No matter who you are, no matter where you are in life’s journey, you are welcome here at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Buena Vista.

MODERATOR’S MOMENT

Fall is in the air and the harvest moon is blessing us with its radiance. The trees tell us by the changing colors of their leaves that something new is about to happen! The second chance to start over again comes from September’s offer of new beginnings. As we step forward to meet this new season, our Church is caught up in planning and imagining for the future of our Congregation. We are stepping out to embrace some new organizational and structural changes that will help us be more effective in carrying out the important ministry and mission of the Congregational United Church of Christ of Buena Vista.

Soon the Stewardship Committee/Task Force and Church Council will bring to the Congregation some ideas to consider, and together the decision will be made whether to embrace/try these changes for a trial of one year. These are some of the changes to be considered:

1) New names for our Boards,
2) Smaller number of persons serving on the Boards,
3) Dividing the work of the Trustees,
4) Treasurer and Financial Secretary will be elected, not appointed,
5) More Congregational input.

Exciting ideas to consider!

Another important happening will be planning for Pastor Rebecca’s Sabbatical summer in 2019. The grant to CUCC was awarded by the Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis and is provided through the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program.

Be the Church...
love. love. love.
Be the Church because love is still the way.

The scripture from Sunday, August 26th’s message on “Hope” guides us:

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. And now faith, hope and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is LOVE.” (1 Corinthians 13: 1-3 & 13)

May God lead us to be thankful for the opportunities that are before us!

Walking together in faith, hope and love!

Marjorie Erickson, Moderator

“LOVE IS STILL THE WAY”

“Embracing Change”

“In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)
Our "Conversation about Covenant," Part 2, looks at the commitments of a Pastor to Christ’s Church, the triune God, the congregation she is called to serve, her family, and herself.

The Ordained Minister’s Code
I believe that God calls the whole Church and every member to participate in and extend the ministry of Jesus Christ; that the privilege of witnessing to the gospel in Church and society belongs to every baptized Christian; that God empowers the ministry of the Church and its members by the Holy Spirit; that the Church nurtures faith, evokes gifts, and equips its members for service; and that God calls certain of the Church’s members to various forms of ministry in and on behalf of the church.

I have been called by God to be a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ and ordained by the United Church of Christ to preach and teach the gospel, to administer the sacraments and rites of the Church, and to exercise pastoral care and leadership.

I will seek to witness to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

I will preach and teach the gospel without fear or favor. I will speak the truth in love.

I will administer the sacraments and rites of the Church with integrity.

I will diligently perform the work of ministry which I have agreed to perform.

Partnership in Ministry
I will nurture and offer my gifts for ministry to the Church. I will seek to call forth and nurture the gifts of others in the Church and join their gifts with mine for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ and the health of the Church.

I will seek to understand, support and interpret the diverse ministries of the Church and its members as carried out throughout the world. I will stand with those who risk personal well-being because of actions taken in response to their Christian convictions.

I will work cooperatively and collegially with those whom I serve in the particular ministry to which I have been called.

I will stand in a supportive relationship with my colleagues in ordained, commissioned, and licensed ministry, offering and receiving counsel and support in times of need.

I will be an advocate for fair standards of compensation for all ordained and lay employees of the church, particularly in the place where I serve.

I will be a responsible participant in the life and work of my Association, Conference, and the United Church of Christ.

I will be a responsible representative of the Church Universal and participate in those activities which strengthen its unity, witness and mission. I will seek the counsel of the Conference or Association Minister or the Association Committee on the Ministry on should divisive tensions threaten my relationship with those with whom I minister.

The Ethics of Ministry
I will regard all persons with equal respect and concern and undertake to minister impartially.

I will honor all confidences shared with me.

I will not use my position, power, or authority to exploit any person.

I will not use my position for personal financial gain, nor will I misuse the finances of the institution which I serve.

I will not perform pastoral services within a parish or for a member of a parish without the consent of the pastor of that parish.

I will deal honorably with the record of my predecessor and successor.

I will not, upon my termination and departure from a ministry position, interfere with nor intrude upon the ministry of my successor.

Growth in Ministry
I will encourage and participate in the regular evaluation of my ministry.

I will seek to grow in faith, knowledge and the practice of ministry through intentional continuing education, study and devotional life.

I will cooperate with my Association in the periodic review of my ordained ministerial standing.

Commitments to Self and Family
I will live a life which honors my commitments to my family.

I will honor my need for time for physical and spiritual renewal, recreation and vacation.

I will honor my family’s need for privacy and time together.

I will be a responsible steward of my personal and family finances. I will honor and accept responsibility for all debts which I incur.

I will attend to my physical well-being and avoid abusive behaviors and abusive use of substances. Relying on the grace of God, I will lead a life worthy of the calling to which I have been called.

PASTOR’S ARTICLE, September, 2018

Sign-ups for worship service opportunities [Coffee hour hosts, Flower providers, Greeters, and Lectors] may be filled in on the clipboard on the bulletin board leading to the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Diaconate Board members [Barb Groy, Betsy Neas, Doyle Nyberg, Ruthann Schoeffield, or Elizabeth Shelby]. We continue to offer free training for all opportunities. Please sign-up for these worship opportunities!! Thanks to all who have participated and those who have signed up for future dates. The clipboard will be passed through the Congregation at various times to help fill in the holes.

The Diaconate has concluded the initial review of the church rolls after several work sessions. The next step will be for other “eyes” to review our results and provide input and suggestions. The results will then be shared with the Church Council. The Diaconate is also in process of developing a Policy and Procedure to help guide future roll reviews.

Upcoming events and activities for September 2018 include the following:

- Communion Sunday will be held on September 02, 2018.
- Round-Up Sunday, September 09, 2018-Chicken meal and dessert provided by the Social Sunday team following worship service. Please join us for this intergenerational event. All you have to bring is yourself!!
- Diaconate meeting at CUCC on September 12, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.
- Church Council meeting at CUCC on September 19, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Warren Montgomery Day-celebration of his 90th birthday, September 23, 2018

God bless.

~Doyle Nyberg, Diaconate Chair
Dear Reverend Rebecca,

As Kairos Donor Coordinator at Buena Vista Correctional Complex, and on behalf of the entire Kairos team, I wish to thank you for the support you and your congregation provide to our ministry. The availability of your facility throughout our Kairos weekend, as well as some of our formation meetings, are a true blessing. Your facilities are perfect for our needs.

You should expect to receive a check within the next couple of weeks.

Once again, thank you and your congregation for the support that you have shown to the Kairos Prison Ministry.

God Bless You

Patrick Dolan
Kairos Donor Coordinator

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Please Remember in Your Prayers

Nan Bohe—Healing
Mary Lou Bouman—Healing
Mancy Adams—Healing
Linda Baldwin—Healing
Kim Hughes (Doyle Nyberg’s cousin)—Healing
Bryce Kelly—Healing
Sarah Struthers—Healing
Jordan Conradson—Healing
Terri Holloway McNorton—Healing
Randy Wagner—Healing
Codi Miller—Healing
Maryanne Wells (Janet Jones’ sister-in-law)—Healing
Marlene Summers (Janet Steiner’s sister)—Healing
Krissa Ferguson (Jean & Steve Ferguson’s daughter-in-law)—Healing
Mark Russell (Marge Dorfmeister’s nephew)—Healing
The Family of Courtney Schucker—Comfort
Grady Bragg (Ruth Amster’s nephew)—Healing
The Family of Pete Gibbens—Comfort
Bill Waldorf—Healing
Del Jones—Healing
Mildred Rasmussen (Rebecca Poo’s mom)—Healing
Kay Allinger—Healing
Ruth Lambert—Healing
Steve Wheeler—Comfort in the loss of his dad

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ANNIVERSARIES

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September 4—Ric & Char Houseman
September 4—Bob & Norma Smith
September 7—Rod & Shari Schofield
September 20—Tom & Millie Meardon
September 22—Jim & Ruth Amster

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CUCC Special Dates

BIRTHDAYS

September 4—Judy Hassell
September 7—Farrell Coy
September 13—Fred McMurry
September 15—Gerry Venard
September 16—Carla Hansford
September 17—Norma Smith
September 17—Rod Struthers
September 18—Susan Helms
September 18—Mary Messamer
September 18—Ryan Tucker
September 24—Warren Montgomery
September 30—Wilma Williams

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Thank you for your card & your concerns. Jean is having some problems & my Parkinson’s is causing me a few problems. This old age can be tough at times.

We miss you all,

Lew Lowe
“Gene, why is that cow crying so much?”
“Jean, I don’t know. Why is that cow crying so much?”
“Well,” I huffed, “you obviously don’t care that some cow around here is very sad.”

Some poor creature had been bawling all day long like its heart would break, and it was tearing me up.

“How can you ignore it?” I sputtered, because by dinnertime I had had it. “Gene, listen to me! Some cow is in big trouble. How do you know it’s not one of ours?”

“But because Jean, it’s coming from across the road,” he tossed at me. But giving up, he finally put his nursing book down and said, “Oh, all right, Jean sweetie, I’ll go see.”

He was gone maybe ten minutes and when he came back in, he said evenly, “It’s not one of ours and I couldn’t even find her. She’s probably just lonesome.”

“And lonesome!” I cried. Being a writer and sensitive and with a big imagination and all, I got to thinking about this poor cow somehow huddled against a fence, lonely and bawling. Sighing deeply, I got up, put my coat on, and went out to find her. I could not.

Night fell and I was glad. Darkness seems to blanket things somehow to hush us for a while and, sure enough, the crying stopped. We ate dinner and settled down to watch a movie, when all of the sudden this truck zoomed up our driveway and headed straight to our upper field. Before we could get out there, though, the truck turned around and zoomed out to the road again.

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“I don’t know, but they’re coming back,” Gene said. While heading for the back door again.

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We both took off running down our driveway behind the truck, though for the life of me, I don’t have the slightest idea what we thought we could do on foot.

Gene must have realized the same thing and ran back to get our green truck. But I, caught up in the drama, continued to run behind the truck. I got out on Flanagan Station Road and here came this very large young black heifer, barreling as fast as she could, with eyes wild, nose snorting, and tail flying. I braked to a full halt thinking. “And what if she turns right, right where I’m standing at the base of our driveway?”

And she would have done exactly that except that here came Gene, flying down our driveway in our truck, headlights freezing that poor girl in her tracks. She took one look at the bright headlight, lit out through our right field which runs parallel to our driveway, and ran straight up to our barn.

It all happened so fast, but I swear this is true. As she flew by me, I could hear her saying. “Here I come big boy. Wait for meeee!” I recognized her voice, hoarse from bawling all day long. Why, she had been pining away for the love and attention of our handsome new black bull up behind our barn. It all became crystal clear to me. The thing is, she did live across the road, too far away to ever see our bull. But, baby, let me tell you, she knew he was up there and exactly where to find him. How, I do not know.

And let me tell you something else. It was love at first sight. All of us ran behind her fleeing rear end up the field to the barn. We flung open the gate for her, because it was absolutely clear that she had jumped one fence to get to this handsome guy and she would have no hesitation about jumping another one if necessary.

It was embarrassingly clear that they planned to make a night of it, so we decided to give them their privacy. “Tomorrow,” we said, “We will take her home again.” Ain’t love grand!

The view from the mountain is wondrous.

Jean Brody
**Plugging into the Life of the Church**

**We are family & watch out for each other.**

If you or someone you know from CUCC has been missing, been ill, or just not around, please let Pastor Rebecca know. Also, let them know we miss them and are concerned about how they’re doing. If you’re going to be away traveling, please let us know as well!

**Did you know that CUCC has an All-Church Email blast each week?**

Be sure you’re on the list! Call Nancy at 395-2544 or email to office.bvcucc@gmail.com.

**Affairs in order? Don’t forget your church!**

CUCC has a form for “Memorial Instructions.” This is a helpful tool for you, your family, and your pastor to know your wishes for your memorial service and memorials. See Pastor Rebecca or the office for a form, email for a copy to office.bvcucc@gmail.com, or memorials. See Pastor Rebecca or the office for a form, email for a copy to office.bvcucc@gmail.com, or pick one up in the kiosk at church.

**Let’s be green!!!**

Please recycle everything possible at CUCC. We have bins in the office and Fellowship Hall to make it easy. Please do not put cardboard boxes in the dumpster. Flatten and put next to the recycle bin in the FH or give to Pastor Rebecca.

**Backpack program**

Food items always in demand:
* Shelf-stable milk (Horizon milk in cartons on shelf at Walmart, white or chocolate)
* Fruit cups (individual)
* Chef Boyardee, pasta, etc.
* Pudding Cups
* Granola or Cereal Bars

As always, cash donations are appreciated, too!

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**Day 39 on the ark.**

I thought the Block was two.

**Did you know?**

Sermons can be received via email each week or found in the file box outside the office door, sorted by date. Email office.bvcucc@gmail.com or call 395-2544 to receive a copy. Also available in large print before the service — ask a greeter.

**Church-community happenings**

**It’s Warren Montgomery Day!**

**Sunday, September 23**

In honor of his 90th birthday! Join CUCC in celebrating Warren’s birthday — there will be cake!

**Git yer cowboy on for Roundup Sunday!!! and a Social Sunday Feast!**

(otherwise known as Winner-Winner Chicken-Dinner-Not-a-Potluck) **September 9**

Roundup Sunday begins with Adult Education at 9:00am, continues with the 10:00 worship service and Children’s Church and concludes with a delicious lunch (it’s gonna be sooo good) after the service!

Now it’s back to our “regular” schedule:
- Choir begins Wednesday, September 5, at 6:00pm
- Adult Education, 9:00am, beginning September 9
- WMS resumes its monthly programs
- the Backpack Program returns weekly on Thursdays at 9:45am

**Kairos event—Closing ceremony**

**Sunday, Sept. 30, 1:00pm-3:30pm**

BV Correctional Complex Prison Chapel

You are invited to the Closing Ceremony of a Kairos 4-day Prison Ministry Retreat. Participating offenders will share their testimony and community members can demonstrate their prayer support and see how some of our faith-based programs work from the inside.

If you are interested, please have them contact Rebecca Volz at rebecca.volz@state.co.us for a Consent to Search form and return it to her by Monday, September 17th.

Thank you for your support of Prison Ministry.

Rebecca Volz is the Regional Volunteer Coordinator Faith and Citizen Programs

**It’s a party in honor of Mary Messamer’s 90th birthday!**

**Saturday, September 15**

1200pm-400pm

Join us in celebrating Mary’s birthday with a potluck lunch and more at the church. Join in the fun even if you don’t bring a dish!

**A little help needs you!**

Please consider volunteering for this program to benefit your neighbor. Who knows—you may ask to receive a little help in the future yourself!

Information and sign-up forms for both volunteers and recipients are available in the narthex—

**Arkansas valley christian mission**

The first Sunday of each month CUCC collects cash and food donations for the Mission. They are always in need of peanut butter & jelly and canned fruit.

Thank you!
The Legendary Blue Danube River Cruise
11-Day River Cruise Holiday
Hungary • Slovakia • Austria • Germany • Czech Republic
Departs September 5, 2019
For reservations or information contact Barb Rudolf with E-Travel Unlimited at 303-792-9225 or barb@etravelunlimited.com.

Educational Tour of the Holy Land
December 29, 2018-January 10, 2019
Former CUCC members, Rod and Sharie Schofield, are leading a post Christmas trip to the Holy Land. They will be visiting holy sites throughout Israel and Palestine, as well as worshipping at Redeemer Church in Jerusalem.
If you are interested, please contact Rod and Sharie at rodschofield93@gmail.com to receive an email brochure and video of a trip Rod led this past January.

Community Awareness Event on the National Opioid Crisis
Written Off: The Journals Will Explain Everything
Tuesday, September 11, 6:30pm-8:00pm
Salida SteamPlant
A video documentary and expert panel discussion on the science and struggle of addiction. FREE.

Reaching the Pastor
If I'm not at the church, I might be out visiting, at a meeting or writing a sermon.
Leave a message at the office at 719-395-2544, call my cell at 719-252-6890, or email me at revbecca@icloud.com.

Rebecca, Thank you for hosting our "A Little Help" meeting. I also appreciate all your help & guidance. You are a real gem.
Love,
Sara Ward
Director of A Little Help

We are sending this to you, but we know there were so many people who jumped in to provide desserts for the Firefighters Benefit on Saturday, July 28th. You contacted us to offer help, and they ran full speed to get so many others involved—your effort—and all your friends—made an extraordinary contribution to the event. To get such an amazing selection of truly pretty and really delicious desserts—and such variety! We couldn't have imagined or paid for what we received.

We really cannot express how much we as a group appreciate your effort, and all of the work put in—all short notice—by all the other people you put the word out to. Even though the weather took a turn for the worse, there was outstanding turnout from the community, everyone loved the food (couldn’t believe the desserts!), and people were happy to make a donation. Had the weather not wreaked the havoc that it did, we think this event would have set a precedent for years to come.

We didn’t plan on the kind of support received from you and your circle. As you knew, all of the remaining desserts from the event (because it was cut short) were packed up and word was put out that these homemade sweets were available on Sunday. In two short hours, everything was sold that day for an additional $344. Perhaps you have heard, the BV Ambassadors—on behalf of the community—were able to make cash donations totaling $2,290 to the firefighters from the County, Salida, and Burea Vista.

We thank you so, so much for participating with us, serving the community, and setting an example of local philanthropy. Please let everyone that baked and iced and dipped know that it was impressive to everyone!

Sincerely yours,
Wendy Hall
for the Board of the BV Ambassadors

Arroyo Housing & Services Presents
CARRIE NEWCOMER & Pianist Gary Walters
Please join us for a benefit concert featuring Carrie & Gary on October 27th at the Aurora Community Theater. 100% of the proceeds from this concert will benefit the Arroyo Housing Services Program.

The National Opioid Crisis:
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Kudos Kolumn

Trustees do many things behind the scenes to keep our grounds beautiful and safe. Thanks so much for the new chains for the swings!! (and for everything else you do!)

Thank you Rhonda Funston and Kathy Roman for taking all those clothes to La Puente for the victims of the recent fires. That was a labor of love! And thank you to all those who contributed!

Wow! That’s a lot of clothing! Kathy Roman and VirJeanne Williams load them up ready to go.

VirJeanne, Rhonda, and Kathy—thank you, ladies, for your wonderful efforts on behalf of the La Puente clothing drive!

WMS Program
Thursday, September 27
1:00pm, CUCC
“Strengthening Ourselves” with Lacee Trusty
Hostesses Linda Rak & Jan Scar

BV Strong Community Dinner
Monday, September 24, 5:30pm

If you would like to host a table, please visit www.bvstrong.com.

Even if you haven’t arranged to join a table, please come—there will be open seats!

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CUCC Council Minutes
August 15, 2018

Present: Kathy Roman, Marge Erickson, Ron Erickson, Doyle Nyberg, Rebecca Kemper Poos, Kay Allinger, Betsy Neas, Helen Duncan, Bowie Duncan, Judy Hassel, Merilee Dougherty, Ron Rak

Marge Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:04pm, opening with an inspiring prayer. A review of upcoming events on the church calendar was noted on the Meeting Agenda.

General Business and Reports

Minutes from the June 22 Council Meeting were approved as written – Motion by Betsy N./Ron R.

Clerk’s Report: Ron R. reported that Pete Gibbens passed away August 14. He was an inactive member of CUCC. Nance Best from the church office noted a Buena Vista address on record, and requested family addresses from any church acquaintances.

Treasurer’s Report: Marge E., speaking for Treasurer Cindy Helm, highlighted the July 31 Financial Statement. Doyle noted that July was a good month for church income, and that the church was $1700 under budget YTD.

Moderator’s Report: Marge announced a commitment to start a Celtic prayer session on Wednesdays in the Rainbow Room.

Pastor’s Report: Rebecca announced that CUCC received a grant from the Lilly Foundation of CTS for $35,217 for a clergy renewal program. There are some requirements to be processed by CUCC in August, and CUCC cannot announce the grant in public media until October.

A Pastoral Relations Committee should be established for the church – it’s in the bylaws. Council members were asked whether there was a committee in the past, how were the members selected, what was the term of office, and how do other churches do it? Doyle and Rebecca will research the details. Marge offered to work with Rebecca to select candidates, and a list will be discussed at the September Council Meeting. If a list is available before the next meeting, a special Council meeting may be called. Helen made a motion/Judy 2nd that Rebecca will determine the names of possible candidates to establish a Pastoral Relations Committee of up to 5 members, following the bylaws. The motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca is planning a vacation August 20th to the 25th. A substitute minister is scheduled.

Continuing Business

Rebecca reported an offer from Leo Acaia to upgrade the sanctuary sound system for $430. This type of upgrade would normally cost about $2000. The Memorial Committee approved this project to be funded by Memorial Funds and reported such to Council.

New Business

Formally appoint Lesley Fagerberg as a signatory on the CUCC bank accounts. Judy H. made a motion that Lesley Fagerberg be appointed signatory on the church bank accounts. Council approved unanimously. Doyle noted that earlier this summer two signatures have been made on all church checks, those of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary, and a third person was now needed as back-up signatory on the church bank accounts. Judy H. made a motion that Lesley Fagerberg be appointed as a signatory.

Motion by Betsy N./Ron R. – to Formally appoint Lesley Fagerberg as a signatory.

Energy consumption of the parsonage is being studied to assess the positive effects of the woodstove on the heating bill.

A large contribution of $1500 to the Backpack program was received from Santa de Cristo Electric Association. Additionally, changes to the Backpack program for the fall include use of reusable grocery bags as the “backpacks,” which come as a donation from Re/Max real estate and other community donors through Jacy Douman.

Since school is starting soon, M&M decided to contribute to an organization providing school supplies to local children. A contribution of $319 will be made to FYI from the Lenten Free Will Offering Fund. Also for the fall, it was felt that supporting sustainable outreach was an important goal, and taking a fresh look at the worldwide scope of the Heifer Project will be researched.

Trustees – Bowie noted that lighting upgrades to the parsonage have been completed. Smoke detector replacements will be the next priority.

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Window replacements in the sanctuary and fellowship hall are being studied due to a $1000 offer by a member to start a fund for new windows.

Christian Education – Judy H. reported no progress on finding a Children’s Church Coordinator. However, work on determining a new curriculum for the fall/winter/spring season is progressing. The program will emphasize more family-interactive take-home projects.

Bowie suggested some ideas for a youth/adult mission trip for 2019. He mentioned recent discussions with Mark Wolters and son Cameron, and others, and getting names & contact info from Katie Wheeler as possibilities for a collaborative venture.

Women’s Missionary Society – Kay A. announced that the group decided to make a significant contribution to the church in August of $3000 to assist the church budget. The next focus of WMS will be supporting the upcoming fall Bazaar. They have offered a quilt and another craft item for the Bazaar raffle.

Marge moved/Kathy 2nd to establish a Window Task Force to research the project. Council affirmed the motion.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 19 at 7:00pm.

Prepared by Ron Rak, Clerk

CE News for September 2018

Round up Sunday is almost HERE! Dude yourselves up and head for the corral – Oh! I mean the Adult Education Room for a 9:00am expedition and adventure into Paul—one of the more intriguing personalities in the New Testament. Then gallop on into the sanctuary for more great activities and worship. The CE Board plans to gift each of the children present with an age-appropriate Bible.

Along those lines, the CE board needs anyone willing to lead a Children’s Church lesson to step forward and provide this mission for our youngsters who add so much delight and color to our worship. Talk to any board member with your ideas and availability. We are still looking for a Children’s Church Coordinator. Spread the word or consider your own calling to this position.

Respectfully Submitted, Laurie Stevens, Chair

Memorial Windows - Regarding the Trustee-consideration of replacement windows, it was suggested that a “Memorial Window” capital project may be considered. Rebecca asked for comments from Council on the idea. What do we think? How do we sell it? There was a detailed discussion of whether funds raised for the project should be placed in the existing Memorial Fund or a new “window fund.” Details of the windows such as including stained glass, commemorative plaques, and different types of windows for different locations were aired. Marge moved/Kathy 2nd to establish a Window Task Force to research the project. Council affirmed the motion.

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