied from 2017 Annual Report)

Pledges (30)	\$ 93,516.00	
Non-Pledge Identified Giving	\$ 12,000.00	
Loose Collections	\$ 3,500.00	
Interest from Edward Jones Passport Account	\$ 50.00	
Interest from Investments (CD's)	\$ 250.00	
Dividends from UC Funds	\$ 3,500.00	
Other	\$ 200.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 113,016.00</b>	
<b>2019 Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 151,362.77</b>	
<b>Deficit Projected</b>	<b>\$ (38,346.77)</b>	



## Church T-shirts

During our Congregational Conversation regarding evangelism and outreach, we discussed the possibility of having church t-shirts made. That possibility has become a reality! You may place your order for your t-shirt(s) using the form below or the order sheet in the Sanctuary through Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. We will then place our order with Maxim Advertising Inc. and expect to get the shirts in mid-November.

Shirts will be made of 100% cotton and be blue in color. The front left will display our church name along with the updated UCC "comma" logo, and the back will show our congregation's mission statement; both will be imprinted in white. Sizes are available for both children (XS-XL) and adults (S-3X). The cost is \$10.00 per shirt. Please make checks payable to Congregational UCC.



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### Church T-shirt Order Form

Please return to the church office no later than Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shirts: \_\_\_\_\_

Size(s) of shirt(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(sizes available: Youth – XS, S, M, L, XL; Adult – S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X)

Payment (\$10.00/shirt): \_\_\_\_\_



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## Worship Schedule for October

Date	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Christian Calendar Date	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Special Events	World Communion Sunday	Congregational Conversation	Annual Meeting and Potluck	
Special Offerings	Food Pantry Donations	Neighbors in Need	JCARL Collection	
Greeters	Lin Chapé	Heidi Grandstaff-Fresh and kids	Ed Van Zandt	Lin Chapé
Ushers	Lin Chapé, Les Morgan	Jerry Sawin, TBD	TBD	TBD
Lay Readers	TBD	Brent Parker	Suzanne Van Zandt	Bev Thomas
Scripture	Genesis 2:18-24	Mark 10:17-31	Psalms 124	Mark 10:46-52
Worship Color	White	Green	Green	Green

**White** symbolizes purity, holiness, and virtue, as well as respect and reverence.

**Green** is the color of growth. It symbolizes the renewal of vegetation and the promise of new life.



**We continue to remember our homebound members.**

**You are missed and continue to be cared for and held in our heartfelt prayers.**

Marilyn Currant  
Park Centre #1  
500 1<sup>st</sup> St. N.  
Newton, IA 50208

Betty Hotchkin  
Park Centre #40  
500 1<sup>st</sup> St. N.  
Newton, IA 50208

Ann Raridon  
St. Frances Manor  
2021 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Grinnell, IA 50112

## ... Recipe Corner

### **Watergate Salad** by Ardelle Morgan

from *Windows Into our Kitchens*

(Congregational UCC Cookbook from 1981)



- 1 lb. can crushed pineapple
- 1/4 cup Maraschino cherries
- 1/2 cup dates
- 1/2 cup pecans
- 1 cup marshmallows
- 1 pkg. instant Pistachio pudding
- 1 8 oz. tub Cool Whip

Mix together first 5 ingredients. Sprinkle pudding mix over mixture. Add Cool Whip. Mix well. Let set overnight.

### **Shrimp & Macaroni Salad** by Marilyn Planer

from *Windows Into our Kitchens*

(Congregational UCC Cookbook from 1981)



- 2 lbs. cooked shrimp
- 1 1/2 cups macaroni shells, cooked & drained (3 cups)
- 2 cups cubed American cheese (8 oz.)
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped pepper (green, red, yellow, orange, your choice)
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 5 tbsps. vinegar
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- Dash hot sauce

Mix shrimp, macaroni, cheese & vegetables. Blend remaining ingredients, toss with shrimp mixture. Cover & chill thoroughly. Serves 12.



Sundays

7:35am "Into the Mystic" on KCOB  
 95.9 FM & 1280 AM  
 10:00am Worship  
 11:15am Fellowship Time

# OCTOBER 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	01	02	03

			6:00PM Poverty Series: Video Teach-in	4:15pm Fuller Scholarship Review Committee 5:00pm Bible Study		
World Communion Food Pantry Donations 1:30 pm CROP Walk	Indigenous Peoples' Day 2:00pm PI Baking		Deadline for Annual Meeting Reports 5:15pm Centering Prayer 6:00pm Church Council	5:00pm Bible Study		Iowa Conference Annual Meeting, West Des Moines
Neighbors in Need 10:45am Congregational Conversation			5:15pm Centering Prayer	5:00pm Bible Study		
JCARL Collection Annual Meeting Potluck	Deadline for Open Door Articles 2:00pm PI Baking		9:30am Morning Circle 5:15pm Centering Prayer	5:00pm Bible Study		
Deadline for T-shirt orders 9am Poverty Series: Reading Group			9:30am Kitchen Cleanup			

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