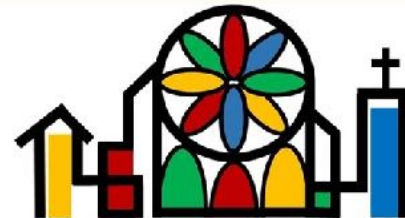


First Congregational UCC

TIDINGS

A weekly newsletter for our church family and friends

July 3, 2024



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No matter who you are or where you are on Life's journey, you are welcome here!

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

~ Continued prayers for those who have been and are still affected by the recent flooding.

~ The church offices will be closed Thursday. Happy 4th of July!

WE HAVE A PANTRY TO FILL



Reminder ideas to fill the pantry and provide emergency food for others:

Peanut butter, nuts, rice, cereal, oatmeal packets, granola bars (with no chocolate that can melt), crackers, snacks for kids, canned soups/fruits (pop-top cans preferred), canned meats, new/unopened baby formula, sealed/unopened drink mixes, dried fruit, etc.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC SIGN-UP

We are looking for people to provide special music on Sunday mornings during the summer while the choir is on break. You can sign up at the link below or contact Michelle in the office and she can let you know what Sunday's are available and take your information. [<< CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP >>](#)

CALLING ALL FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS

We have a THURSDAY evening work session scheduled this month on **July 25 from 5-7pm!** Please let Diane know if you can join us! Let's plan on going out for pizza after we finish our shift!



LOVE INC DONATIONS

For the month of July we will be collecting laundry supplies. You can drop off your donations in the box dedicated to LoveINC in the Crossroads. Detergent, baskets, and dryer sheets are always needed. Thank you in advance for your support!

This Sunday:

**Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost**

July 7, 2024

10:30 am

Communion Sunday

**Brandyn will present
the message:**

*Hearts Wide Open:
in strength & weakness*

Using the text:

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Worship Leader

Cliff Highnam

Mini-Message

Nancy Mahood

Deacon-In-Charge

Nancy Mahood

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**To watch last Sunday's
service you can**

[<< Click Here >>](#)

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TO MAKE YOU SMILE...



One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it.

The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up; stood beside the little boy; and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?" The pastor replied, "Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."

Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service, the 8:00 or 10:30?"



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."