



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.	www.uccmanhattan.org

And then... mac & cheese

I don't know when I've heard from so many folks about a newsletter column as when I wrote about potato salad two weeks ago. Since that time I encountered an article from the *Hartford Courant* about church suppers. In it, I learned that the folks who study such things think that macaroni and cheese may have originated at a church supper somewhere in New England. Macaroni pudding it's called in southeastern Connecticut. Others think Thomas Jefferson brought it back to America after traveling in Italy where it was known since the late 13th century. I know my Italian ancestors took it to church suppers. Does that count?

After J.D. Salinger died, *The New York Times* reported that the reclusive author was a regular at the roast beef dinners at First Congregational Church in Hartland, Vermont. The story claimed that Salinger arrived at the church more than an hour before the dinners began and always sat at a table near the pies. I'm not so good at arriving early, but I have to say I admire the man for sitting near the pies. [continued page 2]

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In my own research, I discovered that by googling "Lutheran hotdish" (for those who don't speak Lutheran, that's a casserole containing either cream of mushroom soup or Velveeta cheese) I got over 1.5 million hits! That's a lot of cheese and soup.

If you are looking for a point here, you can stop and have some bean salad. It's just a reminder that **Feast and Festival** is only a couple of weeks away. This year it's church supper southern style—no hotdish but plenty of fried chicken. No cooking required. Just buy a ticket and then come on Sunday evening, August 29. No pie table, but Call Hall ice cream. Need I say more?

Grace and Peace,

Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

Please call the church office for more information: 537-7006

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** 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.

Thank You

- On behalf of everyone at **Ecumenical Campus Ministry** at Kansas State University, I wanted to thank you for your recent contribution to the ministry. We depend on gifts from our friends who believe in the importance of our work with students and our involvement in the life of the university. We appreciate the ongoing support!

— *David Jones*, Campus Pastor

Ecumenical Campus Ministry is a part of the Mission and Outreach budget of First Congregational UCC, Manhattan

Regular Office Hours Resume

The Administrative office has returned to regular hours. **The office will normally be open from 9:00 A.M. to Noon and from 1:00 to 3:00 in the afternoon.** You can always leave a message on the answering machine at other times or send an e-mail.

Last Call for Directory Changes

An updated directory will be published this month. To change or confirm your current data, please call Sandy in the office (537-7006) or send her an email (office@uccmanhattan.org). Thanks for helping us keep in touch and up to date.

It's still summer, but plans are underway for the annual fall kick-off of church activities:



FEAST & FESTIVAL

SUNDAY

AUGUST 29

DINNER AT 5:00

FUN FOLLOWS!

- ✦ Tickets are on sale now. Youth and adults are \$6 each, children ages 5-12 are \$4 each, and children under 5 are free. You can purchase tickets in the office entryway after worship on Sundays.
- ✦ Menu: fried chicken, potato chips, baked beans, Watergate salad, rolls & cornbread, Call Hall ice cream
- ✦ Invite a friend to “meet your church.” Complimentary tickets are available for guests.
- ✦ Take part in an old fashioned sing-along after the meal, and of course, take your chances at the Cakewalk.

And since you know we're coming, would you bake a cake?



The Board of Christian Education would greatly appreciate contributions of cakes, pies, brownies, and other baked goods for the cake walk that will be held at Feast & Festival. If you would like to donate, please contact the church office at 537-7006 or office@uccmanhattan.org.

Christian Education

Sunday School Kick-Off August 29

Sunday School classes for all ages—children, youth, and adults—will kick off a new year of learning and growth on Sunday, August 29, at 9:30 A.M. The Kick-off Sunday will feature an intergenerational gathering of fun and learning. Invite a friend!



Thursday Evening BIBLE STUDY: Acts

The Thursday Evening Bible Study is currently 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.

Recycling at Church!

In a “stewardship of the earth” effort to reduce our carbon footprint, the Cobb Challenge group is now offering a recycling collection place at the church.



You can bring your recyclable items with you to church and leave them at the collection point in the eastern passage between the Sanctuary and Blachly Hall. **Please bring your things through Blachly Hall on Sunday mornings.** Your items do not need to be sorted. However, *they must be clean so they do not create odors or attract pests.* Plastic jugs, bottles, and metal cans must be rinsed clean. (This may take two or three rinses; an occasional greasy can or jug may better be thrown away than cleaned.)

Women of the Church

Lunch Bunch September 1

Women of the Church will host Lunch Bunch at Famous Dave’s Barbeque (behind Target) on Wednesday, September 1. Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch and fellowship at 11:30 A.M.

Fundraising — as simple as purchasing \$hop \$mart Grocery Certificates

It’s the easy way to make a donation to the Church. Purchase your certificates after worship to use when you buy groceries. Buy the coupons at face value, spend them like cash, and the church receives a donation. Certificates are available for HyVee, Dillon’s, and Ray’s.



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.

Space For Rent

Need a place? First Congregational UCC member Jan Allen wants to rent/share her home as work space, storage space, and/or living space. Basement and/or main floor. For more information please contact the church office at 537-7006 or office@uccmanhattan.org.



Annual Pastoral Evaluation

As directed by the church constitution, the Board of Deacons is engaging in the annual evaluation of "the pastor's job performance." You may participate in this process by sharing comments, either orally or in writing, with any member of the Board of Deacons by Tuesday, August 31, 2010.

Board of Deacons

Angela Hubler, Presiding Officer

Mary Ellen Barkley
Donna Keyser
Brad Logan
Jim Mock
Dale Stearns

Carolyn Hodgson
Vickie Korroch
Martha Miller
Ann Smit

**Thanks for keeping your financial
commitment current throughout the
busy summer months.**



Calling All Gardeners! Plant Sale News

The next **UCC Plant Sale** is scheduled for **October 2, 2010**, 8:00 to 11:00A.M. Once again, we expect to have a large donation of shrubs and perennials from a local nursery. The October 2 date is the best time for the nursery.

As in the past, the proceeds will be split between the Second Helping ministry of this church and the ecumenical Shepherd's Crossing organization.

Ways that you can help:

If you are thinning and digging up plants this fall, consider putting them in a pot and contributing them to the sale. We will provide labels for you to put on the plants.



If you can help with any of the following, please contact the church office at 537-7006 or office@uccmanhattan.org.

- Making and disseminating posters in advance
- Making signs for the day of the sale, and putting up balloons, etc.
- Picking up and pruning the plants the evening before (Friday, Oct. 1) and/or providing a pickup truck for this purpose
- Setting up, labeling, and watering the plants
- Serving as cashier during the sale
- Serving as a knowledgeable gardener during the sale
- Helping with clean-up

Remember that fall is a great time to plant because shrubs and perennials continue to grow sturdy roots over the winter, and those roots sustain them the following year. This sale is a great opportunity to get a lot of fine plants for a very good price.

Worship and Church Volunteers

August 15, 2010-----

Greeters..... Carolyn Hodgson, Wade Honey
Scripture Reader Jerry Reynard
Word for Children Sue Gerth
Sanctuary Flowers Judy Willingham
Fellowship Hour Kathy Bleam
Lawn Care The Westons (*August 15-21*)

August 22, 2010-----

Greeters..... Judy Ahrens, *volunteer needed*
Scripture Reader Ann Smit
Word for Children Gretchen Lewis
Sanctuary Flowers Martha Miller
Fellowship Hour *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care The Westons (*August 22-28*)

August 29, 2010-----

Greeters..... Angela Hubler, *volunteer needed*
Scripture Reader Angela Hubler
Word for Children Kathy MacKenzie
Sanctuary Flowers Ann Smit
Fellowship Hour *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care *volunteer needed (Aug. 29-Sept.4)*

September 5, 2010-----

Greeters..... *volunteers needed*
Scripture Reader *volunteer needed*
Word for Children *volunteer needed*
Sanctuary Flowers Barbara Withee
Fellowship Hour *volunteer needed*
Lawn Care Brad Logan (*September 5-11*)

To volunteer please contact the church office at 537-7006 or office@uccmanhattan.org.

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.

August 15, 2010-----

Chief Cook Brent Maner
Volunteers Ann Gleason, Caren Knickelbine
Dessert *volunteer needed*

August 22, 2010-----

Chief Cook Ann Smit
Volunteers ESA Sorority
Dessert Ann Smit

August 29, 2010-----

FEAST AND FESTIVAL

Second Helping guests are invited to join the congregation in the Annual Feast & Festival Dinner and Games!

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Have you remembered the church in your will?

Community News



Fall CASA Training

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. Fall training will begin with an orientation session on Monday, September 13 at 6:00 P.M. at First Lutheran Church located at 930 Poyntz Ave. Training will continue on Monday evenings for 7 weeks (9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1) from 6:00-9:00 P.M.

For more information, please contact Bridget Howland at the CASA office via email bridget@sunflowercasa.org or phone: 785-537-6367. Visit <http://casa.manhattanks.org> for more information or to learn about the independent study training option.

There is a child waiting for your voice!

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