

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC ZUMBROTA
and
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORONOCO

June/July 2013 Newsletter

Summer Activities

JUNE



6/2 (O/Z) Food Shelf & Communion Sunday

6/7-6/9 (Z) MN Conference UCC Annual Meeting

6/12 Food Shelf is open 5-7:00 p.m.

(O) Session meeting at 6:30 p.m.

6/13 (O) Food Shelf delivery and restocking shelves 9:15 a.m.

6/16 Father's Day!



6/18 (Z) Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

6/26 (O) Food Shelf open 5-7:00 p.m.

JULY

7/4 Independence Day



7/7 (O/Z) Food Shelf and Communion Sunday

7/10 (O) Food Shelf is open 5-7:00 p.m.

(O) Session meeting at 6:30 p.m.

7/11 (O) Food Shelf delivery and restocking shelves 9:15 a.m.

7/15 August newsletter articles due

7/16 (Z) Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

7/24 (O) Food shelf is open 5-7:00p.m.



**LET THERE BE
PEACE ON EARTH
AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME...**



So we sing most Sundays after we have greeted one another with the words, “the Peace of God be with you.” This ritual greeting and this song are very important in the life of both congregations, and have been important in our continuing formation as Christians.

For many years, the Prayer of St. Francis has been at the center of my spiritual life:

***LORD, make me an instrument of Your Peace
where there is hatred, let me sow love
where there is injury, pardon
where there is doubt, faith
where there is despair, hope
where there is darkness, light
where there is sadness, joy.***

***O DIVINE MASTER, grant that I may not so
much seek to be consoled, as to console
to be understood, as to understand
to be loved, as to love.***

***For it is in giving, that we receive
it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned
and it is in dying, that we are born again to
eternal life.***

And I believe this prayer is an excellent companion piece to our ritual greeting of peace and our song/prayer that we want peace “to begin with ME.”

Thus, June 16, 23 and 30 the Prayer of St. Francis will be the focus of my sermons, as we explore together how this prayer might become an inspiration to each of us and a guide as to how we can become even more faithful and effective peace makers.

See you in Church.
Pastor Dick Eick

UCC Annual Meeting Coming Soon



You are hereby called to the Minnesota Conference 51st Annual Meeting, June 7-9, 2013, College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota. Last year we celebrated our 50 years as a conference, and this year we will celebrate the BOLD NEW THINGS we are doing as a conference and in our local churches. Come see the 21st century United Church of Christ Minnesota Conference!

Keynote speaker will be the Rev. Felix Carrion who has directed and organized the “God is still speaking” national messaging, marketing and identity campaign and programs. Rev. Kaji Spellman will be the guest preacher. Rev. Spellman is dedicated to justice and societal change, and consistently looks for opportunities to empower people to reform and revive church and society.

On Friday evening, we will honor Conference Minister Rev. Dr. Karen Smith Sellers’s service to our conference as she retires from her position. She will preach at the Friday evening worship service and we will wish her Godspeed at the Sunday morning service.

Bible study on Saturday will be led by Rev. Anthony B. Robinson, a consultant with the Center for Progressive Renewal, whom you may recognize as a contributor to Stillspeaking Daily Devotional.

As always the Annual Meeting will be rich with vital worship experiences, opportunities to meet new people and reconnect with old friends, chances to share your passion for social justice, and opportunities to re-invigorate your faith.

Delegates from Zumbrota will be Marlene Kosobucki and Parker Quammen. A full description of annual meeting activities appears at <http://www.uccmn.org/annualmeeting/>. All are welcome to attend. There is still time to register

(Z) Graduation Reception



After church on June 9 we will celebrate the graduations of Bridget Webster and Mitch Watkins with a cake (and maybe singing?!) Worship begins at 11 a.m., and the party will follow.

Bridget and Mitch have been two wonderful assets to our congregation and now we have a chance to wish them well as they go out to be wonderful assets in the wider world. Bridget received a choir scholarship to La Crosse and also a scholarship for academic cheerleading and begins her studies at UW-La Crosse in the fall, while Mitch heads to the University of St. Thomas on an ROTC scholarship. We are so proud of both of them, not just for what they have achieved in school, but also for the caring, hard working people they have become.

Please make time in your summer schedule to help Bridget and Mitch celebrate this milestone in their lives, and keep them in your prayers as they begin their new journeys.

(Z) You Are Invited

Everyone is invited to Bridget's graduation party on Saturday, June 8th from 9 to noon at the 4H building at the Goodhue County Fairgrounds.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *"Each of us has a few minutes a day or a few hours a week which we could donate to an old folks' home or a children's hospital ward. The elderly whose pillows we plump or whose water pitchers we refill may or may not thank us for our gift, but **the gift is upholding the foundations of the universe.** The children to whom we read simple stories may or may not show gratitude, but **each volunteer gift we give strengthens the pillars of the world.**"*

Maya Angelou

(OZ) First Congregational is Site For This Year's Covered Bridge Festival Quilt Show

Saturday, June 18, the Z sanctuary will be draped with beautiful quilts made by local quilters. The annual Covered Bridge Festival Quilt Show has been held at various churches, and this year it's our turn. Anyone in OZ who wishes to exhibit a quilt she/he has made, or who has an antique quilt to display, should contact Coleen Johnston by June 15, so that she can let the quilt show organizers know how many pieces we will have for them. Don't be shy! This is a great opportunity to show off your own handiwork, or that family heirloom that might inspire others.

The show will be set up on Friday, June 17. Quilts will need to be delivered to the church by then. We will need a couple of people to open the doors and help our guests find the things they need, etc., on Friday night. Hosts for Saturday will also be needed. Please contact Coleen if you would like to help at any of these times.

On Saturday, during the show, we plan to serve bars/cookies and refreshments, as well. If you would like to donate something, let Coleen know (843-4719, or coleenlou@gmail.com.)

The area quilters are very excited about displaying their works in our church. We hope you can attend and enjoy this event. Remember to bring a friend, too!

In Our Prayers

Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice. Psalm 55:17

Pastor Lisa, Peter and twin boys, Ian and Luke, the friends and family of Richard Tiede, Nick Pahl, Ann Hawkins, Mary Larson, Larry Glasenapp, Nancy Lorentzson (friend of Sue Johnson) and Dianne Pinney (Pastor Lisa's mother).

(O) Per Capita Dues

Session remits to the Presbytery per capita dues for all members of our congregation. Per capita dues support the activities of the Presbytery and are their only source of income to support their budget. In recent years, our church has benefited from the support of the Presbytery in several ways: assistance in pastor recruitment and grants from the Presbytery for our sanctuary and our food shelf. This year's per capita dues are \$32.37 per member and, so far, we are lagging in our contributions. If you are able, we would appreciate your contribution. Please note this payment as per capita on your check or cash envelope. Thank you for any payment you are able to make. If you have questions, please contact Kay Erdahl (treasurer) or any session member.

(O/Z) Readers of OZ



The Readers of OZ will take our usual vacation this summer and will not meet during June, July and August.

(Z) Directory Changes

Bob Hawley's new email address:

bobhawley55@gmail.com

Connie Hawley's new email address:

conniehawley123@yahoo.com

OZ to Celebrate 46 Years at Joint Service August 11

Forty-six years of ecumenical partnership is an anniversary worth celebrating! OZ will commemorate the event with a joint worship service at the Goodhue County Fairgrounds on Sunday, August 11, at 10 a.m. Fairgoers will be invited to join in this festive service.

Following the service, all will be welcomed to a potluck meal back at First Congregational. No matter how hot the day, the church basement promises to be a cool oasis for fellowship and fun—and our usual

great food. And remember, all are welcome. Why not invite a friend?

Habitat 500 Bike Ride 2013

Parker Quammen is preparing again to participate in the annual Habitat 500 Bike Ride, a 500-mile bicycle ride benefiting Habitat for Humanity and creating homeownership opportunities for low-income families by supporting the construction of simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with people in need. During this year's Habitat 500, participants will celebrate the 2,100th Habitat home built in Minnesota. Over the past 20 years, the ride has raised over \$5 million for Habitat home construction in Minnesota, the United States, and around the world. The 2012 Ride raised \$390,000! Thanks to generous sponsors, volunteers, and in-kind donors, \$0.97 of each \$1.00 raised through the Habitat 500 supports the mission of Habitat for Humanity. The 21st anniversary Ride, celebrating 2100 homes, runs July 14 – 20 and takes a route that includes the following towns: Becker, Pierz, Aitkin, Grand Rapids, Cromwell, Mora, and Becker.

This is Parker's 7th Habitat 500 Bike Ride (3,000 miles and counting), and he invites and welcomes your support of his ride.

Parker's contact information

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Birthdays for the Month of June



6/3 Marcy Burt
6/4 David Tri
6/6 Rachel Rand
Michael Rand
6/9 Kay Erdahl
Linda Quammen
6/14 Gabe Langbehn
6/17 Brenda Watkins
6/20 Helen Stolp
6/21 Marjorie Davies
6/22 Patrick Johnston
6/29 Kay Wilshusen
Neal Kylo

Birthdays for the Month of July

7/1 Jean Roth
7/3 Natalie Rolland-Vath
Larry Barnhart
7/4 Bill Wendt
7/11 Jakalyn Arendt
7/13 Joan Swarthout
7/14 Shane Matthees
7/15 Kaedyn Peterson-Rucker
Kevin Kylo
7/16 Judy Wilder
7/15 Kevin Kylo
7/17 Cliff Ludington
7/20 David Pahl
7/21 Gail Rucker
7/23 Luella Rueber
7/26 Virginia Wendt
7/28 Sue Wedge
Karen Peterson-Rucker

**Pastor Lisa will be back to work on
Sunday, June 30**



Her office hours will be:

**Monday 1-4:00 P.M. in Oronoco
Tuesday 8-11:00 a.m. in Zumbrota**

**Her email: pastorlisaj@gmail.com
Her cell phone: 507-696-8753**

Church Staff

Organist: Katha Johnson
Secretary: Sue Johnson
Custodians: (O) Sue Johnson
(Z) Debbie Floan
Pastor: Rev. Lisa Johnson

UCC Leadership Team

Bob Hawley, Moderator
Linda Magdsick Quammen, Clerk
Connie Wendt, Financial Clerk
Parker Quammen, Treasurer
David Pahl, Trustee
Rex Wiederanders, Trustee
Jim Wendt, Trustee
Gary Ofstie, Deacon
Bruce Johnston, Deacon
Chad Vath, Deacon
Connie Hawley, Deacon
Bonnie Rolland, Deacon
Coleen Johnston, Deacon

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Leadership Team

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Ron Peterson-Rucker, Ruling Elder
Joy Bertsinger, Ruling Elder
Ellen Simon, Ruling Elder
Brenda Longman, Ruling Elder
Kim Stanton, Ruling Elder
Karen Vallejo, Deacon
Ted Midthin, Deacon
Deb Nelson, Deacon
Vivien Midthun, Deacon
Carol Tiede, Deacon
Larry Glasenapp, Deacon

People of the Church

Janice Ostrom Co-Moderator
Judy Wilder, Co-Moderator
Joanne Schenck, Secretary
Judy Wilder, Treasurer

Secretary's Office Hours

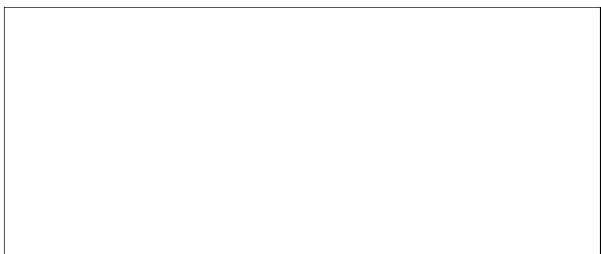
**Tuesday in Oronoco 10:00-3:00
Wednesday in Oronoco 10:00-3:00**

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Worship Times

June

July

6/2	9:00 (O)	11:00 (Z)	7/7	9:00 (Z)	11:00 (O)
6/9	9:00 (O)	11:00 (Z)	7/14	9:00 (Z)	11:00 (O)
6/16	9:00 (O)	11:00 (Z)	7/21	9:00 (Z)	11:00 (O)
6/23	9:00 (O)	11:00 (Z)	7/28	9:00 (Z)	11:00 (O)
6/30	9:00 (O)	11:00 (Z)			

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