

# New England Messenger

**New England Congregational Church**  
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Rev. Linda Mohr



## This Month: July 2022

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### Birthdays

July 1 – Linda Kuester, Loren Tejkl  
July 2 – John Mandl  
July 3 – Darlene Johnson  
July 7 – Joyce Goshorn, Loren Dean Tejkl  
July 10 – Katelyn Ashker, Gary Benson  
July 11 – Hazel Schellpeper  
July 14 – Kelton Van Pelt  
July 16 – Jim Geu  
July 20 – JoAnne Schellpeper  
July 21 – Jane Remm  
July 22 – Curtis Hetzler  
July 26 – SueAnn Ashker, Brad Dahlkoetter,  
Kevin Reese  
July 28 – Bethany Reese

*Wishing you a very special day filled  
with God's blessings!*

These are the birthdays that are part of the permanent records at church. If one has been missed, please let Rev. Linda know so that she can add the name to her list of birthday special prayers. Thank you.



## Calendar

Because of various activities during the month of July, Pastor Linda's office hours will vary. Please call ahead to make sure she is in the office, if you need to visit with her.

Office – (402) 439-2175

Pastor Linda – (402) 910-4009

- July 3** 8:30 am Casual Worship Service using Music Videos with **Communion**  
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service with **Communion**
- July 7** 1:30 pm Church Work Groups meeting
- July 10** 8:30 am Casual Worship Service using Music Videos  
9:30 am Trustee's Meeting  
9:30 am Special Diaconate meeting  
10:00 am Fellowship  
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service
- July 17** 8:30 am Casual Worship Service using Music Videos  
9:30 am Diaconate Meeting  
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service
- July 18** 5– 7 pm Vacation Bible School
- July 19** 5 – 7 pm Vacation Bible School
- July 20** 4:00 pm Chapel Service at Stanton Health Care Center  
5- 7 pm Vacation Bible School
- July 21** 5– 7 pm Vacation Bible School
- July 22** 5 – 7pm Vacation Bible School
- July 24** 8:30 am Casual Worship Service using Music Videos  
9:00 am Church Council Meeting  
10:00 am Fellowship honoring the Confirmands  
10:30 am Worship with Confirmation of 4 young people
- July 31** 8: 30 am Casual Worship Service using Music Videos  
10:30 am Traditional Worship Service

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**Newsletter Deadline: July /27 /22**

Greetings on this summer day!

It seems, at least in my mind, that we're already at the middle of the summer season. Once we start seeing all of the red, white and blue decorations and when the fireworks start lighting up the night sky, it often seems that we are no longer moving towards summer but moving away from it. Our world seems somewhat chaotic but, we, as a nation, do enjoy unparalleled freedoms. Our nation's brave men and women have defended these freedoms over the years.

Although we are able to enjoy so many freedoms as Americans, the freedom we find in Christ far surpasses our American freedoms. Jesus' words in John 8: 36 reminds us, *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."* Other freedoms may be temporary but the freedom we enjoy in Christ can never be taken away. Through Jesus' many life lessons and eventually through his death, we learn that not only are we freed from our worries and cares but we have the freedom to enjoy all the wonder of the world that God so lovingly created. Through Jesus, we've been freed from the fear of death. I believe, of course, that this allows us not to fear our own earthly deaths but I also believe that we are freed from the smaller ends/deaths to many of life's situations.

As I move through this last month of time among all of you, there will be an end, so to speak. Things will not be exactly as they've been during my nine years with you. It's a time of transition and certainly a time of unknowns. But Jesus reminds us so often that we are NOT to worry or fear. We have been gifted with the Holy Spirit's presence and because of that, we will all be able to move ahead. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Earthly life ends bring the beauty of something that we can't even begin to understand or imagine. This upcoming end in the life of our congregation feels rather final, but I choose to believe that the future holds something wonderful for each of us – something we don't yet understand and can't even imagine. God is so very good at all times and in all places and circumstances! God has and continues to create all things so wonderfully well. As we move to the end of July, I invite you to stop often and give thanks for all that has been good and thanks for even the less than good because lessons have been learned. Stop and give thanks for the present and the beautiful memories that are being made among us. Stop and give thanks for the future as uncertain as it seems because God is with each of us – always and forever!

And so, as I've shared my faith and my love of our Lord with each of you, my friends, I leave you with the lyrics from the song, Pass It On. *"Oh, I wish for you my friend this happiness that I've found; you can depend on God; it matters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want the world to know the Lord of love has come to me. I want to pass it on!"*

Thank you for nine incredible years among you and all of the kindnesses and support you've each shown me. My heart is so full and I will always carry amazingly beautiful memories in my heart from my time at the New England Congregational United Church of Christ. Thank you for allowing me to share my faith with each of you and I do hope I've also shared a little "PINK" with you and that pink will always make you smile just a little.

May God's love and peace bless each of your lives always!

Pastor Linda

*IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW.*

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## FOOD PANTRY

A special all congregation meeting was called by the moderator held on Sunday June 26, 2022 following the 8:30 and 10:30 services for the purpose of voting on the future of the food pantry. The food pantry was started by the Ministerial Association who were responsible for the distribution of the food donated to the food pantry. As the years passed the majority of the duties have fallen upon this church. Since Rev. Linda will be leaving the end of July no other church has accepted the responsibility of the food pantry. After much discussion and deliberation the vote was 28 to close, 1 to stay open, and 5 abstain. Items left over will be donated either the Rescue Mission or the Grain Train. We want to thank everyone who has donated to this worthy cause and possibly may reopen when we get a new pastor. The last pantry day will be July 15<sup>th</sup>.



## CONFIRMATION CLASS

A big THANK YOU to Abbie Daniel, Ella Hansen, Hazel Schellpeper and Maci Schellpeper for all of their hard work during the summer confirmation classes. They spent 30 hours during the month of June studying about our United Church of Christ denomination and what it means to be a Christian believer in the world today.

They will be confirmed during the 10:00 am worship service on July 24, 2022. Between the services, they will be honored during the fellowship time. Please congratulate these young women and extend your welcome as they will now officially become members of this congregation and of the wider UCC church.

Thank you for keeping this program and the young people involved in your prayers this summer.

## Worship Restrictions Continue

Because we want to protect **everyone** who gathers for worship, we will continue to follow certain restrictions for gathering. We will not have ushers. The offering plate will continue to be at the back of the sanctuary and communion will be served using pre-filled cups. **PLEASE REMEMBER** You are invited to **attend as you feel comfortable**. Rev. Linda will continue posting her sermons on the church website – [stantonucc.org](http://stantonucc.org) and on her Facebook page – Linda Mohr.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION – ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

Offerings to our Church: When you cannot attend, it may be mailed to our financial secretary, Karen Beyke, 1516 4th Street, Stanton, NE 68779. She may be reached at **402-649-8993**. Please leave a message. Thank you!

Date	Attendance	Collections
May 29	36	\$827.00
June 5	17/33	\$1864.00
June 12	14/23	\$5576.87
June 19	16/26	\$416.00

### Liturgists

July 3 – John Mandl  
July 10 – Jim Dorsey  
July 17 – Lois Kingsley  
July 24 – Confirmation Students  
July 31 – none needed

### Technology (Screen)

July 3 – Tami Barth  
July 10 – Barbara Hansen  
July 17 – Jack Best  
July 24 – Barbara Hansen  
July 31 – Jack Best



## TRUSTEES MEETING



June 5, 2022 9:30 am

The meeting was called to order at 9:24 with Bob Chilcoat, Janet Roenfeldt, Howard Schuetz, John Mandl, Gary Benson, Michael Eberly, Jim Dorsey, Bob Schellpeper and Rev. Linda Mohr present. The previous meeting was printed in the newsletter and on the agenda. Moved and seconded to accept as printed. Pastor Linda gave her monthly report of her activities. Office hours, worship services, meetings attended, hospital visitation, home visitations, zoom meetings, pantry distributions, and private baptism to name a few. Accepted as presented.

Treasurers report. Accepted as presented and printed. Balance on hand May 1...\$10,819.00, Bills presented were...\$4414.4 and Estimated balance after payment of bills \$6396.13. Endowment fund total \$12,958.22.

Unfinished business: Howard moved and Jim seconded to pay the bills. Motion carried. Mark Miller cleaned the gutters. Ron Schellpeper and Jim Dorsey have agreed to take care of mowing the lawn this summer. The pump for the watering system needs to be replaced. They will be contacted. Pastor needs the governing body of the church to look into the Food Pantry and the Tree of Caring projects to make decisions and about the bank account. Mary Drott has put in her resignation and is retiring from her duties at the end of July.

Reservation for the use of the social hall was approved for May 13, 2023 for a graduation party. Next meeting will be July 10, 2022 at 9:30 am. Next Council Meeting will be July 24, 2022 at 9:00 am and July 24, 2022 at 10:30 services will be Confirmation.

### For your calendar-----

**July 24, 2022 – at the 10:30 service**

**Confirmation Service celebrating four young people. Please come and support this next step in their life-long faith journey.**

**Fellowship before the service will honor the confirmands.**



## Mark Your Calendars



**VBS – July 18 – 22, 2022**

**5:00 – 7:00 pm**

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**Contact Lynette Mandl for more information**

**402-439-2361**

Because Pastor Linda is involved in many added “**End of Call**” activities, visitation time is very limited. If you would like her to stop and see you before she leaves, please call and schedule a time.

God’s Peace, Love and Blessings!

## A NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES

As you may be noticing, the front parking lot is reaching the point that it will need to be replaced.

**No work** will be done until funds for the project are secured. Donations, ear-marked for that purpose, are always welcome and appreciated.





## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**Abbie Daniel**

**Ella Hansen**

**Hazel Schellpeper**

**Maci Schellpeper**

July 24 during the 10:30 am  
service

Please come and join to  
congratulate  
these 4 young ladies  
during fellowship that day.



It has been a very active month of June. One of the activities and lessons of the confirmation class was to learn about Communion. So the class assisted in making, baking and eating unleaven bread. Other lessons included Symbols of the UCC, History of the church, learning Books of the Bible and looking up Bible verses. They will all participate in helping with the Vacation Bible School as part of their community services. They also had to attend church either in person or via Facebook and answer questions. Well done!

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.



## Groups met on April 7 at 1:30 pm

All but Group 4 was represented. Barb Hansen called the meeting to order. Pastor Linda led us in prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Correspondence. Thank you from Norfolk Rescue Mission, Stanton Vol. Fire & Rescue, and Food Pantry, for the \$100.00 donations. Also thank you from the Stanton Health Center for Thanksgiving meals. Thank you from the Quinn family for Lunch at their mothers funeral with a \$100.00 donation. The drapes have been cleaned between the sanctuary and the social hall. Treasurers Report was presented and accepted. New Business: Lorena Bernbeck, Barb Hansen, Lynn Schellpeper, and Jack Best will furnish salads for the Fire and Rescue fish Fry fund raiser which will be April 15. Easter Breakfast will be served following Sunrise service on Easter morning. There being only one graduate who doesn't plan to participate this year we will not be having a graduation breakfast. Next meeting will be July 7 at 1:30 pm in the Social Hall.

Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rearview mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

# GOD BLESS AMERICA

