

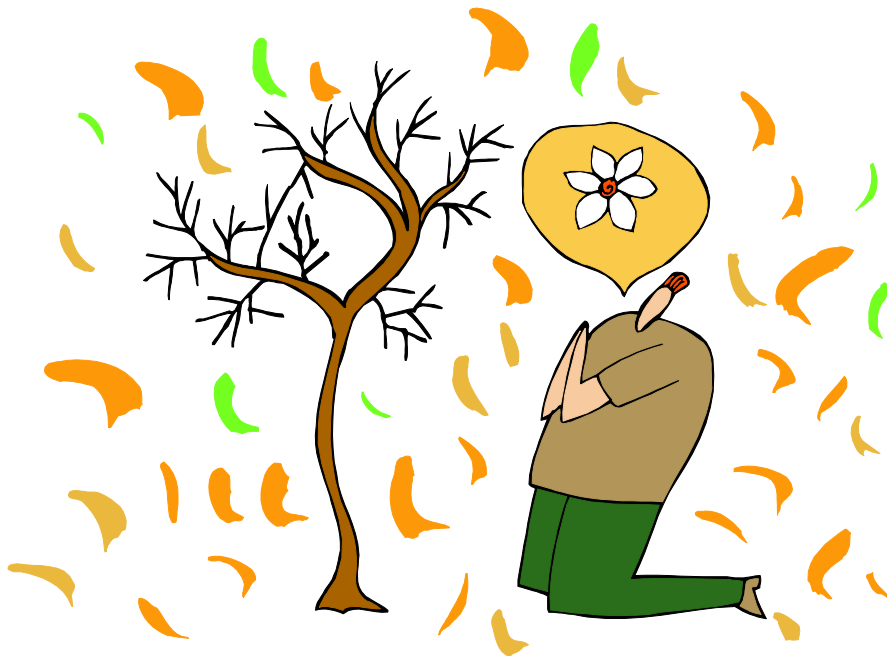
June 2011

Pastor's Reflection

I was very moved by our Prayer Vigil that we held here on the National Day of Prayer. And from the comments I have received from many of you who participated, some of you can say the same. Seldom, if ever, do we sit for an hour in prayer, without interruption. Spending this much time in prayer can be very intimidating and very difficult. Even anticipating spending an hour in prayer was hard to imagine for some. This Prayer Vigil was a huge undertaking for this small church but it reaped great benefit and was a wonderful witness of our faith. There is something very special that happens when we pray in a sacred space. The words and thoughts we pray become so much more than a litany of words. The Spirit comes alive very quickly and its presence is palpable. There are not words to describe all the feelings, but the energy in the room and within yourself are awesome. Then to sit with that energy for one hour ...you are transported to a new place and to a new awareness.

I could feel the excitement in those who participated for days after. I'm already looking forward making this an annual event! In the meantime, don't hesitate to stop by to pray! Thank you Sallie for pursuing your vision for our church!

Blessings on your journey, Pastor Susan



June 1, 2011

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Staff Directory

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Organist

Sandra Soderberg



Choir Director

Cyndie Cole



Secretary

Cyndie Cole
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Youth Leaders

Julie Hilt and Mary Amar-Fox



Worship Schedule

Choir Practice: 9am
 Worship: 10am
 Sunday School: 10:15am (during service)
 Coffee Hour: 11am (after worship)

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. ~Henry Ford



Frank Wilkinson
 Foster Weaver
 Jeff Killingbeck
 Ken Rudolph
 Cliff Black
 Dan Boxwell
 Larry Pratt
 Jean Myers
 Richard Schnell
 Christine Cole
 Sarah Dylenski
 Pat Noble
 Kay Huntoon
 Hudson Short
 Ken & Ren Job
 Beverly Jenson
 Seth Heim
 Riley Jarski

Salad Luncheon Schedule 2011

May Salad Luncheon took in \$417 for the Scholarship fund

Thank-you all who donated their time as well as Salads & Desserts. It is who people make the luncheons possible

Month	Committee	Chair
June	Women's Fellowship	Mona/ Helen
July	Missions/Outreach	Cathy
Aug.	Trustees	Tom
Sept.	Deacons	Margaret
Oct.	Choir	Cleveann/Sandra

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Liturgists

- 5 Joel Sietsema
- 12 Katie Amar Fox
- 19 Julia Chwatun
- 26 Margaret Hellenberg



June



Acolytes

- RJ Hilt/Gage Boughner
- Duncan Palmer/Taylor Rutsalla
- Eden Woodcox/Alyson Cole
- Erin Rigney/Katie Amar-Fox

July



- 3 Mary Fox
- 10 Marilyn Kaczanowski
- 17 Tom Otto
- 24 Brittany Hilt
- 31 Paul Kaczanowski

- Duncan Palmer/Taylor Rutsalla
- Nolan Roundy/Ryan Anderson
- Gavin Ball/Avery Ball
- RJ Hilt/Gage Boughner
- Amallia Kassuba/Meadow Kassuba

Ushers & Greeters

- 5 Jim & Julie Hilt
- 12 Dennis & Linda Raymond
- 19 Vicky Rigney and Mary Sanders
- 26 George Lienerth and John Garcia



June

- Jim & Julie Hilt and Cyndie Cole
- Dennis & Linda Raymond and Norm & Pat Dressel
- Father's Day Pies
- Pete Amar, Mary Fox and John Garcia

Coffee Hour Hosts

July

- Roy & Cleveanne Wolf and Butch & Arlene Guthrie
- Mona Viviano, Sandra Soderberg and Vicky Rigney
- Tom & Cathy Otto and Barb Myers Brown
- Paul & Marilyn Kaczanowski and Gloria House
- Don & Helen Crandall and Jen Kassuba



Flowers for the Month

June

Marilyn Kaczanowski



July

Mona Viviano

Lectionary Readings



June

- 5 Communion, Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11
- 12 Pentecost Sunday, Loose Change for Food Pantry
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b,
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
- 19 Trinity Sunday
Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20
- 26 Second Sunday after Pentecost, Loose Change for the Friendship Shelter
Genesis 22:1-4, Psalm 13 or Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18,
Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

July

- 3 Communion, Third Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45:10-17, Song of Solomon 2:8-13,
Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:8-14, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- 10 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Loose Change for Food Pantry
Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Isaiah 55:10-13,
Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- 17 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 28:10-19a, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19
Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- 24 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Statement of Faith, Loose Change Shelter
Genesis 29:15-28, Psalm 105:1-11, 45b, Psalm 128, 1 Kings 3:5-12,
Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
- 31 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7, 15, Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21



Notes:

New Church Directory

Our church has made an agreement with Lifetouch Church Directories to do a pictorial directory of church members and friends.

Begin shopping for that new outfit you want your pictures to be taken in. The dates are Tuesday June 7th and Wednesday June 8th. They offer a number of interesting incentives for money off portrait packages although you are under no obli-

gation to purchase anything. Please, plan to make an appointment when the time comes, so you can be represented in the directory.

If you would like to schedule your picture time online, just go to our website and click on the directory link.

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VBS

Again dates are June 20-24

You can register by the link below:

http://www.fumcgaylord.org/Pages/VBS_2011.html



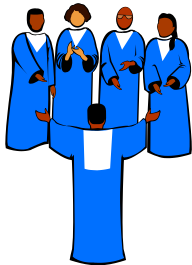
Choir

The choir has worked very hard this past year and will be going on vacation the end of June.

I am looking for people interested in providing special music during the months of July and August. If you are interested or know of someone who might like to help out, please contact me at secretary_ucc@yahoo.com

Thank you all for your support.

Cyndie



Church of the Month



During June we are asked to pray for Ironton Congregational UCC Ironton, and their newly installed Pastor, Michael Ochs.

ETC.

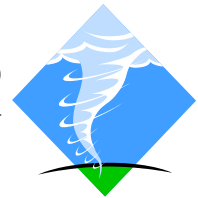
We now have our very own Popcorn Wagon. Thanks to Vern and Roy. And a thank-you to Chuck for the Sign to go along with.



Please plan on joining us for Father's Day Pies, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship.

June 19 after worship.

There is a donation box in the Parrish House for the Tornado Victims, from the recent tornados in the South.



PUT US ON YOUR CALENDAR

September 11, 2011

Trustee Minutes (April)

First Congregational
Church UCC
Trustee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 20, 2011
218 West Second Street, Gaylord,
MI 49735
P 989.732.5726
www.firstuccgaylord.org

I. Open Meeting

Tom called the meeting to order at 8:45am Trustees in Attendance: Tom Otto, Paul Kaczanowski, John Hellenberg, Todd Chwatun, Pastor Susan Webeler. The Trustees present constitute a quorum.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
Paul made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the March 16, 2011 meeting, support by Todd, all in favor.

THE MOTION CARRIES.

III. Treasurer's Report

Tom presented the bills to be paid and available bank statements from March 2011. After discussion, Todd made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the bills as presented, support by John, all in favor.

THE MOTION CARRIES.

Tom stated that the General Fund balance is shrinking and he is concerned. He asked that those present

review the budget and financial statements and bring ideas for generating revenue and reducing expenses to the May meeting.

IV. Old Business

a. Moderator Position - Cliff is continuing for now.

b. Audio/Video Reception - Todd knows a person who has a brand new camera for sale and will find out if the church can test it.

c. Custodian Position - Tom stated that it is difficult trying to find someone who will accept the pay rate we can afford to pay. It was suggested that someone approach **Women's Fellowship** to see if they would be able to increase their contribution toward this position. It was also suggested that we explore the possibility of offering a tax benefit to subsidize the pay if needed.

V. New Business

a. Lawn Maintenance - Tom presented 3 bids for lawn care, but in the interest of saving money it was decided to try to create a weekly schedule of volunteers.

b. Unemployment Payments - Tom told the Trustees that we have an option to pay unemployment insurance of \$140 per month or continue to opt out. Todd made a motion to continue to opt out, support by Paul, all in favor.

THE MOTION CARRIES.

c. Thank You Note - Tom said that he will send a thank you note for the donation of the TV on behalf of the Church.

d. New Copier - Tom reported that the Church has a new copier **in place from Dunn's business Solutions**. The payments are \$3 less per month and they donated four cases of paper to go with the machine.

VI. Reports

a. Pastor Susan - Pastor Susan reported that \$114 was collected in the special offering for the Friendship Shelter.

b. Women's Fellowship - Tom told the Trustees that over \$600 was raised by the Rummage Sale.

c. Buildings & Grounds - The carpet snags are going to be identified and repaired to prevent further problems.

d. Council - There will be a meeting soon.

e. Missions - There was discussion about a Mother Daughter Banquet in June.

VII. Adjourn

At 10:35am, with no more business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned and Tom led the group in **The Lord's Prayer**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Chwatun

Trustee Minutes (May)

First Congregational
Church UCC / Trustee
Minutes / May 18, 2011

I. Open Meeting

Tom called the meeting to order at

8:40 AM. Trustees in attendance: Tom Otto, Paul Kaczanowski, John Hellenberg, Vicky Rigney, Jason Woodcox, Joel Sietsema, Helen Crandall, Rev. Susan Webeler / Quorum present
Rev. Webeler opened the meeting

with a prayer.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vicky made a motion to approve the 4/20/11 minutes; 2nd by Paul; MC

Trustee Minutes (May cont.)

III. Treasurer's Report

The church April Bills, Church Accounts Summary, and Budget to Date were presented by Tom, along with monthly bank statements for review and discussion.

Joel made a motion to pay the April bills; 2nd by John;
MC.

Vicky made a motion to report the monthly and annual donations to the Otsego County Food Pantry for a more accurate record of our Mission Giving; 2nd by Helen;
MC.

IV. Old Business

A. Custodian Position: Sherri O'Neil will be our new custodian; Women's Fellowship is supplementing her salary by \$100.00/month for the General Fund/Withholding Taxes will be paid for Sherri

B. Lawn Maintenance: Jason Woodcox has volunteered to mow the lawn this summer; he will seek support from others within the church, when necessary.

V. New Business

A. Maintenance and Spring Cleaning: Helen will contact Maureen re: setting up volunteer list to help w/garden maintenance & Spring Cleaning Date (coordinate w/Paul)

B. Popcorn Maker and Stand Donations: Vern House made a rolling cart for the Popcorn Machine; Cliff Black donated Easter flowers; Chuck Falk is working on stand for TV donated by Braselton's; Vern House building stand for Advent Wreath; Don Ballenger made cross in Memorial Garden;

Maureen Ballenger mulch for gardens; Todd donated new camera for church close circuit.

C. Council Meeting: Tom will talk w/Cliff Black about a Council Meeting in the near future

D. Sabbatical/Rev. Webeler 2012: Rev. Webeler reminded us that she is contractually entitled to a 3 month paid Sabbatical on her 7th year of employment. Helen will look in to pastors available for part time work during that time; committees will need to be planning ahead to cover assignments for that time.

E. Newsletter Increased Costs: Trustees agreed to keep the Newsletter as is and pay the extra \$4.00/month (approx) cost for mailing; thanks to Cyndie for such a nice job!

VI. Reports

A. Pastor Susan: **Mother's Day gifts** (pansies) given rather than carnations; discussed possible new members; Pastoral Retreat this month; requested for graveside service/Shiels family .

B. Women's Fellowship: Pies for **Father's Day 6/19; women will be @ Camp Kettunen for Annual Meeting in June; suggest "donation" for desserts for Salad Luncheons; approved \$100.00/month to defray custodial costs**

C. Buildings & Grounds: **Approval to take out "clumped" irises and replace w/hydrangeas; Jason will take care of damaged sprinkler**

head; locks on doors & lights fixed in **Women's Bathroom (Joel); broken table leg (Joel); carpet snags (Paul & Tom); ants in kitchen (Paul); storm windows removed (Tom & Paul); mount new camera in church (Tom & Paul); repair shingle on church roof (Frank & Joel); cranks for kitchen window (Paul); adjust pilots on stove (Vicky); exhaust fan in kitchen (Tom & Paul)**

D. Council: No Report Given;
NEED TO SET MEETING DATE

E. Missions: No Report Given

F. Memorial: Seek help/coordination from Mary Sanders

G. Christian Education: VBS planning in process for June/Methodist Church.

H. Stewardship: No Report Given

I. Diaconate: Diaconate recommends communion by Intinction for the remainder of this year.

VII. OTHER

Spaghetti Dinner/Fund Raiser for Flood Victims May 23, 2011 Youth Group

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, 2011 @ 8:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen S Crandall

Diaconate Minutes

FIRST
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH UCC
DIACONATE MINUTES
MAY 21, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT; Pastor Susan, Margaret Hellenberg, Cleevanne Wolf, Joanie Sietsema, Louanne Spearman, Marilyn Kaczanowski, Lorelei Woodcox.

Minutes from April were accepted with one change. It is National Prayer Day not World Prayer Day.

We reviewed both Easter Sunday Service and National Prayer Day, and found both to be enjoyable and up-lifting.

On June 3rd Susan will be per-



forming a grave side service in Mancelona.

June 20th thru 24th will be Vacation Bible School which will be held at the Methodist Church from 5 to 7 pm.

On July 16th there will be a wedding.

On July 19th there will be a memorial service to be held in honor of Glen Steiner.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship
May 5 11

Those present were Helen Crandall, Vicky Rigney, Evelyn Pratt, Mona Viviano and Pastor Susan.

Meeting was called by Mona Pastor Susan led the worship study which was from Revelation 7-8:5. The lesson today was on the opening of the 7th seal of the scroll. It told of the good news of salvation, the New Jerusalem and of good things to come. Remember that Revelation is a dream of good things to come.

Evelyn reported a balance of \$1594.21 in our checkbook We will be sending a check to Olivet College and pay our dues to the United Northern Women's Assoc.

The women agreed by a phone poll to pay \$100 a month for cleaning instead of our regular

amount of \$60

Four women (Sallie, Helen, Mona and Evelyn) will be going to Camp Kettunen on June 10-12

The women will be doing pies for coffee hour on Father's Day June 19th

Women will also be in charge of the salad luncheon on June 28th

Glenn Steiner Memorial luncheon is planned for July 19th

Pastor Susan closed with prayer

**When it comes to going after
what you love in life, don't take
no for an answer.**

Christian Education

Christian Education Board

May 5, 2011

Present: Sallie Anderson, Cyndie Cole, Julie Hilt, Pastor Susan

Opening Prayer

Sunday School

Brittany Hilt will be taking over teaching Sunday School on the third Sunday of the month. Margaret Hellenberg will assist her. We want to thank Evelyn Pratt for her many years of service in teaching our children.

The babysitter on Sunday morning will also assist in Sunday School. There is a regular schedule that will be followed.

The Sunday School offering of \$240 will be sent to the Heifer Project International to purchase two goats.

Youth Group

There will be a spaghetti dinner on May 23 from 4:30-7:00. It will benefit the tornado victims

in Alabama.

On May 18 Mary Backlund will assist the youth in finishing the painting in the Youth Room. The last meeting of the year will be June 1. There have been five regular attendees. Many thanks to Julie Hilt and Mary Fox for providing leadership.

Vacation Bible School "Shake It Up"

It will be held at the Methodist Church on June 20-24 from 5-8PM. Supper will be served. An organizational meeting will be

held at the Methodist Church on Sunday, May 15 at 11:45. Volunteers are Sallie Anderson, Helen Crandall, Jason and Lorelei Woodcox, Carol Leser, Vicky Rigney, Louanne Spearman, Barb Brown, Emily Pallarito, Jen Kassuba, Cyndie Cole, and Pastor Susan. Registration forms are available in the office and online.

Bible Presentation Sunday - June 5, 2011

Bibles will be presented to Cienna and Eden Woodcox, Gavin Ball, Duncan Palmer, Gage Boughner, and Erin Rigney. Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders will also be recognized on that day.

Salad Luncheon

Christian Education raised \$265 at the luncheon. Thanks to all who helped.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Sallie Anderson



God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.

Happy Birthday

- 2 Tara Jans
- 6 Jim Boughner & David Hellenberg
- 7 Vicky Rigney
- 9 Katie Amar Fox
- 11 Mark Kersten & Kynzie House
- 12 Kay Huntoon
- 17 Butch Guthrie & Erin Rigney
- 21 Meredith Anderson & Gavin Ball
- 23 Mary Fox

Happy Anniversary

- 3 Rod & Sallie Anderson
- 5 Vince & Mona Viviano
- 9 Don & Helen Crandall
- 23 Terry & Diane House

If your name does not appear on our celebration listing, please let the office know so we can include you on this monthly birthday and anniversary page.

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- ★ Church Wish List ★
- ★ Everyday Napkins ★
- ★ Decaf Coffee ★
- ★ Dish Soap and Liquid Dishwasher Soap ★
- ★ Cleanser (i.e., Comet, Barkeepers Friend, Soft Scrub) ★
- ★ Toilet Bowl Cleaner ★
- ★ Clorox Spray Cleaner ★
- ★ Paper Towels ★
- ★ Stamps ★
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Upcoming Events

July

- 1-8 Cyndie on Vacation
- 7 Women's Fellowship
- 16 Alpenfest Parade
- 19 Glenn Steiner's Funeral Luncheon
Family Potluck 
- 20 Trustees
- 21 Diaconate
- 26 Salad Luncheon 

August

- 4 Women's Fellowship
- 6 UNA Picnic Otsego County Park
- 16 Family Potluck 
- 17 Trustees
- 18 Diaconate
- 23 Salad Luncheon 



June 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Communion Worship 10am Bible Sunday			1 BJ's Breakfast 8am Choir Practice 7pm	2 Bible Study 10am Women's Fellowship 11:15am CROP 1pm Mission/OR 4pm	3 Community Meal 5-6:30pm	4
6 5 Communion Worship 10am Bible Sunday		7 Directory Pictures 1pm - 8pm	8 BJ's Breakfast 8am Directory Pictures 1pm - 8pm Choir Practice 7pm	9 Bible Study 10am C M Steering 3pm	10 Community Meal 5-6:30pm	11
12 Worship 10am Pentecost Sunday Wear RED Loose Change for Food Pantry	13 Food Pantry Day	14 Susan on Vacation Food Pantry Day	15 Susan on Vacation BJ's Breakfast 8am Trustee's Meet 8:30am Choir Practice 7pm	16 Susan on Vacation Bible Study 10am Diaconate 4pm	17 Susan on Vacation Community Meal 5-6:30pm	18
19 Trinity Sunday	20 VBS 5-8 at Methodist Church	21 VBS 5-8 at Methodist Church	22 BJ's Breakfast 8am VBS 5-8 at Methodist Church Choir Practice 7pm	23 Bible Study 10am VBS 5-8 at Methodist Church	24 Susan in Gr. Rapids VBS 5-8 at Methodist Church Community Meal 5-6:30pm	25 Susan in Grand Rapids
26 Reading of the Statement of Faith Worship 10am Loose Change for Friendship Shelter	27 Salad Luncheon 11:30-1	28 Salad Luncheon 11:30-1 	29 Cyndie Vacation 30 BJ's Breakfast 8am	30 Cyndie Vacation Bible Study 10am		