



WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 21, 2024

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

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THIS SUNDAY, Pastor Shannon Smith's message is "Truth and Action" from the scripture reading 1 John 3:16-24. **Communion** will be served by intinction. If you prefer, prepackaged Communion elements are available in the Narthex or from an usher.



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Tue	4/23	2:00 PM	Bible Study - Zoom
		7:00 PM	Stewardship & Benevolence Team
Wed	4/24	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
		6:30 PM	Youth Group
Thu	4/25	10:00 AM	Justice and Peace Team
		12:00 PM	Bulletin & Announcement info due
		6:30 PM	Chancel Choir
		6:30 PM	Tucson Chaperone Orientation
Fri	4/26	9-11 AM	Channel One Volunteer Day

BEING ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE AND OUR URBAN FOREST - Join us 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.



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@congorocho.org.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT and God's presence are with **Vicki Couch** upon the death of her father, Lee Unruh, who was born into eternal life on April 9. Memorial service was held on Saturday, April 20.



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 APRIL VOLUNTEER DATE CHANGE - Channel One has had to change our April volunteer date to **Friday, April 26, 9:00 - 11:00 AM**. This is the same day and time as usual, just two weeks later. Please consider joining us by signing up at our unique page on the Channel One volunteer site, accessible at www.congoroch.org/news-events. If you have questions, contact Cheryl Roediger.

ROCHESTER PRIDE SIGN UP: All are invited to sign up to represent our congregation at our booth at Rochester Pride on **Saturday, May 18 from Noon to 5:00 PM** (with set up and take down before and after). Sign-up using the link on our events page: www.congoroch.org/news-events. Shifts are 1 hour long but feel free to sign up for as many slots as you wish. This is a very family friendly event so children and youth are welcome also in the booth! We are considering t-shirts so sign up right away! If you have any questions, email Nancy at namzr79@gmail.com.

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 **May 21** is "Dear Edward" by Napolitano and is available in the church office.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP - You are welcome to provide and bring a floral arrangement for Sunday worship to highlight a special occasion or "just because." If you order through Flowers by Jerry, they can be delivered to the church on Saturday. Contact the church office with your bulletin dedication and inquire about liturgical colors if desired. Following Sunday worship, you may choose to keep the flowers or deliver them to someone special.

