



The Bridge

April 2015 Community Congregational Church UCC

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Church Office Hours Tue—Wed 10:00am to 2:00pm

Rev. Renie's
Office Hours

Tues & Thurs. by appointment

Happenings

2
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal



10:00 AM Communion
Sunday Morning Worship
11:30 AM Easter egg hunt
12:00 PM Middle and High School Youth Group

7
10:00 AM Women's Coffee
7:00 PM Rolling Tones Rehearsal

9
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

11
8:30 AM Second Saturday —
Feeding our friends on the street

12
10:00 AM Sunday Morning
Worship
12:00 Middle and High School
Youth Group

14
10:00 AM Women's Coffee
7:00 PM Rolling Tones Rehearsal

16
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

19
10:00 AM Sunday Morning
Worship
12:00 PM Middle and High School
Youth Group

21
10:00 AM Women's Coffee
6:45 PM Church Council
7:00 PM Rolling Tones Rehearsal

23
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

25
9:00 AM Building and Grounds
Work Day

26
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
12:00 PM Middle and High School
Youth Group

28
10:00 AM Women's Coffee
7:00 PM Rolling Tones Rehearsal

30
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

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Campus Enhancement

Jim Lessenger



We are now going into the eighth week of construction. As expected we have had to make some design changes and change orders.

The sewer system is now repaired. It was completely disintegrated and the section in front of the buildings is completely replaced.

We had to completely close off the parking lot, upper and lower, because people kept crossing the barriers and yellow tape. It is also a complete mess and is dangerous.

The extra grading of the upper parking lot necessitated an extra \$2500 in design changes.

We have retained an electrician to help us with the installation of the solar lights. His fee will be substantially lower than the \$35,000 quoted by another electrical company. We feel a lot better having him on board.

The constructed should be complete by the end of April. Then comes the landscaping. After that, painting of the buildings. It's going to look GREAT!



On-line banking

Dale Olm

A greener approach to giving – Online banking

Churches, because of their heavy weekly check volumes, were among the earliest organizations to embrace electronic giving as a way to automate contributions. Today, electronic giving in all its forms provides convenience for frequent check writers and donation consistency for churches.

A less frequently discussed benefit of electronic giving is its positive impact on the environment. An enormous amount of natural resources are consumed in the production, transportation, processing and disposal of paper checks. That's why paying bills electronically always ranks high on any list of actions an individual can take to improve the environment. The trend toward electronic payments has already produced more than a 50% decline in check use since the year 2000.



As you consider the payment method you use to make your regular offering, we hope that you will think about the unique connection between financial stewardship and environmental stewardship. Talk to Nancy Gilman or Dale Olm for further details concerning payment via debit card, credit card or electronic checks. Single donations or recurring payments can be set up easily.

Music Matters

Barbara Hamm

The natural world awakens to the joy of spring as trees and flowers bloom, and our hearts are lightened by the greening beauty and the certainty that new life has sprung again. Let us rejoice as we revel in the sights and smells of spring and as we once again marvel at a God who became involved in our human story. Resurrection joy, the joy of Easter, as echoed by the natural world, is expressed in the text of my Easter hymn:

Christ is risen; earth is dressed
in its Easter blossom best,
singing songs of joy and mirth,
celebrating love's rebirth.

Christ is risen, buried grain
that the earth could not contain,
sprouting new where death had been,
ever living, ever green.

Christ is risen, fairest flower
of God's resurrection power,
giving life to seed that dies,
raising Christ before our eyes.

Christ is risen; earth awakes
to the promise that love makes:
we, like Christ, will live again.
Alleluia! Shout Amen!



The scripture text in Song of Solomon 2: 11-13 voices these same sentiments:

For now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance. (Rev. Standard Version)

Sanctuary Choir Music during April:

April 5 – “Because You Live, O Christ” with The Rolling Tones handbells, Shelby Riddle on clarinet, and Leslie Lessenger on flute

April 12 – Holy Humor Sunday – prepare to be surprised!

April 19 – “Psalm 139”

April 26 – “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Thank you to all the CCC Musicians for their beautiful music during Lent. And I am especially grateful to Deborah Shanks for assuming musical responsibilities while I recover from surgery. Thank you, Deborah!



Parking Lot Closure, But NOT the Church

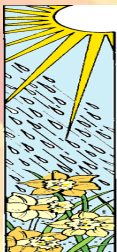
This is an exciting time in the life of the church, in a few weeks our parking lot will have had a much needed face lift. Meanwhile it will be necessary to park elsewhere as construction goes on. (That Does Not Mean Staying Home.) We will need to park on the street. The entrance to the church will only be from the street. Walking down the sidewalk between the CE building and the sanctuary and then through the choir room.

At curb side in front of the church will be a drop off point for those who would have difficulty walking . A Greeter will be waiting to assist you on your way to service. Drivers who have dropped off passengers, will then park along West M, West 2nd St. and Raymond Street. Those who cannot make the walk from their car, a ride will be provided. Others are encouraged to walk the short distance. After service and or fellowship a ride to your car for those who need assistance will be provided. And drop off passengers will be waiting for you to pick them up.

Thank you for understanding the need for alternate parking. If you can help with these plans or have your own thoughts about parking, please email them to sendmail2jackie@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks, Campus Improvement Parking Committee

Prayer Concerns



Barbara Hamm
Pastor Renie
Peg Stone
Jennifer Otero, her daughters Elizabeth, Victoria
and Isabella
Prayers for our leaders
Prayers for all families struggling with pain and
separation

Prayers for all our military personnel
Prayers for our planet
We pray for all those affected by war,
and we pray for peace

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**Remember
Our Homebound Members**

If you know of someone in our church family who needs a visit, please let Pastor Renie know. We don't always hear about a need right away. Thanks!



- Apr 1 Hanna, Karen*
- Apr 1 Hull, Marge
- Apr 2 Read, Keith*
- Apr 5 Mitchell, Karyna*
- Apr 5 Murrell, Janet*
- Apr 7 Smith, Linda*
- Apr 21 Benton, Audrey*
- Apr 21 Thomas, Autumn
- Apr 22 Cooper, Keiran*
- Apr 22 Thomas, Holly
- Apr 24 Eubank, James
- Apr 25 Qually, Elizabeth
- Apr 26 Martin, Jerry
- Apr 27 Cox, Betty*

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We hope you enjoy the Bridge Newsletter! Would you like to read the newsletter by e-mail? If so, send your e-mail address to us at bridge@cccucc.org and save a tree!

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Written contributions for future editions can be sent to revrenie@cccucc.org (deadline is the 20th of each month) or placed in the church secretary's in-box and marked "Bridge". All material submitted is subject to editing for space and content.

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