



# New England Messenger

## New England Congregational Church

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October 2017

Pastor Linda Mohr



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### Family Fun Night

October 29<sup>th</sup>  
5pm-7pm  
All are welcome!



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## SUNDAY SUMMARY

### October 1- Holy Communion

Liturgist: Howard Schuetz  
Greeters: Ron & Joy Colsden  
Technology: Tami Barth  
Candle Lighter: Maci & Hazel Schellpeper  
Ushers: Dallas Miller, Bob Chilcoat,  
Jerry Kohlhof, Steven Schellpeper

### October 8

Liturgist: Bonnie Barth  
Greeters: Bob & Chris Chilcoat  
Technology: Jerry Kohlhof  
Candle Lighter: Grace Hansen  
Ushers: Gary Benson, Don Eberly,  
Bill Hansen, Howard Schuetz

### October 15

Liturgist: Lois Kingsley  
Greeters: Jim & Barb Dorsey  
Technology: Lynn Schellpeper  
Candle Lighter: Kelton Van Pelt  
Ushers: John Mandl, Bob Schellpeper,  
Bill Woeppel, George Benson

### October 22

Liturgist: Jeanette Davidson  
Greeters: Jim & June Davidson  
Technology: Ashley Mandl  
Candle Lighter: Gatlin Davidson  
Ushers: Dallas Miller, Rod Beyke,  
Scott Davidson, Jim Dorsey

### October 29

Liturgist: Jim Dorsey  
Greeters: Rory and Sue Ashker  
Technology: Lynn Schellpeper  
Candle Lighter: Avery Dahlkoetter  
Ushers: Jerry Kohlhof, Bill Johnson,  
Brian Benson, Joel Scheidegger

## STANTON HEALTH CENTER NEWS

### CHAPEL SERVICES AT STANTON HEALTH CENTER by Pastor Linda.

Chapel service at Stanton Health Center was held on September 3, 2017 at 4:00 pm. Pastor Linda led the service assisted by George Benson, Bill Woepfel, Barb Hansen, and Jan Reese. Dennis Shoemaker played the organ during the service. There were 26 residents present at the service. Also Sept 10 with 19 residents attending. Helpers were George Benson, Barb Hansen, Jan Reese, Bill Woepfel, and Terry Wolverton. The next chapel service will be on October 1, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

**BINGO at Stanton Health Center on Tuesday:** On Tues. Sept. 5 the Work Group # 2 assisted with bingo at the Stanton Health Care Center. Twenty –five residents participated. Prizes consisted of cookies, Buddy bars, candy bars, puff popcorn, corn puffs, grapes and quarters. Lola Denney and Joy Colson provided the treats. Assisting the players were Pastor Linda Mohr, June Davidson, Phyllis Dahlkoetter and Jan Reese. After bingo, the residents enjoyed cookies and beverages. The next Bingo will be Oct. 3rd.

### FOOD TRUCK & FOOD PANTRY

The Stanton County Food Truck was not held in September due to the Labor Day Holiday. It continues to be a blessing to have this food available to those in need in our area. The next food truck will be October 7, 2017 at the Stanton Fairgrounds at 9:00 am. Volunteers to set up, distribute and clean-up are always needed and welcomed. Thank-you.

The foods that are distributed are donated through the Food Bank of the Heartland out of Omaha. The only costs to Stanton County recipients are the transportation and delivery fees which run about \$200 a month. If you would like to make a donation towards this cost, please clearly mark the donation, if you put it in the collection plate. Donations may also be made at the Stanton State Bank to be deposited in the Stanton County Mobile Food Truck account.

The Stanton County Food Pantry is housed at the New England Congregational UCC and is a totally different resource than the mobile distribution program. The food pantry depends on donations directly to the pantry of non-perishable food items, paper products and personal hygiene items. Thank-you for your continued support of the outreach programs.



**1000 books before KINDERGARTEN** This free program encourages you to read 1000 books to your child before he/she enters school-a goal experts say children need to help them learn to read for themselves. Stop by the library to register and receive your reading log. Babies up to children not-yet-enrolled in kindergarten are invited to participate in this program. Earn prizes for every 25 books you read and a special gift, cake and a wonderful jumpstart on success in school!



The best and most beautiful things of this world can't be seen or touched. They must be felt by the heart.

## MEETING MINUTES      Diaconate Meeting Sept 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chairperson John Mandl and the opening prayer was given by Pastor Linda. Those present were John Mandl, Dallas Miller, Bob Chilcoat, Jan Reese, Gary Benson, Jerry Kohlhof and Lois Kingsley. Pastor Linda reported on the recent meeting of Pastors to help new pastors understand about chapel and other community involvement. Congratulations to Pastor Linda for completing the requirements of being a Licensed Minister in the State of Nebraska! Bob Chilcoat made a motion and Jerry Kohlhof seconded the motion that Sunday School begins September 10 at 9:10 am. There will be a potluck lunch after services. Motion carried. Sunday School teachers are needed. The curriculum is on line. Confirmation classes will start Sept 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Four young people have signed up. Jan Reese made motion that we start fall Bible Studies Sunday evenings from 5 to 6pm with Books of the Bible. Bob Chilcoat second. Motion carried. Mobile Food truck at the fairgrounds-Bill Woepfel will be coordinator. \$30.00 per month will be needed from each of the churches. Next diaconate meeting will be October 1, 2017 at 9:30 am. Church Council Meeting will be October 15 at 9:00 am. Chapel Services at SHC were Sept 3, 10, and 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Contemporary Praise service were Sept 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. The Living Waters Annual Meeting will be October 14 in Omaha.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Kingsley, Secretary



## **Trustees meeting** September 10, 2017

Trustees Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hansen @ 9:30a.

In attendance: Bill Hansen, Janet Roenfeldt, Howard Schuetz, Vern Reese, Joel Scheidegger, George Benson, Jim Dorsey, June Davidson, Pastor Linda, Marcelene Tejkl, Bill Woepfel.

Pastor Linda opened with a prayer. Pastor also presented printed Pastor's monthly report. Pastor also emphasized as many congregation to attend the Fall Ecclesiastical Council in Omaha on October 14, to support Alex Wolff in his Ecclesiastical program.

Janet presented the printed Treasurer's report. Balance on hand Aug 1 \$35,923.12. After receipts and disbursements for August 2017, ending balance as of August 31, \$22,950.65. Balance on hand in Endowment account \$27, 156.57. Joel moved and Jim seconded payment of August bills. AMPVFM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS New office copier delivered, installed and working. Eakes Office Products quarterly service contract discussed. Howard moved and Vern seconded to accept Eakes Office Products service contract for copier. AMPVFM

NEW BUSINESS Use of building reminder to all internal and external parties to continue to clean up after themselves after any gathering. We appreciate and encourage usage of the church facilities. Change of locks approved for exchanging locks on pantry and

office doors. Stanton County Mobile Food Pantry sponsorship change over discussed and Congregational Church has offered to formally sponsor program to continue for Stanton County. All community churches will be formally contacted recognizing this change over and encouraged to recognize, advertise, volunteer and financially contribute to the continuation of this program. June moved and Jim seconded that the Cong Church accept this formal sponsorship, and to encourage the church members to support this community program. Installation of handicapped handrails for restrooms discussed. Howard moved and Joel seconded the purchase and installation of said restroom items. Marcelene offered the use of one or more of the unused rails from her house. Bill H. will be investigating and installing said rails. AMPVFM East Parking lot fundraising campaign is adding funds. Anticipated Spring 2018 beginning of renovation of said parking lot.

USE OF CHURCH Barb Hansen is requesting the use of Fellowship Hall for October 21, 2017. Marcelene moved and Vern seconded approving this use of the Fellowship Hall. AMPVFM

Next Trustees' regular meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 8, 2017 @ 9:30a.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Woepfel

**WORK GROUP 3                      October and November**

Davidson, Scott & Jeanette  
 CoChair  
 Schellpeper, Bob & Lynn  
 Ashker, Rory & SueAnn  
 Bernbeck, Tony & Davanna  
 Dahlkoetter, Bill & Phyllis  
 Dahlkoetter, Todd & Shelley

Dorsey, Jim & Barbara  
 Poeschl, Paul & Kailey  
 Poeschl, Ted & Kim  
 Reese, Lawrence  
 Remm, Jane  
 Risolio, Theresa

Roenfeldt, Janet  
 Rolf, Steph & Jerett  
 Schuetz, Howard & Julia  
 Tejkl, Loren & Marceline  
 Throener, Judy  
**HONORARY**  
 Chilcoat, Shirley

Offerings to our Church when you cannot attend may be mailed to our financial secretary, Karen Beyke, 1516 4th Street, Stanton, NE 68779. She may be reached at 402-439-2790. Please leave a message. Thank you!



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION                      ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS**

Date	Attendance	Collections
August 27	43	\$984.00
September 3	44	\$1513.00
September 10	53	\$1552.00
September 17	40	\$869.25



*Check out our website at [stantonnecucc.org](http://stantonnecucc.org).*

If you would like a name on the prayer list, please let us know.  
 If you know someone in the hospital, in the nursing home or homebound, and would like Pastor Linda to visit, please let us know by phone or e-mail..  
 With privacy laws as they are – we don't know unless someone contacts the church.



**Mark Your Calendar!  
 Fall 2017 Bible Study  
 HISTORICAL BOOKS**

Bible study will begin October 1 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and for the following 3 Sunday evenings during the month of October.

In our Lord's love, grace and peace, I write:

Fall or autumn, whichever term you choose, the seasons are definitely changing and God's handiwork is seen in beautiful new and unique to this season, sights, sounds and smells. This is the season of transition; we are being nudged away from the summer that was probably too hot for some of us and is now easing us into a winter that will probably be too cold for some of us. What an amazing God we have whose plan for all His creation was and is so amazing!

In 1 Chronicles, chapter 16, we read that, "The Lord is great and worthy of praise. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place." If we remember that the earth is God's creation and dwelling place, even on our busiest or most stressed days, we can stop, give thanks and find joy in all the moments of every-day life no matter what the seasons. These words from 1 Chronicles remind us that happiness and joy are not necessarily the same, even though these fall days allow us to be happy as well as being full of joy in the moments of everyday living.

Happiness depends more on the world and what's going on around us. A beautiful day makes us happy just as a visit with a family member or friend puts a smile on our faces. Maybe we read a good book or our favorite sports team wins a game and then we're happy. Happiness tends to depend on all the conditions being just right. Happiness is really wonderful but then another day dawns and the same happiness may or may not continue.

But when we think of joy, true joy, it is something entirely different. Joy doesn't depend on this world and what happens during the events of each day. Joy really depends on each one of us individually. Joy is knowing that God is in control and that God loves us deeply and dearly, even days that are less than perfect and we ourselves aren't feeling particularly loving toward others or even about ourselves. When we wake up in the mornings, realizing the beauty of the new day and stay in God's presence throughout the day, God's joy, true joy is with us in every situation. God is the same yesterday, today and forever – unchanging – no matter what the season.

I recently read a poem by Danielle Spencer called The Magic in the Moment. Two of the stanzas read:

The wind began to blow  
And shook the trees  
Heads turned up in unison  
Witnessing a season of change

The leaves swirled and turned  
And swept me off my feet  
Dodging and scooping  
The magic in the moment.

These lines remind me of the power of our God – God, the Father, God, the Son and God the Holy Spirit. As we feel and come to understand the joy of God's love sweeping through our lives, we too may wave back and forth over time as we learn and practice Jesus' many teachings until we are swept off our feet by the realization that God's plan includes the changing of the seasons as well as the ways we live in His will.

Fall – what a great time of year! It's wonderful to again have Sunday school, confirmation, Bible studies and the sounds of God's handiwork in the many activities here at the church. And days will continue to get busier as we move toward the upcoming holiday season. Thank you all so much for all that you do here at New England Congregational UCC and beyond our doors, serving and sharing as Christ taught.

God's blessings be with each one of you!  
Pastor Linda



Sunday school classes began again on September 10, 2017. Enthusiastic voices once again filled the church classrooms. Sunday school begins at 9:10 am each morning in the sanctuary for worship before the lessons begin. "THE DIG IN" program is being used which focuses on the life of Jesus. Come join in the fun! We are still in need of a teacher for the older group of young people! Please contact Jeanette Davidson if you would consider teaching this group.

## Confirmation News

Confirmation began September 13 and will continue each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. The classes are based on the Affirming Faith lessons combining Bible scripture, symbols specific to our UCC tradition and how we live our lives as Christians in the world today. Thank-you for keeping these young people in prayer. Confirmation Helpers: Sept 27-Lois Kingsley, Oct 4-Jerry Kohlhof, Oct 11-John Mandl, "Oct 18-Bob Chilcoat, Oct 25-Jerry Kohlhof.



**FROM THE KITCHEN:** We are missing a lid to one of our large metal kettles at the church. Please check your cupboards at home.

Living Waters Association of the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ Annual Meeting is October 14, 2017 at Northwest Hills Church 9334 Fort Street, Omaha, NE. Registration begins at 9:00 am with Luncheon at 11:45 am at cost of \$9.00. Ecclesiastical Council for Alex Wolf begins at 1:30 pm. Please let Pastor Linda know if you plan to attend this meeting by October 8 so that a count will be available to those planning the sessions

**For those of us who still have zucchini in the garden:**

### Chocolate Zucchini Cake

2 c. all-purpose flour  
3/4 c. cocoa powder  
2 tsp. baking soda  
1/2 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. espresso powder(optional)  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 c. vegetable oil  
1 c. sugar  
3/4 c. brown sugar  
4 large eggs  
1/3 c. sour cream  
2 tsp. vanilla  
3 c. shredded zucchini, well drained  
1 c. semi-sweet chocolate chips optional  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease two 9x2" cake pans. Set aside. Whisk the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, baking powder, espresso, and salt in a large bowl. In another large bowl beat the oil, granulated sugar, brown sugar, eggs, sour cream, vanilla and zucchini together until combined. Pour into dry ingredients and beat until completely combined. Beat in chocolate chips. Pour batter evenly into cake pans. Bake 30-35 min or until cakes test done by inserting toothpick and comes out clean. Cool completely before frosting.  
Frosting  
8 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1/2 c butter, softened  
3 c powdered sugar  
1/2 c cocoa  
1/8 t salt  
1 t vanilla  
Blend cream cheese and butter. Add pwd sugar, cocoa, salt, and vanilla until well blended. (I think this cake would be good in a jelly roll pan also. You would just bake it less time, maybe 20-25 min.)