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“Letting God’s love shine through us to the Community we Serve”

Rev. Laurie Hill

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FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear Friends,

Stay the course! I know, I know. This is going on far longer than we had ever imagined, much less hoped! So, we all need to stay the course to get through this very difficult time in history. Most plagues and diseases have lasted far longer than this one throughout history. Of course, at first, this disease was compared to influenza but of course, this horrible little bug has killed and severely sickened far more than the regular flu ever has already in its time. Because of our increase in cases, it’s time to be more diligent.

Tools to help us stay the course are to make peace with staying home as much as possible. Some of us cannot do that, but many of us can. Try NOT to go out in public, even when establishments are open. Order food and take it home or have it delivered. Eat at the outside dining places when you need to. Try hard not to attend gatherings, but if you must, wear your mask, stay 6’ away from others and shorten the length of your stay.

Emotions are running very high these days. We need to acknowledge these are times of great stress for other people around us. We are all grieving what we used to have. Grief takes the form of anger, denial, sadness, confusion, bargaining, and acceptance. Some of us have all those feelings in one day! People are angry that we still have to be following protocol. When my husband and I were in Kansas, we went to a county that had only 5 cases, yet people were diligent in wearing masks. One outdoor dining

experience we had, the waiter wearing a mask and gloves lamented: “I don’t know why we have to be so careful since we only have 5 cases.” I retorted, “Maybe it’s because you’re all so diligent that you only have had five cases!” Some are still denying that the disease is “that bad” or that we are at much risk. Yet, we have seen what can happen if someone is asymptomatic (without symptoms) but is positive for the disease! We have some who are sad that they cannot visit their loved ones, (me!) and that life is not back to normal yet. We have some who have accepted the way things are and are content in this time of protecting ourselves and others against this monster.

Find solace for your feelings by talking to others on the phone or at a safe distance, praying, staying healthy, being sure to use all protocol and remembering, they are just feelings. Stay the course and when we all are vaccinated, what joy will fill our hearts! Jesus’s commandment is to love one another. Let us love one another by protecting one another and we will survive and thrive! I get it. This is so very hard. At the same time, I believe in you! I know you want to protect each other and love each other. God bless us, Church, even when we are scattered!

Peace!

Pastor Laurie



Dear Friends,

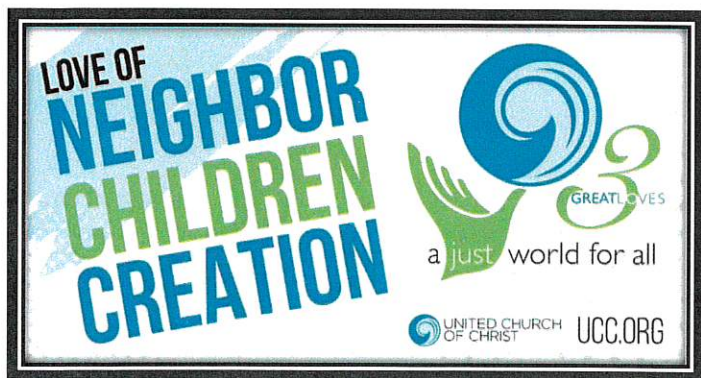


Due to the recent outbreak of known cases in Logan County, council has decided to move our target date of reopening worship to August 23rd. (We will live stream the services even after that time.) Council meets again on August 17th and so at that time, they

will reconsider if there is another change in cases or in state issued protocol.

Please stay tuned to your email and/or our St. John UCC Facebook page for announcements. We will continue to live stream on Facebook. That worship service is recorded to watch any time after the service. Also, our webmaster posts it to our website sometime on Sunday. (It isn't always right away, so keep looking for it on Sunday at some point.)

When we do resume services, there will be some protocol for everyone to follow. That will be sent out earlier. If August 23rd "sticks" as our date, we will send the protocol out the 18th or 19th. We beg your patience and your understanding. Many people have strong feelings about what they believe "should" happen. So, I'm hoping that you will have a sense of patience and love around the council and staff as we strive to make choices that are safe and most loving for all.



**ST. JOHN
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 20, 2020 | 7:00p.m.
(Gathered in Fellowship Hall following social distancing rules)

Present: Warren Goetsch, Laura Lee, Carolyn Pech, Randy Pech, Jack Leich, Troy Meinershagen, Tricia Pineda, Darlene Begolka (Office Manager), and Pastor Laurie Hill
Absent: Keith Birnbaum and Edna Mara

President Goetsch called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020, and Pastor Laurie Hill gave the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as presented. All voting aye, the motion passed.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. All voting aye, the motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Laurie and Bill Gosda, both located in separate locations, attended the Illinois Conference Meeting via Zoom. They voted on Nominees for Officers and Committee assignments. They voted to change the bylaws, so the meeting date isn't limited to May or June. And they voted in the new Conference Minister, Rev. Molly Carlson. She begins August 1, 2020.

She met with RTech about how to continue the Live Streaming even when we do have in person worship. In order to do this will require another device to help with more distinct sound. Will be discussed later on.

She is co-leading the book study on "White Fragility" with Presbyterian Pastor Quine.

She helped set up Red Cross Blood Drive on June 23rd. She attended several Zoom meetings, and the Veteran's Celebration Committee meeting in person. Officiated for a graveside service in Decatur and had one week of vacation in July.

OLD BUSINESS

Phone System: Comcast was contacted and was to do a walk through the building and get the installation done the week of the 20th.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Custodial Position:** Warren Goetsch (Council President), Gary Atteberry (Building and Grounds Chair), Bill Gosda, (Interim Custodian), and Pastor Laurie interviewed one candidate. The other candidate did not show up to scheduled interview. Cathy Sanders, daughter-in-law of Bob and Sandy Sanders, was interviewed by the hiring panel. They recommended to the council of St. John UCC to hire Cathy as the custodian. It was moved seconded to accept the recommendation of the hiring panel to hire Cathy Sanders as the custodian at St. John UCC. All voting aye, the motion passed. If Cathy accepts the position she can start immediately, Tuesday, July 21st.
- **Church Opening:** At the June council meeting the council passed a motion to begin in person services beginning August 2nd. However, since there has been a significant increase in Covid -19 positive cases in Logan County in the last several weeks it was discussed to push that opening date to a later time. It was moved and seconded to open the church beginning September 6, 2020. After some discussion, the motion was amended to open the church starting Sunday, August 23, 2020 citing that it's a compromise if the cases start decreasing over the next several weeks, we won't need to wait until September. The motion to the amendment was seconded. All voting aye, the motion passed. The motion to opening the church for in person services with the

amended date of August 23, 2020 was seconded. All voting aye the motion passed.

- **Open House Request:** The family of Ilona Pech, who passed away April 6, 2020, has requested they have an Open House in the Fellowship Hall. The council decided as long as the safety guidelines and precautions set forth by the governor and health dept. are followed (50 people at time, face masks, 6' social distancing, etc.) for gatherings the event could be held. The date to be determined.
- **Rev. Jan Johnson Retirement:** Rev. Jan Johnson, a former Interim pastor here at St. John's after Rev. Reinwald retired, has retired. She has asked that any monetary gifts for this milestone be given to the OCWM instead of to her. She will be sending a letter with this request. The council decided to put this announcement in the CHIMES and "bulletin" with a request that donations be sent in with a notation of "Jan Johnson Retirement-OCWM" in the memo line. A Deadline date will be given.
- **Blood Drive Site:** The Red Cross has designated St. John UCC as an approved site on an ongoing basis. There was one location in Lincoln which canceled their scheduled date, so they decided to offer the designation to the church. Look for future blood drive dates at the church.
- **Other:**
 - **Veteran's Celebration Committee:** They met on Monday, July 13. Jan Hahn, chair, and the committee decided to remove names of people from the invitation list who have not responded to the invitation three years or more in a row. Also, anyone who has signed up, but not attended in the last three years will be removed from the list. This will cut down on the postage costs spent to send those invitations in which we receive no response. After some discussion it was also decided that because no fund raising can or could be done and for safety

reason due to Covid-19, that the 2020 Veteran's Celebration will be canceled.

- **Rotary Meeting Location Request:** At this time since the church services are not convening, no Rotary meetings will be considered. We can look at this at a later date, if they still need a meeting location.

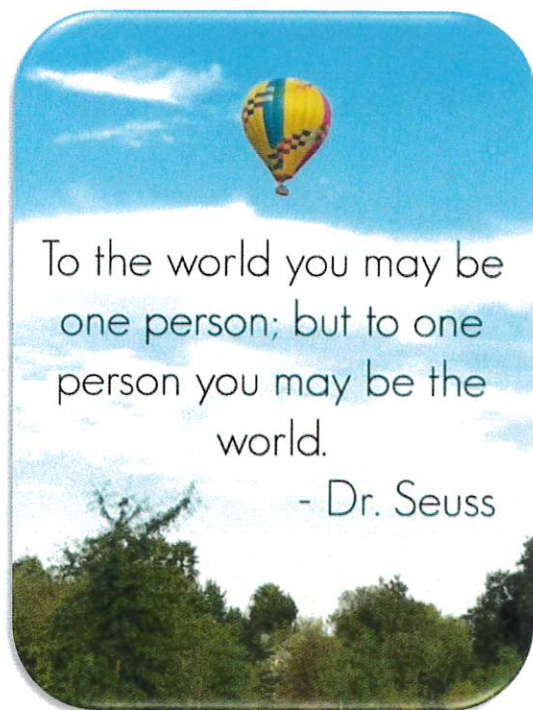
CORRESPONDENCE AND E-MAILS: The Illinois Conference sent a "Thank You" for the church's OCWM annual pledge goal of \$14,200.

ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

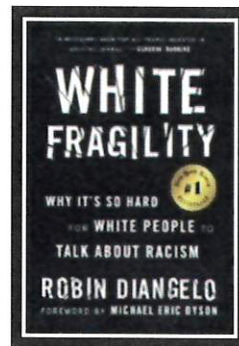
With no further business to discuss a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 8:15pm with the council reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting – Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Lee
Church Council Secretary



BOOK STUDY with FIRST PRESBYTERIANS...



"White Fragility: Why it's so hard for White People to talk about Racism" by Robin DiAngelo.

The book study on "White Fragility" will continue to take place on Wednesdays at St. John UCC at 1:30 p.m. in

Fellowship Hall and on Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95994774916?pwd=ZThFbTZQNDdpMWROWjBoNS90UVM2dz09>

Meeting ID: 959 9477 4916

Password: 513617

Wednesday, August 5th

Chapters 9 and 10

Wednesday, August 12th

Chapters 11 and 12

Wednesday, August 19th

Where do we, people of faith in Lincoln go from here?

At the end of August there will be a one-time discussion group regarding the book for those who want to discuss it in its entirety. Please inform Pastor Laurie if you are interested.



Articles for the **September** newsletter should be in the Church Office by **August 19th**.

**THE ILLINOIS CONFERENCE
WELCOMES
THE REVEREND MOLLY CARLSON
AS OUR NEW
CONFERENCE MINISTER!**



A graduate of The College of Wooster with a BA in mathematics and Pacific School of Religion with a Master of Divinity, Rev. Carlson brings a wide range of experience to the position of Conference Minister. She has been ordained

within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for 19 years and has held Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing with the United Church of Christ for the last 8. Molly's service in a variety of contexts, including local, regional, and national settings of the church, has taken her to Indiana, California, South Dakota, Oregon, and Tennessee. She has served as an interim minister, church planter, solo pastor, head of staff, and church consultant.

Currently, Rev. Carlson is serving as Intentional Interim Minister at Eastwood Christian Church in Nashville, TN, after completing her term as Designated Term Conference Minister for the Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ. Molly's commitment to lifelong learning is evidenced by her recent training as a professional coach, as well as with The Art of Hosting. She also completed all the requirements toward her DMin at Lexington Theological Seminary, including a final project titled "Creating Church in a Postmodern Context."

The following statement from Rev. Carlson's ministerial profile speaks to the passion she brings to her work: *I have a passion for middle-judicatory ministry. It is the big picture and the*

details. It is leadership and community building. It is networking and recruiting. It is conflict management and corporate celebration. It is administration and proclamation. It is fundraising and event planning. It is being a pastor to pastors – and their families. It is supporting congregations in transition. It is equipping congregations to do more together than any can do alone. It is building a community of faith that celebrates, grieves, supports encourages, and learns from one another. [...] I believe there is an urgent need for the progressive church and the good news of Jesus Christ for this time and place – in every church, in every community, in each and every one of our neighbors.

Molly grew up as a preacher's kid in northwest Indiana. She stayed in the Great Lakes Region for college, followed by a management role with Ameritech (now, again, AT&T). She and Michael have been married for 23 years and are proud parents to teenagers, Sierra and Adam. They have three dogs, a whole lot of books, and are looking forward to making a home once again near the Great Lakes.

Rev. Carlson was recommended to the Illinois Conference Personnel Committee and then the Conference Council by the Conference Minister Search Committee after a nationwide search that included a pool of several exceptional candidates. Molly's election by the delegates of the Illinois Conference at the Annual Meeting (held virtually via YouTube, Zoom, and SurveyMonkey), was culminated today, Saturday, June 27th, with a 99% affirmative vote. We are excited that Molly will be able to start her ministry in the Illinois Conference on August 1st, and we look forward to partnering with her as we move forward together as the Illinois Conference!



Blood Drive!

LINCOLN COMMUNITY RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Greetings:

Lincoln Community will host the Red Cross Blood drive on Wednesday, August 26th at St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln from 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Due to the Coronavirus Disease and the precautions to keep all safe there will be new rules at this Bloodmobile.

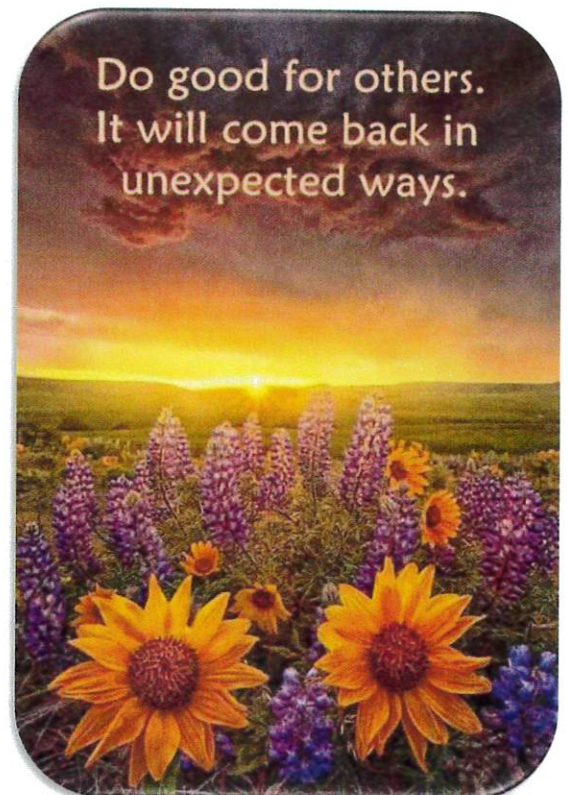
1. Your temperature will be taken first thing before going any further.
2. You will be asked to wear face masks at the blood drive. – You can wear your own mask/ covering that covers both their nose and mouth in accordance with CDC guidelines. If you don't have a mask – Red Cross will provide one. – If a donor does not want to wear a mask, we ask they postpone their donation for a later date. It is our job to keep you the staff and everyone as safe as possible. PLEASE HELP US BY WEARING THE MASK.
3. To help manage donor flow and social distancing at the bloodmobile you will need to make an appointment to help manage donor flow. Walk-ins will not be accepted. PLEASE KEEP YOUR APPOINTMENT TO HELP OTHERS WHO NEED THIS LIFE SAVING GIFT.
 - a. If you want to schedule your own appointment:
 - i. Go to www.redcrossblood.org
 - ii. Type in the local zip code or "Lincoln" into "Find a Drive" box in the Top right corner

- iii. Select the August 26th date and you can see what appointment times are available to schedule.

You can call Red Cross @ 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767).

4. No guests at Bloodmobile. Such as babies, children or family members not donating.
5. Please try to eat before you attend the bloodmobile. Homemade items such as pizza, donuts, sandwiches will not be allowed. We will provide you refreshment items that are pre-packaged such as bags of crackers, cookies, etc. bottled water.

Please try to schedule your appointment as soon as you can so that you can get the time you want, and it will let me know how we are doing.



WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO...

The family of Amy Row.

Donna Kessinger and family at the death of her uncle, Carl Kramer.



THANK YOU!

Praise Grace and Glory in his name my brothers and sisters,

I have been out of the hospital since Monday (July 13th) and am still getting the swing of things.

Thank you to all who wrote cards and notes to me while in the hospital. They really were a lift to my spirits while I was on bed rest.

Zac Clemens

A FEW NOTES...

- We will continue to Live Streaming every Sunday.
- Thank you for remembering to send in your gifts and offerings. We are very grateful, since just like at home, all the costs of life continue. If you don't want to mail in your gift, you can drop it off in the mailbox, (outside of the sunken gardens).
- Don't forget to continue checking the church's Facebook page and website for information!
- NOTE: If you need to talk or have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Pastor Laurie! 217-521-7747!
- The CAPCIL food pantry will be open to everyone on Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm. Those unable to come during that time period can call for help. Food will be delivered to those who have no transportation. Sending a check is much better currently than shopping for food to donate, for those who wish to keep up their monthly contribution. To donate, you may send a check to: CAPCIL, 1800 - 5th Street, Lincoln, IL 62656. OR. If you wish to donate food to the food pantry, Toni's box is still on her porch at 110 Lincolnwood Drive.

ATTENDANCE

- June 28th: 87 on Facebook, 19 services mailed and website = 106+
- July 5th: 123 on Facebook, 19 services mailed and website = 132+
- July 12th: No Church
- July 19th: 104 on Facebook, 19 services mailed and website = 123+
- July 26th: 92 on Facebook, 19 services mailed and website = 111+



MISSION COMMITTEE...

By: Verdeen Ingram, Co-Chair

SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY. . .The

Mission Committee has designated the following Sunday:

- **Second Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the new **Children of Lincoln project.**
- **Fourth Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the **Diaper Project for Head Start at Community Action.**

Just a reminder: donations can be made to these 2 great projects by mailing them to the church.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES...

What will school look like for our local kids this fall? We don't know the answer to that question yet. But no matter what the school year looks like, we know that these kids will need school supplies.

The Mission Committee will be collecting school supplies during August and September. If you would like to purchase supplies, please drop



them off under the Giving Tree. (Remember to call before you come.) We will be glad to accept your monetary donations if you would rather, we do the shopping.

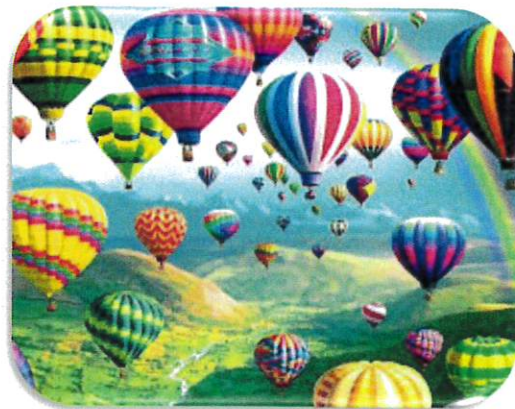
Learning is easier when kids have the tools they need. Thank you for helping to provide those tools.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE...

Marlene Wilmert, Co-Chairman of the Mission Committee adds...

Between January 2020 through June 2020 forty-one (41) bags of groceries and 3 boxes of groceries plus \$100 in donations were delivered to the Community Action Food Pantry.

The Mission Committee wishes to thank Toni Reifsteck for collecting groceries at her home during the time we have not been going to church. And we thank you for your generosity to help supply the food pantry for our community during these trying times.



RECAP...

The Church Office is open from
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and
1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday.

- All visits to the Church must be made by appointment only. You can call the church office (732-6957) to make an appointment (we need to know when and who is in the building).
- All visitors must either wash their hands or sanitize upon arrival.
- All visitors must wear a mask.
- All visitors must stay 6' away from each other.
- Restrooms will be cleaned weekly but sanitizing wipes will be supplied in restrooms for you to use before and after your own use.
- **Meetings:** are to be scheduled with the church office and take place in Fellowship Hall.
 - Only essential meetings and under 10 people.
 - All must wear a mask and stay 6' feet apart.
 - Wipe down seat and table after meeting.
 - Wash your hands or sanitize them upon entering the building.

OUTREACH and PUBLICITY HIGHLIGHTS...

By: Jim and Leslie Wilmert, and
Tonita Reifsteck, Co-Chairs

Outreach has received notice that the 2nd quarter of KROGER REWARDS was 6 households contributed \$6.32.

REMINDER... Use your Kroger card for groceries if you are in a Kroger store. If traveling, note the many other businesses that give KROGER REWARDS from your card to St. John UCC. Any questions – call Toni Reifsteck.

CAPCIL FOOD DONATIONS NOTE... With the possibility of the church being open beginning in August – the cooler on my front porch will be removed. THANKS to all who answered to the CAPCIL needs and dropped your donations on my porch. My last delivery date will be July 31st when I deliver Meals on Wheels and anything that has been donated in the cooler. Your contributions were reported at CAPCIL and given to Marlene Wilmert, Co-Chair of Missions.

NEWS... Lincoln Park District has scheduled a SIDEWALK CHALK ART date this summer and it was noted in news media that St. John UCC has supplied funds for those needing chalk for their art. Watch news for date art is to be displayed and enjoy the talent of our youth.

The following is a note from Pastor Charlotte Nold and our Sister Church in Chicago:

Dear members of St. John UCC,

What a blessing you are to us here at St. John Church. Thank you for your most generous donation to our mission work.



You truly are a blessing to us.



MEALS ON WHEELS... I still have need of help – a couple of temporary spots and 'a route of your own'. Bring a friend to join in the experience. See Tonita Reifsteck for details.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Lynn Spellman
- 2 Leola Dowling
- 6 Bill Krepps, Madi Meinershagen
- 8 Lee Westerfield
- 13 Megan Joseph
- 17 Judy Atteberry, Jennifer Schneider
- 18 Charles Spellman
- 19 Jackson Morgan
- 20 Orry Ingram
- 21 Warren Goetsch, Brittany Kincheloe
- 27 Ashley Paulus
- 29 Susan Goergen

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR AUGUST...



- August 2nd: Toni Reifsteck
- August 9th: Warren and Peggy Goetsch
- August 16th: Jim and Leslie Wilmert
- August 23rd: Bob and Sandy Meinershagen
- August 30th: Jerry and Nancy Gehlbach

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



- 8 Donald and Rhonda Howard
- 11 Jerry and Nancy Gehlbach
- 12 Mark and Susan Goergen
- 15 Warren and Peggy Goetsch
- 19 Jim and Leslie Wilmert
- 21 Rod and Justine Morgan
Ron and Karen Pecoraro
Hank and Lynn Spellman
- 29 Bob and Sandy Meinershagen

The following is note from Rev. Michelle Hughes, Associate Conference Minister, Vitality, Transformation, and Sustainability:

St. John UCC/Lincoln,

We appreciate your pledge of \$14,200!

Thank you so very much for committing to share your resources so that we may minister throughout the conference.

We rely heavily on your support to help amplify the efforts of the Conference.



Living Generously

Thank You

A big thank you to Bill Gosda for filling in as custodial caretaker after Jerry Berglin retired and until we have hired a new staff member. He has been wonderfully diligent and careful in disinfecting what needs to be done. He has been a lifesaver in this very scary time of Covid-19.

Thank you Bill!!!!

REV. JAN JOHNSON RETIRES...



Rev. Jan Johnson has announced her retirement from professional ministry. Instead of a retirement party, she has requested a gift of a donation to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) that is our denominational

offering. If you would like to give a love offering for this purpose, please send or bring it to the church office by August 31st. Make the checks payable to St. John UCC and in the memo line write Jan Johnson's Retirement gift. A card will be purchased to accompany the gift.

MEET OUR NEW CUSTODIAN...

Announcing our New Custodial Caretaker: Cathy Sanders! Yes, you might recognize the name. She is the daughter-in-law of Bob and Sandy Sanders. She has done many cleaning positions, including Stahl's furniture and also is currently the custodian at Immanuel Lutheran Church. She comes with high recommendations of her work ethic and quality of work. She started July 21st, with Bill Gosda orienting her to the position for the first week. We are happy to have her on staff and look forward too many good years of service.



THANK YOU

I would like to take a minute and say thank you to the three wonderful anonymous people for my new garage door opener. It is wonderful! I am very happy to be a member at St. John UCC in Lincoln.

Thanks again,
Lee Westerfield

PRAYER LIST

Jane Agnew
Steve Aue
Ron Brandy
Zac Clemens
Jean Cummings
John Davies
Mrs. John Davies
Ruth Gordon
Marianne Ingram
Emily Jewsbury
Emma Knauer
Dena Manley
Chad Martin
Mary Francis (aka Franny)
Marcia Schrader
Kathy Staten
Rich Swearingen
Karen Sutton
Fred Wiseman
Dave Zimmer
Larry Westerfield

All those from our "Church Family", Community,
State and Nation working in the Medical Field
Illinois Conference/Western Association

MILITARY

Shyanne Conrady
Wyatt Conrady

FACILITIES AND HOMEBOUND

David Armbrust, Dorothy Conklin,
Leola Dowling, Evelyn Fulkerson,
Esther Johnson, Marcella Lenhardt,
Marita Schneider, Carol Turner, Susan Webb,
John Wilmert

In Loving Memory...



Amy Lou Row, 70, of Lincoln, Illinois passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois.

Amy was born on March 3, 1950 in Lincoln, Illinois; daughter of William V. and Dorothy B. (Beaver) Schmidt. She married Daniel Row on June 24, 1972 in Lincoln, Illinois. He survives her.

Also surviving Amy are her children: Jaime Row of Hillsboro, Oregon and Scott Row of Lincoln, Illinois; one grandson: Ty Row of Lincoln, Illinois; mother-in-law: Evelyn Row Fulkerson and one sister: Bette Schmidt of Belleville, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents and father-in-law: Duane Row.

Amy was a Registered Surgical Nurse for 47 years and she was the Diving Coach, Pom Sponsor, and Nurse at Lincoln Community High School.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Services are entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Illinois.

In Loving Memory...



Ted Rohde of St. Joseph went home to be with God at 9:10 p.m. Monday (July 6, 2020) at Carle Hospital in Urbana.

He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather, a lover of dogs, of music and of history. Ted loved

people and had a generous nature. His legacy of faith lives on through his extended family at Number Ten Church of Christ. And his legacy of leadership lives on through the family business, Rohde Piano Tuning and Repair.

Ted was born on August 5, 1952, to Jake and Maude Rohde in Effingham. He married Debbie on August 28, 1971, in Effingham; she survives.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Bob; and sister, Sue. His sister, Peg, survives.

In 1974, Ted graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts in music education. Two years later, he and Debbie moved to St. Joseph and started the family business, Rohde Piano Tuning and Repair. The family expanded with the addition of sons Jay and Jeff in 1979 and 1982.

After son Jeff recovered from a congenital birth defect, Ted felt the Lord call him into the

ministry. In 1991, he graduated from Lincoln Christian Seminary and eventually found his way to Number Ten Church of Christ in Potomac, where he served as minister for over 30 years.

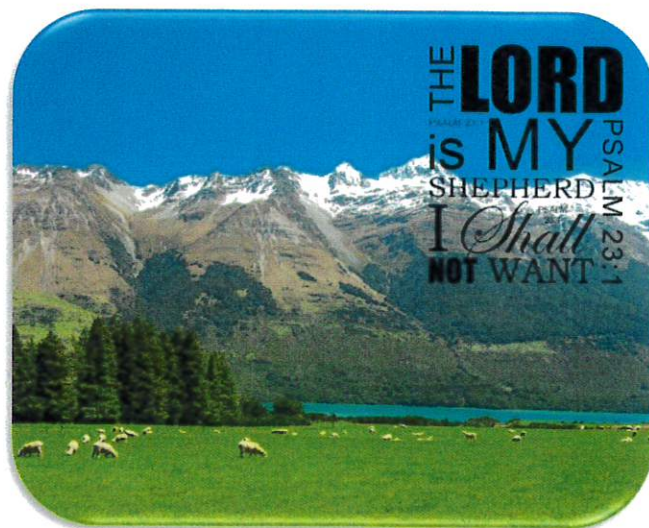
Ted's life was full of blessings. In 2006, Jeff married Valeria and daughter Kendra Riddle; they are expecting another baby Rohde in 2021. Jay married Cynthia in 2010 and had two boys, Jacob and Caleb. The roles husband, father and grandfather were as important to Ted as any other aspect of his work or life.

The family business grew — Ted's piano tunings always came with a personal touch and were more like a conversation with an old friend. The business continues to thrive in Debbie and Jeff's hands. Under Ted's tutelage, the members of Number Ten have received a world-class education in Christian history.

Ted saw the value in every person he met. He changed lives, one at a time, by listening, caring, connecting, and helping as he could in each unique situation.

The funeral service was held on July 11, 2020 at Wolfe-Blurton Funeral Home in Potomac, Illinois. Burial was at Embury Cemetery, Hope, Illinois.

Note: Ted was the owner of Rohde Piano Tuning and Repair. Rohde Piano Tuning and Repair Company does the tuning on our pianos.



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Chancel Choir/Bell Choir Director

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