

May 2022



THE BELL

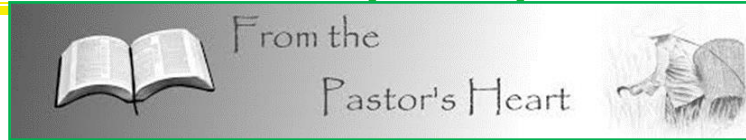


TOWER



The First Congregational Church, Spencerport UCC
65 Church Street Spencerport, NY 14559

May 2022



“Never give up on something that you can’t go a day without thinking about.”
~Winston Churchill

Mrs. Craddock was a faithful churchgoer. She took her children to church almost every Sunday. Because of all her church activities, on most Sunday afternoons, her husband would often complain about Sunday dinner being late. One day, the minister of the church called to speak with Mrs. Craddock. But Mr. Craddock answered the phone.

Mr. Craddock responded to the minister’s request by saying, “I know what the church wants. Church doesn’t care about me. Church just wants another name, another pledge, another name, another pledge. Isn’t that the name of the game, Reverend?”

This was not just a one-time conversation; this was every time the minister called to speak with Mrs. Craddock. Whenever the church would have a revival or some sort of conference, Mrs. Craddock would always find herself in the church kitchen preparing meals for parishioners. But Mr. Craddock despised it. Mrs. Craddock would walk through the front door on pins and needles because she knew Mr. Craddock would be waiting on the sofa for her with a can in his hand wearing a white t-shirt with the same frown and verbal spill every time. “At that church again, huh! They just want another name, another pledge, another name, another pledge. That’s the name of the game, dear.”

One of their son’s, Fred, said he must have heard it a thousand times throughout his childhood and young adult years. But there was one time when Mr. Craddock did not say it. He was in the veteran’s hospital, and he was down to about 73 pounds. They’d taken out his throat; put in metal tubes; and the X rays had just about burned him to pieces. His son, Fred, who was now an adult had flown back home to visit with his dad. Mr. Craddock couldn’t speak nor could eat. When Fred arrived at his dad’s hospital room, he opened the door. When he opened the door...the smell...the aroma...the scent that smacked him in the face could only be compared to walking into flower shop. Fred looked around the room and there were plants, freshly cut flowers all on the windowsill and next to the bed. There was also a stack of sympathy cards about 20 inches deep next to his bed. Even on that food tray in front of Mr. Craddock, there was a little rose and card

with a handwritten message on it. Every card, every rose, and every arrangement in that room were from persons or groups from the church.

Mr. Craddock—being hooked up to all those machines, opened his eyes and saw his son, Fred (standing next to the bed), reading one of the cards. Mr. Craddock could not speak, at all; so, with his trembling hands he took a Kleenex box (and a pen) and wrote on the side of it a line from Shakespeare. He wrote: *In this harsh world, draw your breath in pain to tell my story.* Fred (with tears welling up in his eyes) looked at his dad and said, “What is your story, daddy?”

And he wrote again three words that caused his son’s heart to drop from his chest into the pit of his stomach; he wrote: *I was wrong.*

As people of faith, as parents, as spouses/partners, employees/employers, and as citizens of the earth, sometimes we may feel like our work is in vain. This is especially the case when, week after week, month after month, year after year, and in some cases, decade after decade, we are working toward something that yields little to no fruit. Sometimes it can feel as if our deeds are misunderstood, overlooked, unappreciated, and or ineffective. I’m sure that’s how some of the parishioners, Mrs. Craddock, and her minister felt (in the story above). But I want to remind you of the words of the first century theologian and philosopher Paul. He said in his letter to the churches in the region of Galatia, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up.”

So, let me encourage you to never ever give up. Never ever give up on a wayward child that seems to continue to be lured off the straight and narrow path. Never ever give up on a relative that is struggling with an addiction or bad habit. Never ever give up on a spouse or partner—even if it appears that their love has grown cold. Never ever give up on your attempt to create a *just world for all.* Because at the proper *God-ordained* time, you will reap a harvest, if you don’t give up. Amen!

Pastor Michael

May 2022



If someone in your **immediate family** is graduating from high school, college, or post – graduate school, please let us know by contacting the church office at

(585) 352-3448 or admin@spencerportucc.org

Please share the student's name, school graduating from, and any plans for the future. Thank you and congratulation on this amazing achievement! Deadline: Sunday, May 15th.



COUNCIL AND BOARDS MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 17th
@ 6:30 PM IN PERSON



FINANCE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 15th
@ 7:00 PM Via Zoom

WOMEN'S GUILD
UPCOMING DATE

MEETING:

Saturday, May 7th
@ 9:30 am followed by
Practice for Women's
Sunday May 8th



MEETING:

Saturday, June 11th @ 9:15 am

SET-UP & PREP:

For Choir Appreciation Sunday
Saturday, June 25th @ 9:30 am

WOMEN'S GUILD PICNIC:

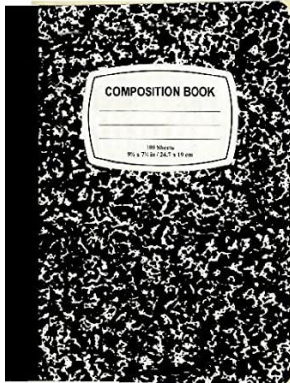
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JUNE/ JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MAY 18TH

If you would like to submit an article for
The June/ July Newsletter, please email the church office
at admin@spencerportucc.org
before May 18th. Thank you!

May 2022



**MAY
BLACK AND WHITE
COMPOSITION
NOTEBOOKS &
8 CT. CRAYONS
(The small boxes)
MONTH**



The Board of Christian Education launching a new program for 2022 to support the needs of local migrant families with school aged children. We are collecting school supplies throughout the next several months with the intent to fill as many backpacks as possible to give to needy kids.

Each month from February to August, we will be collecting specific school supplies to fill backpacks and then distribute these much-needed supplies in new backpacks to students before the 2022-2023 school year begins.

Our backpack items for May will be **BLACK AND WHITE COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS, AND 8 COUNT CRAYONS** (the small boxes). Please consider donating Composition Notebooks and Crayons and place them in the designated box downstairs. Once these backpacks are filled, they will be blessed by Pastor Michael and given to those in need.

Thank you, from the members of the Board of Christian Education

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please join us every Tuesday!

Hope to see you there!

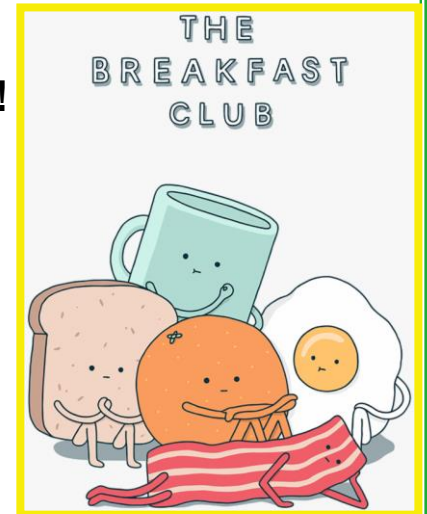
May 3rd – Slayton Place
(26 Slayton Ave. Spencerport)

May 10th – Panorama
(730 Elmgrove Rd.)

May 17th – Theo's Restaurant
(1174 Brooks Ave. Across from the Airport)

May 24th – Johnny d's Restaurant
(2139 North Union St. Spencerport)

May 31st – Blue Ridge Gril
(3400 West Ridge Rd.)



SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2022


**WEAR
RED
for
PENTECOST
Sunday**

May 2022

CHRISTIAN ACTION



FCC
MUSIC MINISTRY



Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAYS @ 7PM
& SUNDAYS @ 9AM



TO ALL PRESENT AND PAST CHOIR MEMBERS:

On June 26th, 2022, present and past choir members will be recognized for their years of service singing in the choir. Each person will be given a certificate and other special events are planned during the service and during coffee hour to honor those who have served the church with their vocal talent.

Please pass the word along to all past choir members about this event or pass along their contact information so that they can be contacted directly with an invitation. Music is such a vital part of our church service, and a heartfelt thanks will spotlight those that have given of their time for this service. Make plans to join in the fun on June 26th!

Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf

Thank you for your continuing and generous support to the Spencerport Ecumenical Food Shelf.

This month the following items are especially needed: Rice, Soups, Muffin Mix, Coffee, Hot Cocoa, Hamburger Helper, and Peanut Butter.

Cash donations are always welcome and contribute to the Tops gift cards provided to clients to purchase perishable items such as produce and meat. Cash donations can be sent to Dick Gallagher, the Food Shelf Treasurer at: 425 Ogden Parma Townline Road, Spencerport, NY, 14559.

A bin is available in the Fellowship Hall to drop off your donations.

If you know of anyone residing in the Spencerport School District, in need of food, they can call 397-0290.

Questions or concerns: contact Melanie Ippolito at 352-3891



Please call or email the office if you would like to include any information, special news, or occasions into the weekly FlockNote or our monthly newsletter. Thank You!



MONDAY – FRIDAY
9 AM – 2 PM

MAY
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

GREETERS:

1 – Carol Schauman
8 – Betty Anne Riley
15 – Karen Eysaman
22 – Sue Bagley
29 – **TBD**

LAY READERS:

1 – Ellen M Kern
8 – Sue Bagley
15 – Gwendolyn Tappenden
22 – Carolyn Mazzota
29 – **TBD**

USHERS:

1 – Karen Eysaman
8 – Carol Schauman
15 – Betty Anne Riley
22 – Karen Eysaman
29 – Karen Eysaman

HELPING HANDS:

1 – **TBD** 22 – **TBD**
8 – **TBD** 29 – **TBD**
15 – **TBD**

**USHERS, GREETERS, LAY READERS,
HELPING HANDS AND COFFEE HOUR
HELP NEEDED:**

**If you are interested in volunteering your
time, there is a sign-up sheet on the
bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or you
can call the office at 352-3448.
Thank You!**

COFFEE HOUR:

1 – Sue Bagley
8 – Karen Eysaman
15 – Bunny Tubbs
22 – **TBD**
29 – **TBD**

NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE UPDATE!!!!

We had our first teen winner, Karissa Jackson, she read the Newsletter, found her name on the Christian Education page, and contacted the office in April for her prize. Thank you so much Karissa!

MAY NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE

For May we will continue our challenge with 2 more winners. Remember to read everything! If you find **your** name **[A big hello to our friend (Your Name Here)]**, Please contact the office, (585) 352-3448 or admin@spencerportucc.org.



LOOKING AHEAD

June 1 st , Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
June 5 th Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship/ Communion/ Penny Jar/ Pentecost Sunday/ Strengthen the Church Offering
June 7 th Tuesday	9:00 am	Breakfast Club- TBA
June 9 th Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
June 11 th Saturday	9:15 am	Women's Guild Meeting
June 12 th Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship
June 14 th Tuesday	9:00 am	Breakfast Club- TBA
June 15 th Wednesday	7:00 pm	Finance Board Meeting Via Zoom
June 16 th Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
June 19 th Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship/ Father's Day

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!!

June 21 st Tuesday	9:00 am	Breakfast Club- TBA
June 23 rd Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
June 26 th Sunday	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship/ Honoring Our Choir Event
June 28 th Tuesday	9:00 am	Breakfast Club- TBA
June 30 th Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal



SYMPATHYS

Prayerful sympathy is extended to the following individuals and families on the loss of a loved one:

Family and friends of **Carmella Heim**, Mother in-law of Jessilou Vaccarelli, who passed away on April 2, 2022.

Family and Friends of **Denise Vorbach**, who died on April 8, 2022. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with her husband, Ed Vorbach and her son Kyle Vorbach.

Family and Friends of **Pat Hotchkiss**, husband of Lois and brother of Gay Lenhard, who passed away on April 4, 2022. A memorial service is scheduled for May 28th at 11:00 am here at First Congregational Church.

THANK YOU!

A Special Thank you for the Primrose. ~Melva Owens~

Thank you to my Church Family for the pretty Primrose Plants! I miss you all! I miss singing in the choir and sitting next to Gay!

~Sincerely, Carol Gurgel



The family of Carmella Heim is grateful for all your kind expressions of sympathy and for your support. A special thank you to Paula, Greg, Robert, Ellen and the Women's Guild for their gifts of time and creativity in the preparation of her memorial service and reception. ~Family of Caremella Heim~

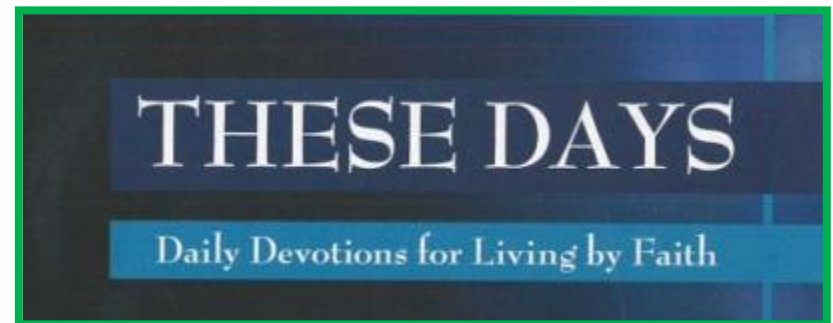
Enjoying my plant. Thank you so much.
~Joan Wyland~



MONTHLY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Let's celebrate each other! We would like to start including special dates in The Bell Tower Monthly Newsletter. A big hello to our friend Carol Gurgel! If you would like your Anniversary or Birthday (without year) included in the monthly

newsletter, please contact the office at (585) 352- 3448 or admin@spencerportucc.org.



Daily Devotional Booklets are available for April/ May/ June and are located by the elevator on the first floor or on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like a copy sent to you, please call the office at (585)352-3448.

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CE DIRECTOR JESSILOU IS AVAILABLE!

.... In person or by phone or email as needed:

church office 585-352-3448

cell phone or text: 585-397-8766

office hours by appointment

email: christianeducation@spencerportucc.org



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR BACKPACKS!

The Board of Christian Ed has a program to support the needs of local migrant families with school aged children. We are collecting school supplies throughout the next several months with the intent to fill as many backpacks as possible to give to needy kids. A big hello to our friend Caleb Wilson! May is Black & white Composition books & 8 Count Crayons (the small boxes)! There's a box in the Fellowship Hall for donations if you feel inspired to help. Thank you in advance!

**SPPT COMMUNITY TEEN PROGRAM
(Spencerport Youth Ministries)**

Jessilou has contacted local churches to create a combined Spencerport Youth Group. Representatives from the churches will meet on April 30th for coffee and donuts at Spencerport UCC to start planning. The Plastic Lakes Project will be our kick-off event! Contact Jessilou for more information!



PENNY JAR NEWS

In April, we asked for contributions to Cameron Community Ministries. Thank you for your support! In May, we will collect funds to send to **ROC MAIDAN**, an organization located in Webster that sends aid directly to displaced families in the Ukraine. Let us also keep these victims of the war in our prayers.

PLASTIC LAKES PROJECT 2022!

SEE FULL PAGE INFO IN THIS NEWSLETTER!

**SATURDAY MAY 14TH @ NOON
ONTARIO BEACH PARK**



SUMMER IS COMING!

ANNUAL SUNDAYS COOL FAMILY PICNIC 6/25

Join us at Pineway Ponds Park for sandwiches, fruit and cookies! Scavenger hunt, splash park, craft project! Mark your calendars!

SONSHINE CLUB OUTDOOR SUNDAY'S COOL

Sunday's Cool will continue this summer with a special Sunshine Club focused on our planet and its animals through the Noah's Ark story!

TEEN ZOOM SERIES: COMPARATIVE RELIGION

The Teen Lenten series was so successful, the teens asked if we can continue! So beginning in July, we'll do a 6 week program on the top 6 religions in the world, one each week!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 11-15 OPC

Watch for more details soon!

BE THE CHURCH.....

Protect the environment!



Inviting ALL Youth ages 10 and up & Adults to participate in

2022 PLASTIC LAKES PROJECT



Hosted by the



May 2022

First Congregational Church of Spencerport, UCC
Saturday May 14th, 12:00pm – 3:00pm
Ontario Beach Park, Rochester NY

(Located at the north end of Lake Avenue, on the shore of Lake Ontario. Signs will be posted.)

AFTERNOON AGENDA: Meet at the Portside (or Shoreline) pavilion, nearest the pier.

12:00 – 12:15 Welcome and Greetings, information and instruction

12:15 – 12:45 Free Pizza, fruit and soda lunch

12:45 – 2:45 Teams pick up litter along the shore of Lake Ontario. Gloves, bags, grabbers provided!

2:45 – 3:00 Trash is weighed; Awards presented for the most litter collected by a team!

[RSVP REQUIRED by May 8th via email: christianeducation@spencerportucc.org](mailto:christianeducation@spencerportucc.org)



Psalm 104:24-25 “How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.”



EASTER FLOWERS 2022



GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

BY:

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BY:

Todd Saylor

Saylor Family

Homer & Carol Barton
Rick Barton

Bob Kincaid

Sue Kincaid, Kellie Adami
& Greg Kincaid

Walter Barton
George & Ruth Ater
Carl & Bonnie Ater

Gary & Carol A Barton & Family

Parents & Grandparents

Len & Melonie Ippolito

Daryl Lynn Martin

Darcy Colby

Florence & Arthur Pastor
Parents

Bunny Tubbs

Mr. & Mrs. C. Richard Mosbrugger
Lynn & Baby Ricky Nuebauer
Ms. Annabelle Brown

Tom Schauman

His Family

Laurie Neubauer

Warren Hewes

Her Family & Friends

GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

BY:

Marjorie Revelle

Bill Revelle

Jesus

His Church Family

My Father Frank Cremaldi

Paula Jackson & Family

Mary Ann Hewes

Frank & Sue Nichols

Carmella Heim

Millie Rust

Larry & Jessilou Vaccarelli

My Daughters: Karissa,
Shaniah, Rayne & Aryelle
My Mother Patti Cremaldi

Paula Jackson & Family

Richard Eichorn
Fran & Mamie Eichorn
Albert & Hazel Merkel

Carol Eichorn & Family

The Witt Family
The Whiting Family

Pat Witt

Ross Vashbinder
Lewis & Claire Stady
Florence & LeRoy Vashbinder

Marilyn Vashbinder

Kristy Farrand
Robbie Dewey

Gay Lenhard

Andrew B & Dorothy Harkness
Andrew M Harkness

Carolyn Mazzota

Carol Ann Schauman

Lori Hannigan

Don Lenhard

Gay Lenhard

All those who have
kept the church active
during the pandemic.

Tom & Carol Coburn

John Hannigan

Lori Hannigan

My Mother Shirley Snetsinger

Wendy Vonhold

My Parents &
My Husband

Karen Eysaman

Julie Tomaschko
Raeanne Wilson
Chelsea Vaccarelli

George Eroh

Dorothy Eroh

Joanne Vaccarelli

Larry & Jessilou Vaccarelli

Walter & Doris Boeff
Don & Roberta Darrohn

Don & Mickey Darrohn

Mary Ann Hewes

Her Family & Friends

Collette Colby

Chuck Colby, Chad & Camille

Allison Diehl

Jesse Diehl

Warren Hewes

Frank & Sue Nichols

Emily, Kayleigh & Molly

Chuck & MaryLou Stage

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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SPENCERPORT UCC
MAY 2022**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 -Worship/ Penny Jar		9:00 – Breakfast Club @ Slayton Place (26 Slayton Ave)		HAPPY Cinco de Mayo 7:00 Choir Rehearsal		9:30 – Women’s Guild Meeting followed by Practice for Women’s Sunday
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 -Worship/ Women’s Sunday 	8:00 pm – Monthly Task Force Meeting	9:00 – Breakfast Club @ Panorama Restaurant (730 Elmgrove Rd)		7:00 Choir Rehearsal		Noon- Plastic Lakes Project @ Lake Ontario Beach State Park
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 -Worship		9:00 – Breakfast Club @Theo’s Restaurant (1174 Brooks Ave.) 6:30 pm – Council/Boards Meeting Via Zoom	June/July Newsletter Deadline 6:30 p.m. Monthly Staff Meeting	7:00 Choir Rehearsal		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 -Worship	8:00 pm – Monthly Task Force Meeting	9:00 – Breakfast Club @ Johnny d’s (2139 North Union St.)		7:00 Choir Rehearsal		11:00 - Pat Hotchkiss Memorial Service
29	 30	31				
9:00 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 -Worship	 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER & HONOR **OFFICE CLOSED**	9:00 – Breakfast Club @ Blue Ridge Grill (3400 W. Ridge Rd.)				

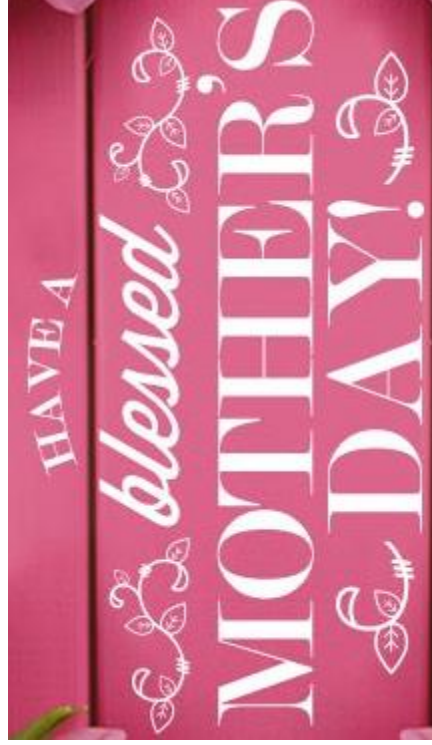


**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
65 Church Street
Spencerport, NY 14559-1311**

Newsletter

Challenge

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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Telephone: (585) 352-3448

Web site: www.spencerportucc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SpencerportUCC

Pastor: Rev. Michael Sloan (1-309-262-6543 - cell)

E-mail: pastor@spencerportucc.org

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