



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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Sunday School at 9:30 A.M. (when school is in session)
 Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M. 700 Poyntz Avenue
 Second Helping Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Manhattan, Kansas 66502
 Thursday Evening Prayers at 7:00 P.M. telephone 785-537-7006
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Easter: A Season for New Beginnings

This time last year, when it felt like the world was in free-fall, I never would have guessed that we'd be where we are now. Millions of vaccines going into arms every day and a (tentative but real) sense of hope. As vaccines continue to roll out, our congregational leadership is making plans for us to be able to regather in our sanctuary again. Hallelujah! You can read all about that process and the current plans in the update from our Moderator, Jeff Watson, on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter.

I want to say a word of deep gratitude to those who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes during the pandemic. Our COVID Task Force and Cabinet have met throughout the year to prayerfully craft policies for our health and safety. The Accessibility & Technology Task Force has worked with the Deacons to create a plan for post-pandemic worship that will enable us to continue to offer meaningful connections for those who are *[continued pg. 2]*



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unable to join us in our building due to distance, travel, health, napping babies, and more. The Board of Facilities has asked important questions (and found answers!) about how to make our building safer when we return to it (read more about those upgrades in Jeff's note). The Board of Mission has continued to work with our key Second Helping leaders to ensure safety for our volunteers and neighbors at our weekly meals. The Board of Christian Education has provided numerous opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith this past year. And, of course, our staff has rolled with all the changes - always willing to try something new and learning countless new skills in this past year.

Over the next few months, we are headed into a time of change as a congregation. In 2020, we had no idea it was coming. We just suddenly had the rug yanked out from underneath us and had to adapt immediately. This time we have the benefit of knowing changes are ahead. We will be transitioning to a new format for worship.

Instead of pre-recording worship and viewing it together in real-time on Facebook Live we will be livestreaming worship from our sanctuary. We will initially have a small crew of worship leaders on site to facilitate the service and the congregation will continue to gather at home, logging in through Zoom to join the service. Using Zoom in this way will enable us to interact with one another and see each other's faces during the service. Eventually, once data indicates it's safe enough, we will begin to invite people to worship in our pews. The Zoom option will continue, enabling you to worship from home if you choose. This will also allow us to keep our connections with those who have been worshipping with us from a distance, which is great news. We have a long-term vision of truly integrating those who are at home so they can, for example, read scripture, pray aloud, and really feel like they are a full part of the worship gathering.

Needless to say, there are going to be many bumps along this road! We're going to be re-learning how to do everything (again) and I give thanks in advance for your grace, curiosity, good humor, and flexibility as we create this new way of Being Church together. What an opportunity we have, to carefully discern what matters most to us as a community of faith and follow the Spirit's breath in this way. It seems only fitting that all of this good, important ministry will be taking place during Eastertide and Pentecost: seasons of new life, holy experimentation, and the birth of the Church. We go forward together - committed to our call to Love Unconditionally, Challenge Spiritually, Minister Fervently - grateful for God's presence with us.

Pastor Caela

Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

- For more information, please contact the church office.

E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be added to the First Congregational e-mail prayer chain, please contact office@uccmanhattan.org. It is a quick and easy way to stay up to date with your church family.



Important Information about Staff Availability

Pastor Caela will be on study leave from Monday, Apr. 13 through Sunday, Apr. 18. She will be attending class, reading, and writing for her Souljourners program as she is trained to be a spiritual director. During this time she will not be regularly checking e-mail, text messages, or voicemail. If you have a pastoral care need during this time, please contact one of our Ministers of Care, the church office, or Pastor Sue for assistance.

Connecting with Pastor Caela

Pastor Caela IS available to meet with you outdoors, masked, and socially distanced. She is also available on the phone or Zoom, of course. Caela keeps her own calendar, so if you'd like to talk the simplest thing is to e-mail, call, or text to set up a time. Mondays through Wednesdays are typically best for routine meetings, as Thursdays are used for sermon and worship preparation and Friday-Saturday are her days off. Caela tries to honor work-life balance by responding to non-urgent text and voicemail messages only during regular work hours. Please note that if you ever have an emergency between the hours of 10pm-7am you will need to CALL Pastor Caela, not rely on text messages, as she does not receive them overnight.

Sacred Music on Demand

Looking for some sacred music to get you through your day? We have a page on our website that features a selection of offerings from recent worship services. It also has a link to our YouTube channel where you'll find more music: www.uccmanhattan.org/music.html

First Congregational on YouTube

We are now posting our weekly worship videos to our YouTube channel to make them easier for people to find. We would like to get a "custom URL" for our YouTube page but need 100+ subscribers to be eligible. Would you pop by our YouTube channel and subscribe to help us out? Thanks! Visit uccmanhattan.org/youtube to find the link to our channel and subscribe.



Moving Forward towards our “new normal” – A report from Cabinet

Greetings everyone. I am excited to share with you this month that we have begun the process of planning for re-gathering in our church building and beginning what we are calling our new normal.

As Rev. Caela said in her article, the cabinet and the boards are developing plans and approving measures that will eventually lead us back to in-building worship and gathering once again after the long year that is behind us.

The Covid Task Force comprised of your Moderators including Sue Gerth, Craig Weston, Jeff Watson, and Rev. Caela presented a re-gathering plan to cabinet for approval, and I am pleased to say it was fully supported by Cabinet. The plan was developed following guidelines set by the KO Conference of the UCC and follows local guidelines and health metrics and is designed to provide a phased re-gathering in the building over the course of the Summer and Fall. Our priority was safety and concern for all parishioners and a core belief that we must move slowly in our approach. Our goal is to have worship leaders in the sanctuary in May and then continue to evaluate health metrics to determine when it is safe to invite participants to join in the pews.

The Cabinet approved several items that will allow us to begin this re-gathering process. These measures include expenses that are not in our normal budget that was approved but will be funded using donations from individuals singly and through the Grow Green Match Day Campaign as well as by using carryover funds from 2020 that were not designated as part of our budget for 2021. You can find more information about how to donate via Grow Green on page 19.

The first items that were approved include upgrades to our building and items needed to insure we have a safe environment. Steve Bishop, representing the Facilities Board outlined expenditures in three categories: circulation, filtration, and disinfection. Our building is fitted to provide good circulation and can be upgraded with minor adjustments and the purchase of new thermostats. Adding air scrubbers to our existing system will also provide good filtration and disinfection that will be useful far beyond just our Covid needs.

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Adding hand sanitizer stations throughout the building will give parishioners additional protection. These measures were approved at a cost of \$11,100. That figure will hopefully be reduced as the final cost is negotiated by the Facilities Board. Work will begin immediately on installing these items.

Plans presented by Craig Weston from the Accessibility and Technology Task Force were also approved. That group presented a start-up package of technology needs that includes cameras, a computer, necessary sound equipment and peripherals so that we can stream Services held in the building using Zoom providing a positive worship experience whether in the building or at home. The Cabinet has committed to this. We know that over the course of this year, some parishioners will be excited to again be in the building while others may not yet be ready to do so. We are excited to explore how that hybrid service can look over the summer months using the equipment approved. That initial expenditure will be approximately \$3400. We do anticipate further expenditures in this area as the year progresses, but this basic package will allow us to begin training with the equipment and practice in using it.

The Cabinet did spend a considerable amount of time discussing these expenditures. We remain committed to exploring ways to better develop the regular budget, but the Cabinet did feel strongly that these expenditures are needed, and we are thankful we have some means of providing funding for them outside of our current budget.

This is only the start, but it is a significant step towards once again being together in our building and sanctuary. We do want to thank everyone on the boards and committees who have worked so hard to get us to this point.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of your moderators if you have questions or concerns about this plan.

Jeff Watson, Moderator

Zoom Worship

April 4th and 18th (uccmanhattan.org/online)

We will be worshipping via Zoom on TWO Sundays this month. On April 4th we will gather for Easter worship and on April 18th we will also be Zooming for worship as we are welcoming a guest preacher. Pastor Caela will be on study leave from April 12-18th and the Deacons have invited seminarian Lynaya Moore to be our guest preacher on April 18th.

Guest Preacher Lynaya Morris

April 18th at 10:45 a.m. via Zoom

Originally from Pocomoke on Maryland's Eastern Shore Lynaya holds a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration from George Washington University, and a bachelors in biology from Syracuse University. This semester she is wrapping up her Master of Divinity degree at Wesley Theological Seminary. Lynaya served and lived among students as part of GWU for the past 8 years, as an Area Coordinator, Residence Director, and later a Career Coach. Lynaya currently works at Catholic University as an Academic & Career Advisor. Lynaya enjoys not just the science disciplines and theology, but also creative endeavors such as baking, painting, knitting, and listening to music. Lynaya is excited to meet and worship with you!!

Building and Staffing Reminders

The office phone is monitored during regular office hours and we are receiving the U.S. Mail so you can send correspondence to 700 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan KS 66502. Please ensure that you write a return name and address on any correspondence you send. We do not open mail that is missing a return address and we want to make sure your letter reaches its intended recipient.

Second Helping preparations and the 12-step recovery groups that meet in our building continue to be the only events happening in our building. We also have two church leaders who walk through the building each week to make sure everything is in order. You can find the most recent COVID-related updates and policies at uccmanhattan.org/COVID.

Options for Giving

While we may not be together on Sunday, the work and mission of First Congregational UCC continues. Please continue to financially support the church as we offer sanctuary and support to each other and the wider community.

Options for giving:

1) Mail your contribution to 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan, KS 66502.

2) Donate online via PayPal (no login required). Go to uccmanhattan.org and scroll down to the DONATE button.

3) Setting up a recurring online gift is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to the church. Your bank may be able to do this for you OR you may contact the church office for a copy of our authorization form and we can set it up for you.



Thank you for your continued support and please contact the office if you have questions.

Mission Statement

The Mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ is

- To love and accept others unconditionally as God loves and accepts us, and by example, to encourage others to do the same.
- To challenge ourselves to grow spiritually through worship, education, nurture, reflection, discussion, fellowship, and outreach.
- To minister to others locally, nationally, and globally with the same fervor as we minister to ourselves, through the sharing of our talents, gifts, and resources.

We hold ourselves accountable before God for this mission.

Spring & Summer Fun with First Congregational: Text us for more info about Meet Ups

Get outdoors this spring and summer and enjoy making new friends or visiting with longtime friends you haven't seen in a while! Text your name and the name(s) of the group(s) you're interested in to 785-380-7772. We'll sign you up for a GroupMe and the group organizer will text you updates and when/where to meet up. You do not have to have the GroupMe app to participate, just a phone that can text. If you don't have the ability to text, please contact the church office so we can make other arrangements.

All groups take place outdoors and participants agree to follow our congregation's COVID safety measures. You can read full details at uccmanhattan.org/covid. The highlights are: don't come if you're sick/quarantined, wear a mask, maintain at least six feet distance from those outside your household, keep track of who attends in case we need to complete contact tracing.

Easy Riders - Join us for easy bike rides in and around town. (And if you want to coordinate some more challenging rides, that's okay, too). This group is facilitated by Chad Moreau and Brent Maner.

Playground Meet Ups - Meet up at local playgrounds and the kids can play while the adults visit on the sidelines. You don't have to be a parent/guardian to join the group. You can also just come and visit with others in a comfy seat. BYOC (bring your own chair - and mask, of course). This group is facilitated by Brandy McDonald.

Craft & Chat (or just visit!) - You don't have to be a knitter to join. That's just a fun name. If you have any craft projects you like to do with your hands OR you just want to enjoy a comfy seat while visiting with friends, join us. BYOC (bring your own chair - and mask, of course). This group is facilitated by Deane Lehmann.

Walk & Talk - Stroll with friends and enjoy conversation while you walk. We will meet up at City Park or other easy-to-walk places with sidewalks (i.e. not strenuous hikes). This group is facilitated by Greg Eiselein.

Have an idea for another group? Great! Please let Pastor Caela know.



Holy Week and Easter 2021

Visit uccmanhattan.org/holy-week to

- sign up for private/family prayer in our Sanctuary
- RSVP for an Easter Buddy
- honor a loved one with an Easter Memorial/Recognitions (deadline: April 4)

Maundy Thursday, April 1

6:00 p.m. Cooking flatbread together and prayers via Zoom

Good Friday, April 2

12:00-1:00 p.m. Livestreamed prayer vigil from our Sanctuary via Facebook Live (organ from 12-12:20, scripture from 12:20-12:40, organ from 12:40-1:00)

Holy Saturday, April 3

7:53 p.m. (sunset) Lighting the Paschal Fire & Communion at Tuttle Creek Overlook (masks and distancing required)

Easter Sunday, April 4

9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast via Zoom

10:45 a.m. Easter Worship and Communion via Zoom

Easter Memorials/Recognitions

Because we are still worshiping from home through Easter this year we will not be purchasing lilies for memorials. The Deacons encourage you to remember or honor a loved one by donating to one of the local nonprofits listed below or by choosing one of your own. When you've made your donation, **fill out the form** at uccmanhattan.org/holy-week or contact the office (deadline: April 4). Your loved one will be recognized during the month of April in worship and in the Friday Update e-mail.

Treat Yourself to an Easter Buddy!

Join us for an Easter Buddy Event! Deacons are sponsoring an event for all ages. Individuals can sign up to be matched with an Easter Buddy. The short survey below gathers information like name, address, favorite food or drink, hobbies, would you prefer a call to a gift, etc. and Deacons will match participants with individual buddies and send buddy information to partners via email. Participants can send a small gift, call their buddies, send greetings via letter or email, etc. You can choose your activity between April 4 and April 15, but please complete your Easter Buddy communication by April 15th. All ages are welcome! For more information, **email Julie Hunt** or contact the church office at 785-537-7006.



Board of Mission Update

As we head into spring, here's an update on how our church has been feeding our neighbors through the Second Helping food ministry. With the exception of one really cold week, we have been very fortunate to have experienced a mild winter in Manhattan, which certainly made the take-out meal delivery model much better for our neighbors during the winter months! Before she left for her two-and-a-half month sojourn to South Texas, our wonderful meal coordinator Linda Thurston planned the meals we would serve during her time away, and Sue Zschoche has made sure the ingredients are ready for the volunteer cooks each Sunday evening. We average about forty-five guests each week, with an additional eleven or twelve meals sent to the Pawnee Mental Health Stabilization center each week. We also continue to prepare

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sixty lunches each week for our neighbors, and Shari Tedford has done amazing work recruiting the folks who prepare the lunches during the week so that the Sunday night crews can concentrate on cooking the meals and getting them out to our neighbors. For the last year, our Sunday-night crew has consisted of two cohabitating head cooks in the kitchen for cooking and clean-up, and one or two additional crew members who come later to help with food distribution. Diane Hinrichs and Jean Steiner are the dedicated folks who recruit our volunteers, and we are very grateful to them for their amazing work. Since we are never sure how many folks will come on Sunday evenings, we prepare seventy meals each week, and any extras are distributed to the Manhattan Emergency Shelter by our wonderful Permanent Host, Marlon Jackson. Marlon was hired in November, and he has continued to be a strong asset to our ministry.

As most of you know, we are part of a community-wide food ministry known as the Common Table; meals are served each night of the week, mostly at other churches. Through the Common Table group, we are able to work together to provide not only food, but other basic needs through the increasing number of Blessing Boxes around town, which number thirteen alone in Manhattan, according to the local food information website nourishtogether.org, an excellent overall resource for information about food ministries in Manhattan. Common Table also was key to an effort to house our neighbors who were in great danger during the polar vortex event in February. Through the auspices of Common Table and the Be Able Community Center on Fourth Street, financial resources were raised so that our neighbors were able to stay safely in several Manhattan hotels for the week of extreme weather. Also under the auspices of Common Table, our church and its food ministry partners have been the recipients of monetary grants from the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation that have been very helpful in offsetting the additional costs of providing eco-friendly saving products for our take-out meals. We feel very blessed to be a part of such a caring community!

—Gretchen Lewis for the Board of Missions

Weekly Connection Points

Practice Physical Distancing....not Social or Spiritual Distancing.
Join us online! If you have trouble accessing any of these resources, please contact the church office so we can assist.

Sundays: Adult Sunday School via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

April 4 & 18 we worship via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

April 11 and 25 we worship via Facebook Live | go to our Facebook Page at 10:40 a.m. and scroll down until you see the most recent post. Look for the red box that says "Live" or "Premiere." The worship service is also posted to the church's YouTube account each Sunday morning. Visit uccmanhattan.org/youtube for the link.

Fellowship Hour immediately following worship via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

Kids Gatherings for kids aged 3 through 6th grade via Zoom at 4:00 p.m. Contact brandy@uccmanhattan.org for the link.

Tuesdays: Tuesday Book Group from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

Thursdays: Prayers & Fellowship at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom | visit uccmanhattan.org/online for the Zoom link

For more information about kids and youth activities, contact Brandy@uccmanhattan.org (age 3 through 6th grade) or Brittani@uccmanhattan.org (6th-12th grades).



WEEKLY CONNECTION POINTS

Sundays: Adult Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship Hour, Kids Gathering via Zoom

Tuesdays: Bible Book Club via Zoom

Thursdays: Prayers & Fellowship via Zoom

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Christian Education

Please contact Brandy McDonald (brandy@uccmanhattan.org) or Brittani Frost-Shank (brittani@uccmanhattan.org) for more information about options for children and youth.

Adult Sunday School Class

9:30 a.m. via Zoom (link available at uccmanhattan.org/online)

Watch for updated information in the weekly, Friday emails as well as online at www.uccmanhattan.org.

April 4: Easter - no Sunday school.

April 11-May 9: Fruits of the Spirit, part two.

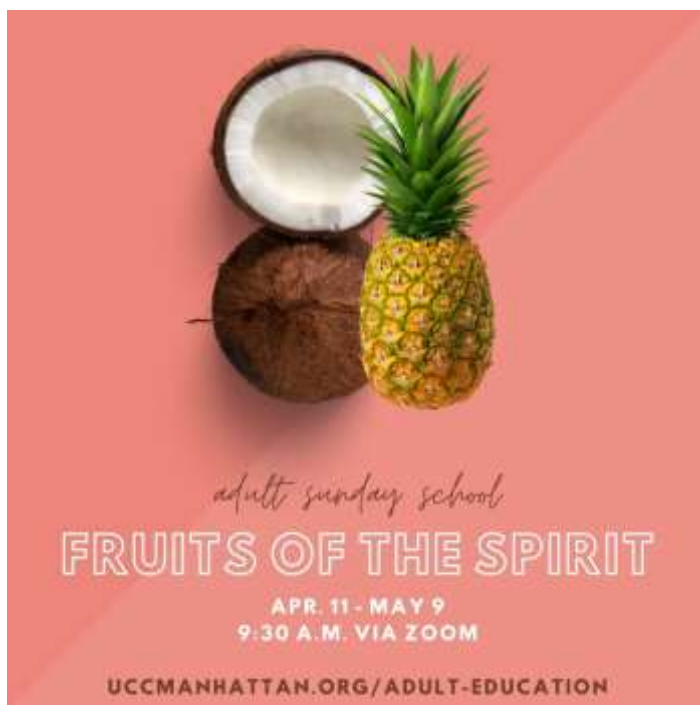
April 11: Kindness. Led by Pat Fredrickson

April 18: Generosity. Led by Sue Gerth

April 25: Faithfulness. Led by Susanne Gilmore

May 2: Gentleness/meekness. Led by Jennifer Edwards

May 9: Self-control/Temperance. Led by Jeff Keller

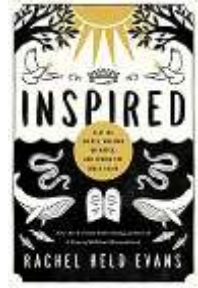


Midweek Bible Book Study

Tuesdays from 11:30am-1pm via Zoom

Inspired by Rachel Held Evans

Led by Sue Zschoche



Inspired is a thoughtful commentary on the Bible: how we Christians understand it (or don't understand it), how we sometimes struggle with it, how it still can still speak to us. We hope that you will join us.

Contact Pastor Sue with any questions at sue@uccmanhattan.org.

Confirmation: Support Our Youth

In late February we began a Confirmation process with our 6th-8th graders. Pastor Caela and Brittani will be meeting with these youth on a weekly basis between now and the middle of May as we explore our faith together.

Confirmation is an important coming-of-age ritual in the Church and we want to connect the youth to the wider congregation. That's where we need your help! Would

you be interested in writing a letter to these 6th-8th graders? If so, please contact Pastor Caela to get a list of names. You can write the same letter to each youth or personalize each one. Some ideas for your letter:

- write about why your faith is important to you
- share your favorite Bible story and why it matters in your life
- tell them about why you've chosen to be a part of a church
- explain how you like to pray
- share about a time when you struggled in your faith or had a lot of questions
- Other ideas? Run them by Caela or Brittani

Letters should be kept to one page and need to be completed no later than the end of April, so you have plenty of time! Thank you for taking time to bless our youth at this important stage of their faith journey.



Cobb Corner — Going Green

Though thrones may reel and kingdoms totter,
Men* will live if they have water.
Men* will live and drink their praise
To God for water all their days.

– Author unknown.

*women too!”

My 7th grade teacher had the class memorize this poem. It is still strikingly apt. According to Population Connection, 2/3 of the world’s population will soon experience at least 1 month of water scarcity each year. Much of Africa, the Middle East, and now Texas and Mississippi have a head start!

I was reminded of this when I saw the Sierra Club-sponsored film, “Kiss the Ground.” It is an amazing study of the power of regenerative agriculture when land is spared pesticides and allowed a wide variety of plants. Birds, bees and other fauna thrive in once-barren lands in China and elsewhere. On the local level by abstaining from pesticides, composting and voicing our disappointment in stores still selling carcinogenic Round-Up we can encourage healthier soils here at home.

I hope our library will get copies of “Kiss the Ground,” “An Inconvenient Truth,” “8 Billion Angels” and other climate-related films when the pandemic is over. I’d like to see a similar effort to find films and books appropriate for kids and teens who will inherit our threatened planet. Dates to note: April is the last month until September to put Hy-Vee receipts in the school boxes near customer service. Schools can earn up to \$2000 a year that way!

April 4 – Easter! Before you buy that ham consider: Pigs can recognize their names at 2 weeks, play simple video games, are smarter than dogs, can run up to 11 mph, and love belly rubs! (Source: The Humane League). I haven’t had a BLT since I found out!

April 22 – 51st Earth Day! Also it’s Grow Green Day when your donations to local charities can grow 50% more for their endowments thanks to the generosity of Phil Howe. Our church and ECM are among the beneficiaries.

Finally, the following book suggestions are thanks to the Schells, Carol Sevin and David Sauer:

1. *The Thinking Person's Guide to Climate Change* by Robert Hensen
 2. *Blowout* by Rachel Maddow
 3. *Climate Church, Climate World – How People of Faith Must Work for Change* by Jim Antal
 4. *A Field Guide to Climate Anxiety* by Sarah Ray
- Share ideas for future Cobb columns with Linda Richter.*

Free Money!

Do you participate in our **Dillons** fundraiser? Link your shopper card at dillons.com. If you need help, contact the church office. (Our organization number is # QQ452.) Check your enrollment by checking the very bottom of your Dillons receipt. You should see “...donating to First Congregational UCC.”



If you ever shop at **HyVee**, the church can gain support through your use of pre-purchased gift cards from the church (which buys them at a 6% discount). Please contact Dave Manning and let him know of your interest.

When you shop at **AmazonSmile**, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to First Congregational Church UCC. Go to smile.amazon.com and save First Congregational Church UCC as your AmazonSmile recipient. After you've done that, you will automatically benefit the church every time you shop from smile.amazon.com.



Thank you for participating! In 2020, the church received over \$1,000 from these fund raising sources.

The Second Helping

Our Second Helping ministry continues to be a wonderful way in which our church extends its mission to the community of Manhattan. We regularly serve 60-70 people each week. Many of you have helped with this mission in a variety of ways, and that is much appreciated!



Currently we are hoping to add some more volunteers to our list of "regulars." If you are interested in learning more about either of these positions, or volunteering in other ways, please contact:

Jean Steiner

Second Helping Volunteer Coordinator

April 4, 2021

Head Cook: Shari Tedford

Asst Cook: Jean Steiner

Crew: Paige Livingston

Dessert: Donna Keyser

Lunches: Martha Mather

April 11, 2021

Head Cook: Bob Atchison

Asst Cook: Melissa Atchison

Crew: Atchison

Dessert: Karen Penner

Lunches: Ben Hitzfeld Family

April 18, 2021

Head Cook: Karen Franz

Asst Cook: Rod Franz

Crew: Linda Lewis

Dessert: Judy Ahrens

Lunches: Kathy Bleam

April 25, 2021

Head Cook: Gretchen Lewis

Asst Cook: Jim Lewis

Crew: ESA Sorority

Dessert: Jennifer Edwards

Lunches: Jennifer Edwards

Grow Green Match Day

Thursday, April 22, 2021

12 am -11:59 pm

NO LIVE EVENT –Due to COVID-19

Online Gifts or Mailed Checks only



<https://www.growgreenmanhattan.com>

Grow Green Match Day is a community fundraising event that offers a 50% match on gifts given on April 22!

<< This year donations made to the Church will help offset costs related to HVAC improvements and sanitizer stations so that we may gather together safely and in person in the (hopefully) near future, and to media equipment so that we can provide a high-quality stream of our services. Please help us return to our building by supporting this great event! >>

Here's how it works:

Gifts can be made online from 12:00 a.m. -11:59 p.m. on April 22. Simply visit <https://www.growgreenmanhattan.com> on the day of the event.

If you prefer to give by check:

- Download the 2021 Grow Green Giving Form from the website, print, and complete.
- Write ONE check for the entire donation made out to GMCF
- Mail the check and donation form (postmarked on or before 4/22/21) to GMCF, P.O. Box 1127, Manhattan, KS 66505-1127

Your donation goes to the Church, PLUS contributions ranging from \$25 to \$1,000 will receive a local match at \$.50 per \$1, so a \$1,000 gift can receive a \$500 local match. The match amount will go into the Church's endowment account at the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation.

Please note that your gift is considered over and above any pledged giving.

If you miss the April 22 event and would still like to support this campaign, you may send a gift to the Church and note that it is for the "Return to the building."

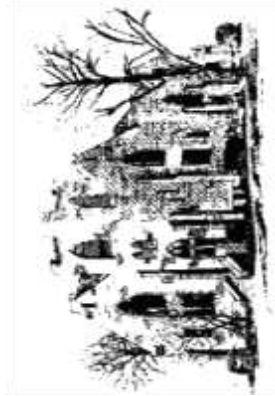
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