



# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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Sunday School at 9:30 A.M.	700 Poyntz Avenue
Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M.	Manhattan, Kansas 66502
Second Helping Dinner at 5:15 P.M.	telephone 785-537-7006
Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M.	<a href="http://www.uccmanhattan.org">www.uccmanhattan.org</a>

## Blessing of the Animals & Church Picnic June 13

Our annual celebration of God’s creation will take place Sunday morning, June 13 at the **Long’s Park Shelter**, 17<sup>th</sup> and Yuma Streets. The Board of Deacons has reserved the shelter and is planning another great celebration—Worship is at 10:45, bring your pets for the Blessing of the Animals, and plan to stay for a potluck picnic.

Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided. You can help vegetarians and those with diet restrictions by putting a label on that casserole to let us all know what’s in it. If there is heavy rain or if severe weather threatens, we will worship at the church and picnic in the fellowship hall.



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## Preacher Camp

Soon I will be off to preacher camp with 1500 or so of my friends from across North America. This year we are meeting in Nashville—fortunately just above the high water line. The event is actually called the “Festival of Homiletics” and has been a great source of inspiration and ideas to me in years past.

So what is preacher camp? For five days we will worship and study together, hearing from some of the foremost practitioners of homiletics (preaching) in the English language. There will be sermons, lectures, workshops, service opportunities, concerts, and more—but no craft projects or canoes.

I am attending preacher camp because as part of my call agreement with the congregation, I am provided two weeks each year to do continuing education work. Last year I spent both weeks in Oxford, England. This year I plan to spend another week at Pacific School of Religion. I am grateful to you for providing these opportunities for renewal and study, and let me assure you, it’s a good investment on your part.

Because of preacher camp, I will not be able to worship with you on Pentecost Sunday. In my absence, the Rev. Dr. Patty Brown-Barnett will be leading worship, preaching and telling the Pentecost story. Patty is a member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers. I think you will enjoy hearing the story in this fresh and exciting way.

If there is a need for pastoral care during my absence, please contact Angela Hubler, presiding officer of the Board of Deacons. Phone and Email messages to the administrative office will be checked daily. Email sent to directly to the pastor’s e-mail account will not be monitored during that time. Your patience during this period while we are without regular office hours or an Administrative Assistant is appreciated.

Grace & Peace,

## Sharing and Caring

### *Prayers and Concerns*

Please call the church office at 537-7006 for further information

### *Helping*

- **Need a ride to church?** Contact one of our transportation volunteers: Jim & Carolyn Hodgson, Bill Pallett, Jeff Keller, or Mike & Martha Miller.
- **Home Communion Visits** are available by contacting the office or the pastor. The Deacons can arrange to bring communion to your home on the first Sunday of each month as we celebrate the sacrament in worship. Visits at other times can be arranged with the pastor.

IN CELEBRATION OF  
**MARLA PENDERGRAFT BUGBEE'S**  
**90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
PLEASE JOIN US  
FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2010  
FOR A RECEPTION  
IN THE MEADOWLARK HILLS  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
2121 MEADOWLARK ROAD,  
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Hosts: Rex Bugbee, Karen Armbrust, Linda Burton  
No gifts, Please.

### ***E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN***

If you wish to be added to the First Congregational e-mail prayer chain, please contact [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org).





## **Congratulations 2010 Graduates!**

**Charles Kelly Barkley** will graduate from Manhattan High School on May 23. He will be attending the University of Kansas this fall.

**Shai Buelow** is graduating from Manhattan High School on May 23. She will be attending Kansas State University for pre-vet and veterinary medicine studies with minors in leadership studies, Spanish, and business.

**Dory Ann Cochran** will graduate from the University of Kansas on May 16 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Women's Studies and a minor in Music. In the fall she will be attending the School of Information Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, studying for her Master of Library and Information Science.

**Neil William Hubler-Dayton** will graduate from Manhattan High School on May 23. He hopes to attend the University of Kansas this fall.

**Katherine Andrews** will graduate from Manhattan High School on May 23. She will be attending the University of Kansas this fall to study photo media.

**Sarah Sinnott** graduated from the University of New Hampshire on May 10. Cards to Sarah can be sent in care of her father, Richard Sinnott, P.O. Box 1172, Truro, MA 02666.

**Cameron Tross** will graduate from Kansas State University on May 15 with a Master of Architecture.

**Sean Matthew Weston** will graduate from Manhattan High School on May 23. This fall Sean will be attending the University of Kansas and plans a double major in Spanish and religious studies.

## **Welcome New Members!**



On May 9, we received eight new members into our congregation:

Dan Barnes and Wade Honey, Krista Eible, Edith Doerry, Kathy MacKenzie, and her daughter Madison were received as members. Diane Delauter and Anne Fredrickson were received as associate members (they also remain members of their UCC congregation in Massachusetts). **On Sunday May 16, we will also receive new members into the congregation.** Joining on May 16 are Vickie Korroch, Katherine "Katie" Mason, and Melanie "Mel" Hogan. **Please join in welcoming these persons into the life and ministry of First Congregational UCC.**

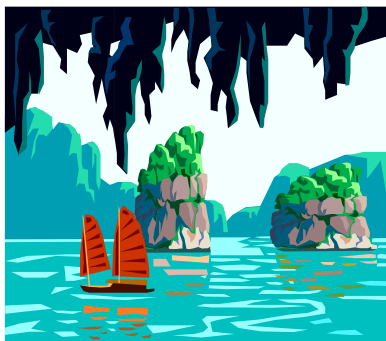
### **Christian Education**

#### **Teacher Recognition May 16**

The Board of Christian Education wants to say "Thank You!" to all those who served as teachers in the Christian Education program of First Congregational UCC. Teachers will be recognized during our May 16 worship service.

#### **Final Day for Sunday School Is May 23**

The spring term for Sunday School classes will conclude on May 23. Classes will resume on Sunday, August 22.



## Camp White 2010

**Register now** for summer camp at White Memorial Camp.

Remember that if camps do not have enough people registered, they may be cancelled, so don't delay. Camp registration forms are available on the table outside the church office.

**Camp scholarships** are available through the Fenton Lay Education Fund of First Congregational UCC, Manhattan. Camp scholarships can pay up to one-half of the on-time registration fee for a camper. Complete your forms, include a check for your half, turn it in to the church office, and we will take it from there. But please--don't delay until the last minute! **May 25 is the DEADLINE for summer camp registration.**

## **HELP WANTED: Director of Christian Education**

The director coordinates leadership of the educational ministries of our congregation: Sunday School for children, youth and adults, Extended Session, the Word for Children, and special events, such as the Christmas Pageant. The position is ¼ time, averaging 10 hour per week. We hope our next director will have experience working with youth and/or adult education programs in a United Church of Christ or other mainline Protestant setting. We would like the next director to commit to serving at least two years. Contact Dave Smit or Pastor Kent for a complete job description.

## Regional Youth Event July 14-18

Check your calendars and plan to attend the once-every-four-years **UCC West Central Regional Youth Event**. RYE 2010 is at Park University in Parkville, Missouri (very close!). The event runs from Wednesday afternoon July 14 through Sunday breakfast on July 18. The event is for youth entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade through youth exiting 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Study & Discussion Opportunities for Adults

### Thursday Evening Bible Study: Acts

The Thursday Evening Bible Study is now taking up the Acts of the Apostles—Luke's sequel to his gospel. Some call it the "gospel of the Holy Spirit," others "the history of the early church." Acts is filled with people and places and stories of how the Jesus movement spread and grew. We meet Thursdays at 5:30 P.M. in Blachly Hall. Feel free to bring a brown bag supper or snacks. Child care is available in the Nursery. We conclude by 6:45 P.M. so that you can attend the Taizé service if you wish.

### Gifts of New Life

#### Easter Adult Forum Series

New life is all around us! During the Easter season we are exploring a wide range of "new life" happening around us. Our final sessions include:



**May 16: The Greening of First Congregational—A Report from the Cobb Challenge Task Force** Jerry Hanna, Jim Mock, and Sean Weston report on a recycling project being developed at First Congregational UCC in response to a challenge from the theologian John Cobb. Class will meet in Pioneer Hall.

#### **May 23: The Search for Paul, Part 2**

View and discuss the second half of an ABC News production about the life of the Apostle Paul. (The first half of the program was screened on May 2). Class will meet in the Theater on the second floor.

*Have you included the church in your will?*

## Worship & Church Volunteers

### May 16, 2010

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**Greeters**..... Mike Miller, Martha Miller  
**Scripture Reader**..... *to be announced*  
**Word for Children** ... Gretchen Lewis  
**Sanctuary Flowers** ... Kent Cormack  
**Fellowship Hour**..... Ann Smit  
**Lawn Care** ..... Dale Stearns (*May 16-22*)

### May 23, 2010

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**Greeters**..... Chantel Vogel, Carolyn Hodgson  
**Scripture Reader**..... Donna Keyser, Patty Brown-Barnett  
**Word for Children** ... Jenny Clark  
**Sanctuary Flowers** ... Donna Keyser  
**Fellowship Hour**..... Donna Keyser  
**Lawn Care** ..... Victor Force (*May 23-29*)

### May 30, 2010

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**Greeters**..... *volunteers needed*  
**Scripture Reader**..... Ann Smit  
**Word for Children** ... Amanda Tross  
**Sanctuary Flowers** ... *volunteer needed*  
**Fellowship Hour**..... *volunteer needed*  
**Lawn Care** ..... Al Cochran (*May 30-June 5*)

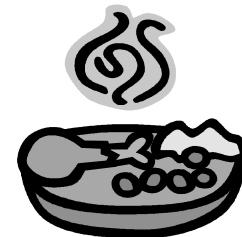
### June 6, 2010

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**Greeters**..... *volunteers needed*  
**Scripture Reader**..... *volunteer needed*  
**Word for Children** ... Jean Hill  
**Sanctuary Flowers** ... Sharon Keane  
**Fellowship Hour**..... *volunteer needed*  
**Lawn Care** ..... Dave Smit (*June 6-12*)

## The Second Helping

*The Second Helping is a local mission of First Congregational UCC. It serves a hot meal every Sunday evening and provides sack breakfast and lunch items to each guest. To volunteer, contact the church office at 537-7006 or [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org).*



### May 16, 2010

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**Chief Cook**.....Karen Franz  
**Volunteers**.....Ann Gleason, Caren Knicklebine,  
Brandon & Trevor Stewart,  
Manhattan Mennonite Church  
**Dessert**.....Mandy Strawn

### May 23, 2010

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**Chief Cook**.....Ann Smit  
**Volunteers**.....ESA Sorority  
**Dessert**.....Ann Smit

### May 30, 2010

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**Chief Cook**.....*volunteer needed*  
**Volunteers**.....*volunteers needed*  
**Dessert**.....*volunteer needed*

### June 6, 2010

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**Chief Cook**.....*volunteer needed*  
**Volunteers**.....Ann Gleason, Caren Knicklebine  
*volunteer needed*  
**Dessert**.....Amanda Tross

## Strengthen the Church

The second of the four annual Special Mission Appeals, *Strengthen the Church*, supports new and revitalizing congregations in the United Church of Christ, programs for youth, and leadership development for the whole church. These ministries are carried out by UCC Conferences and Local Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ. We will receive the *Strengthen the Church* offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

Additional information and an envelope for your gift are included in this newsletter. Your gift can be placed in the Sunday offering or mailed to the church.

— *The Board of Mission & Outreach*



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## Community News

### Become a Sunflower CASA Volunteer

Volunteer to be the difference between abuse and hope - become a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Court-Appointed Special Advocates are volunteers who give their time to advocate for abused and neglected children in the court system. Summer training will begin with an orientation session on Monday, June 7, at 6:00 P.M. at Stepping Stones Child Advocacy Center located at 1014 Poyntz Avenue Suite C. Training will continue on Monday and Thursday evenings for 4 weeks (June 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, and July 1) from 6:00-9:00 P.M. at First United Methodist Church, 612 Poyntz. Please contact us at [sunfcasa@interkan.net](mailto:sunfcasa@interkan.net), 785-537-6367, or visit <http://casa.manhattankansas.org> for more information or to learn about our independent study training option. There is a child waiting for your voice!