



# WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 7, 2024

## THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

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**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 7,** please welcome guest minister, **Rev. Kitty Burbo.** Her message is titled “What is Your Need?” and is based on Acts 4:32-35. **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.

There will be **NO Sunday School**, but Room 21 will be open for school-age children if needed.



**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

Tue	4/9	2:00 PM	Bible Study - Zoom
Wed	4/10	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
		6:30 PM	Youth Group
Thu	4/11	12:00 PM	Bulletin & Announcement info due
		6:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Fri	4/12	9-11 AM	Channel One Volunteer Day

**EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE** - Sarah Struwe will be on vacation April 15-19. Bulletin content and announcements for Sunday, April 21 are **due Thursday, April 11.**



### SHARING IN MINISTRY - Many Hands Make Light Work

Jodi Williamson

We all have unique talents that can be used to serve God, our church and the community. Continuing through the month of April, we are asking everyone to fill out the **Sharing in Ministry survey.** Pick one, two or more areas that use your talents, or maybe you want to try something new! Drop the survey in the box in the Narthex or in the church office. You can also access the survey on our church website, under Outreach. Any questions, please let me know.

**CHANNEL ONE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** - Please join us for meaningful outreach ministry at our congregation’s next monthly group volunteer session at Channel One Regional Food Bank on **Friday, April 12, 9:00-11:00 AM.** We usually re-pack bulk foods into smaller packages for distribution throughout the Channel One network or pack food boxes for CSFP or high-rise delivery. Signing up to volunteer must be done via our unique page on the Channel One volunteer site, accessible at <https://www.congoroch.org/news-events>.

**BOOK GROUP** meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 10:30 AM at church, plus a Zoom option for those who wish to join us from home. Book selection for **April 16** is “Good Eggs” by Hardiman and is available in the church office.

**SERVE A MEAL TO OUR NEIGHBORS AT THE LANDING** – 2 slots are available to serve at the Landing on **April 19 from 4:30–7:00 PM**. Please use the SignUp Genius link on our events page: [www.congoroch.org/news-events](http://www.congoroch.org/news-events).



**PARENT’S NIGHT OUT on Saturday, April 20 from 6-9 PM** - As a fundraiser for this summer's Tucson service-learning trip, we will be hosting a parent's night out. For a donation, we will feed the children, play with them and have a video game party. To help us plan, please **RSVP by using the SignUp Genius link** on our events page: [www.congoroch.org/news-events](http://www.congoroch.org/news-events).

**ELECTRONICS RECYCLING - Before and after worship on Sunday, April 21**, we will be accepting electronics for recycling in honor of Earth Day 2024. Bring them to church and help keep electronic items out of our landfills! **Items accepted:** Anything with a cord or a battery. (Donations not required however, freewill donations accepted for any monitors)



**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** - We are inviting all friends and visitors to learn more about The Congregational Church UCC, the UCC as a denomination, and how we approach church, theology, and the Bible. 3 classes will be held **after Sunday worship on April 21, April 28 and May 5**. Childcare will be provided.

We will welcome new members into the life of The Congregational Church during worship on **Sunday, May 19 and have a Potluck during Fellowship Time**. If you are interested in joining or know someone who might be, contact [pastorandrew@congoroch.org](mailto:pastorandrew@congoroch.org).

**BEING ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE AND OUR URBAN FOREST** - Join us **Sunday, April 21** immediately after worship in the Parlor for a discussion of our Urban Forest and all that it has to offer for our environmental outreach as well as for our spiritual development. This will mirror the Sunday School students’ visit to the Urban Forest during Sunday School.

**MINNESOTA FOODSHARE - A huge “Thank You”** to all who answered the call to strengthen food access and build healthy communities by contributing to Channel One Regional Food Bank during Minnesota FoodShare’s March Campaign. Your generous donations through our church totaled **\$2,015!**

These funds will assist Channel One with providing much-needed food and meals locally and to the food shelves and programs in the 14 counties it serves. Channel One staff have thanked our congregation both for the donation and our advocacy: “This is great news, and everything helps right now!” and “Thank you for your partnership with Channel One during Minnesota FoodShare”.

<b><u>MONTHLY OFFERING REPORT</u></b>		<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>
March	Estimate of Giving	\$10,786	\$17,508	\$22,051
	Non-Estim. Giving	\$755	\$920	\$2,083
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,541</b>	<b>\$18,428</b>	<b>\$24,134</b>
Y-T-D	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,073</b>	<b>\$117,705</b>	<b>\$72,402</b>