

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen, Pastor
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Jackie Lowe, Lay Reader**

August 13, 2023

Worship 9:30 AM

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Chris Rice

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Whoever we are

People: We are known to God

Leader: Whatever we've done

People: We belong to God

Leader: Wherever we go

People: We are loved by God

Leader: Every day, every movement

People: God is our friend

Leader: When our way is joyful

People: God will rejoice with us

Leader: When the going is rough

People: God will wipe away our tears

Leader: We are God's people; we are held in love

People: Our hope is in the goodness of God

*HYMN # 501 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*INVOCATION

God of humanity, we give you thanks for friendships, old and new; for the opportunity to connect with others, to share stories and different perspectives, and to live, learn and laugh together. Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI # 734

SPECIAL MUSIC *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Jack Schrader
Amy Ogden, Soloist

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON *Genesis 21: 8-21* Pg # 16

*HYMN # 518 *Give Thanks for Life*

MORNING PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 10: 24-39* Pg # 9

SERMON *Hagar's Story* Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

OFFERTORY *Adagio* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*DOXOLOGY # 34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we will continue to ask for your healing presence, for we are needy people. We will continue to request blessings from your hand, to call forth the resources you've given us. But we will also increase our thanksgiving and our grateful sharing. You have made us more than conquerors through Christ who loved us. Nothing will separate us from that love as we seek to live it every day. Amen.

*HYMN # 512 *We Shall Overcome*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Wurttemberg

***Please stand if you are able.**

*Call to Worship & Invocation reprinted from Fire and Bread by Ruth Burgess
Prayer of Dedication reprinted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit, Book 2 by Lavon Bayler*

*Greeters This Morning: Kathy Ward and Carol Benner
Ushers This Morning: Jean Landes, Carolyn Hotchkiss, Susie & John Shafer
Live Stream This Morning: John Maguire
Coffee Hour Host: Pastor Parish/Public Image*



If you are visiting with us, welcome!
Please fill out a green card and place it in the offering plate.
If you would like to use our hearing assistance system please see an usher.

Happy Birthday

14 Erich Rudolph
15 Carla DeMeco ~ Josh Sohn
16 Polly Taussig ~ Peggy Hollister ~ Addie Magri
19 John Maguire ~ Evan Wilt

Prayer List

Allie and Seamus, friends & family of Josh A. friends of Fred Henry; **Carol Birx** (friend of the Casellas Family); **Marjorie Case; Cheryl** (Jennifer Maxfield's sister-in-law); **Judy Clark** (friend of the Casellas Family); **Abby Coons** (Carl & JoAnn Reed's friend); **Carol & Kent** (Karen's friends); **Cathy Coots; Betsy Cox; Bob DeSantis** (Dorice & Don Raw, Sr.'s friend); **Jerry Diver; Max Grossman** (George Herren's friend); **Carin Herren; Barb Iglewski; Anne Jensen** (friend of Jim & Connie Fredericks-Malone); **John** (Lin's nephew); **Sue Kotalik; Ron & Lu Krahl; Michelle List;** (friend of Joann Reed); **Dennis Maxfield; Paul** (Dennis Maxfield's brother); **Frank McAlpin** (Patrick McAlpin's father); **Okke Postma; Chris Pritchard** (Rick & Cindy Mullen and George Herren's friend); **Don Raw, Sr.; Pat Smith; Dr. Steven Smith & Family** (Jessica & Dan Casellas' friends); **Family of Shirley Stadler** (relative of Debbie and Betty Lyon); **Josh Yeo** (Barb Stahl's friend); **Jason Zeller** (Kathy Ward's son); **Jim Ziegler**

Calendar

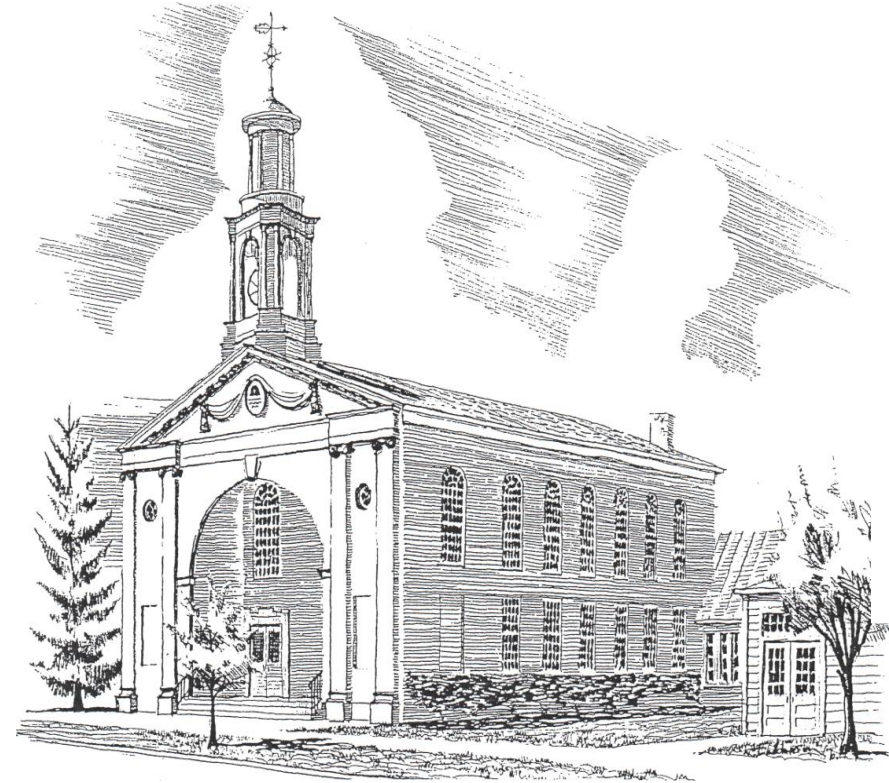
Mon Aug 14	2:30	Called to Care/Hayes Room
Tue Aug 15	8:00	Men's Group
	7:00	Council/Zoom
Wed Aug 16	10:00	TOPS
Thu Aug 17	10:00	Literacy Volunteers/Hayes Room
Sun Aug 20	9:30	Worship In-Person & Live Stream
	10:45	Social Action Committee
Mon Aug 21	9:30	Safety Task Force
Tue Aug 22	8:00	Men's Group
Wed Aug 23	10:00	TOPS
Thu Aug 24	10:00	Literacy Volunteers/Hayes Room
	12:30	Ladies' Luncheon/Rays Restaurant
	1:00	Resource Committee/Hayes Room
<i>Dawn Away Aug 25-28</i>		
Sat Aug 26	11:00	What If? Chicken BBQ at Runnings Parking Lot

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- ❖ We value and respect diversity in the ways we express our faith.
- ❖ We enjoy thoughtful dialogue about faith issues.
- ❖ We encourage each other to work for justice and to care for people in need in our community and in our world.