

WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS July 2, 2023 THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH United Church of Christ 974 Skyline Drive SW • Rochester, MN 55902



THIS SUNDAY, JULY 2, Pastor Shannon Smith's message is "Welcome" and the scripture reading is Matthew 10:40-42. **COMMUNION** will be served by passing of the plate. If you prefer prepackaged Communion elements, they are available in the Narthex or from an usher.

THE CARE FUND is collected on the first Sunday of the month and is used for emergency relief for our members. Please consider making a contribution so that we may continue to respond to the emergency needs of our members during difficult times.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Mon	7/3		NO Gardening Angels
Tue	7/4		Office Closed – Independence Day
Thu	7/6	12:00 PM	Bulletin & Announcement info due
Sat	7/8	10-Noon	Summer Playgroup – church playground

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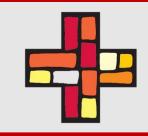


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MONTHL	Y OFFERING REPORT	2022 Actual	<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
June	Estimate of Giving	\$14,735	\$11,166	\$21,463
	Non-Estim. Giving	\$800	\$445	\$2,667
	TOTAL	\$15,535	\$11,611	\$24,130
Y-T-D	TOTAL	\$140,959	\$119,421	\$144,780



WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS July 9, 2023 THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH United Church of Christ

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I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT I DO. FOR WHAT I WANT TO DO I DO NOT DO. BUT WHAT I HATE I DO. **ROMANS 7:15**

THE NEED FOR GRACE

Romans 7:15-25a

When many of us become teenagers, we are struck with the hypocrisy of those around us. Our teachers, our parents, even our clergy, are suddenly revealed to be consistently unable to practice what they preach. If we continue to mature after our teenage years, we often come to realize that it is not only those people out there who are hypocrites; it's us too. All of us fall short of our own ideals, we all know what it is to behave in ways we truly wish that we hadn't.

The Apostle Paul gives an analysis of his own hypocrisy in the 7th chapter of Romans that is stunningly self-aware. He says that he can't understand his own actions, "For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing that I hate." He agrees with God's law, he

wants to follow it, to do what he knows to be good, and yet, he says, "I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." Can you relate to what Paul is saying? Have you ever struggled to change, actually struggled to do the very thing you wanted to do? Have you ever done something you knew was wrong, something you didn't want to do? If so, let me reassure you that you are not alone- at the very least Paul and I can relate. I would even suggest that everyone can relate, for I agree with Paul that moral weakness, a struggle against the power of sin within us, is simply a part of human nature as we know it.

For many of us Paul's conception of human nature as sinful is a bit distasteful, but I want to suggest that his low view of human morality can actually help us to better love God and our neighbor. Giving up on the idea of our own moral perfectibility allows us to view others with a sense of compassion and empathy. We know what it is like to need a second chance, to have made serious mistakes, to be in need of grace and a savior. Because we know and appreciate all that God has done for us when we least deserved it, we become willing to extend grace and love to others who are struggling. If you're struggling to change, struggling to do the next right thing, remember that Jesus came precisely to save the lost, to redeem the sinners, he came for people like you and me. The grace of God is for all of us. When we accept grace for ourselves, we may find it becomes much easier to extend it to another.

Rev. Andrew Greenhaw

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Wed	7/12	6:00 PM	Outdoor Worship and Picnic
		7:00 PM	Youth Group (following worship & picnic)
Thu	7/13	12:00 PM	Bulletin & Announcement info due
Sat	7/15	10-Noon	Summer Playgroup – church playground

ON VACATION -Pastor Andrew and Shannon will be on vacation July 13-27. Guest ministers are: Rev. Ellen Green on July 16 Rev. Bruce Buller on July 23



OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC THIS WEEK! Join us Wednesday, July 12 at 6 PM on the lower lawn for a moving outdoor worship of music, scripture, preaching, and holy communion. Following worship, we all share in a delicious meal and fellowship with fun lawn games and bounce house for the kiddos! YOUTH GROUP will meet afterwards at 7:00 PM for a campfire, s'mores and games. Save the date and join us again on August 9.

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Our former organist, **Kathleen Thompson**, transferred to the University of North Dakota this spring after completing her first year at Concordia. She transferred to pursue her longtime interest in aviation and is already hard at work learning to fly at UND. After a month of intensive training this summer she had her first SOLO FLIGHT! Check out this picture of Kathleen after her safely landing her first solo flight and be sure to congratulate her the next time you see her!



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Who: You and your guests!

When: Thursday, August 10 at 6:00 PM

Where: The Congregational Church UCC - Narthex / Lobby

Why: We all know the important work and ministry provided through Channel One Food Bank in Rochester. This congregation has a rich history of supporting Channel One Food Bank through volunteer hours and financial contributions. Your unique, finished bowl will be included at the Channel One "EMPTY BOWLS" event in October.

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PARTNER KIDS UPDATE - The Covid pandemic shutdown Partner Kids at Elton Hills School from the second half of 2020 into early 2022, when a few of us returned to our students.

The program itself mutated to a new format for this past school year. The school is very focused on the reading skills of second graders. The second-grade teachers proposed that available mentors each take two students for 30 minutes, rather than one student for an hour, These would be the same two

students throughout the year. The 30 minutes, rather than one student for an noar, These would be line student two students throughout the year. The 30 minutes would be largely focused on reading. This change worked well for everyone: students, mentors and teachers. According to the principal, we played a part in an "off the charts" improvement in second grade reading levels this past year.

So this fall, all mentors will have two 2nd grade students for 30 minutes each week, focused on reading. We will no longer be following a single student through subsequent grades at the school. An advantage here may be that new mentors can be comfortable with an initial one-year commitment. We had four mentors working in this new format, plus one mentor finishing up with a long-term relationship with a fifth grader.

If you would like to join for the coming school year, please contact Greg Caucutt at gcaucutt@gmail.com or 507-250-1760.



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PLEASE WELCOME our guest minister Rev. Ellen Green who has served UCC congregations in Minneapolis and Anoka, MN. They currently work with church groups as a facilitator and retreat leader. Their message is titled "The Parable of the Sower" based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. **Communion** will also be served by

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Thu	7/20	12:00 PM	Bulletin & Announcement info due
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- 1. Silent Auction items needed. Baskets can be dropped off at the Relay table or the Church office. Silent Auction items final sales will be credited to UCC's team amount.
 - If you would like to skip the hassle of buying and wrapping a silent auction item, stop by the Relay table to sponsor and choose a premade basket.
 - To ensure all Amazon orders arrive before the auction, the last day to place a premade Amazon basket will be **Sunday**, **July 23**rd.
- 2. We will be selling luminaries for \$10. They are a great way to show support or honor a loved one. They will be placed around the track at Relay for Life for all to see. Children in the church and volunteers will help decorate bags, or you can decorate them yourself.

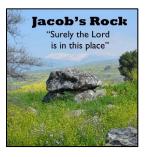
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SPECIAL CHANNEL ONE OFFERING THIS SUNDAY – Think Bank in Rochester is again matching every dollar donated to Channel One Regional Food Bank. You are invited to contribute to Channel One for this match in a special offering that will be **collected this Sunday**, **July 23**. Due to the match, your gifts will have twice the impact!

Food insecurity is still on the rise when many hoped it would be plateauing by now. Inflation may be easing for some areas, but food prices remain stubbornly high. USDA reports that on average food prices are still up 11% from last year - unprecedented inflation. The end of the pandemic SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) extra benefit is taking its toll too. People who were able to get by month to month without Channel One's assistance are no longer able to do so.

Channel One broke three-monthly records in May: number of households to visit the Rochester Food Shelf - 6,970; number of new households at the Food Shelf - 340; and amount of food distributed to the 14 counties Channel One serves - 1.1 million pounds. Channel One's executive director, Virginia Merritt, stated: "It feels like we are sprinting uphill at the end of a race that was supposed to be on a level path." You can read more about the Think match on <u>Channel One's website</u>.

Please prayerfully consider giving to this organization that is doing such vital work to alleviate hunger. Put Channel One on the memo line of your check or PayPal donation. If you are not prepared to donate this Sunday, please ensure your donation is received by **Monday**, **July 31**, to allow our gift to arrive in time. Thank you for your generosity!



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THANK YOU TO CHANNEL ONE VOLUNTEERS!



Many thanks to Janet Bartz, Annie Kramer, LuAnn and John Nicholson, Cheryl and Bob Roediger, Cathy Swessel and David Walters! They enthusiastically answered Channel One Regional Food Bank's request to our congregation for help, and on July 7 assembled and packed 200 boxes with the non-perishable food portion for the CSFP program. They worked quickly and finished in 1 hour and 20 minutes!

CSFP is the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, a USDA program administered by the Minnesota Department of Health. Channel One is the agency

for 13 southeast Minnesota counties. CSFP recipients must be Minnesota residents over the age of 60, meet the income guideline and live in a facility that does not provide meals. They receive a monthly food package and a newsletter with healthy eating and other educational information.

We plan to resume our monthly volunteer sessions at Channel One. More information will be coming later about how you can be part of this valuable outreach ministry.



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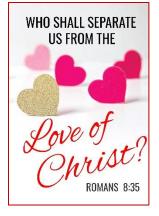
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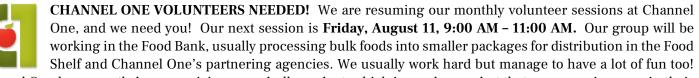


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Channel One has recently been receiving more bulk product, which is good news, but that means an increase in their volunteer needs.

Signing up has changed. Minimum age is now 13. Every volunteer also needs to create a sign-in to the Channel One volunteer site. A unique volunteer page has been created for us. The first time you sign-up you will need to create an "account" from that page, electronically sign a waiver and view a 5-minute civil rights video. Signing up for subsequent sessions requires accessing our page and signing in to your account.

Please consider becoming part of this valuable outreach ministry! Our church's unique volunteer page is <u>here</u>. Please click on the "Respond" button to begin. If you'd like more detailed instructions, please contact Cheryl Roediger at <u>cnroediger@gmail.com</u>. Thank you for your consideration!



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ITEMS NEEDED:

- 1. Personal Care: bar soap, deodorant, pump soap, lotion, shampoo, floss & toothpaste (no hotel items please)
- 2. Cleaning Supplies: baking soda, laundry powder, cleanser, cleaning spray, cleaning wipes & dish soap
- 3. Paper Products: paper towel, toilet paper & tissue
- 4. School Supplies: spiral notebook, wide line paper, 3 prong folders, eraser, pens, pencils, sharpener, highlighters
- 5. Seasonal items: sunscreen, cough drops, hand sanitizer, lip balm, winter hats, mittens & scarves
- 6. Monetary donation: **checks can be made to <u>First Unitarian Universalist</u> (with "Hawthorne Helps" in the memo line). Gift cards: Aldi, Dollar Tree, Menards, Walgreens.**