

The Old Sloop's Log

*A Monthly Publication of
The First Congregational Church of Rockport, UCC
The Reverend Derek Van Gulden, Pastor*



Our Covenant

We the members of this congregation welcome you with gladness into our lives. We renew our covenant of faith and offer you our support, encouragement and love to the end that all of us may grow in the boundless mercy of God. By loving and being loved, forgiving and being forgiven, serving and being served, let us go forward together with courage as Christ's disciples glorifying God by being fully alive.

Open and Affirming Statement

We the members of the First Congregational Church of Rockport are called upon to love one another as God loves us, freely and unconditionally. Therefore, we covenant to be an Open and Affirming congregation welcoming persons of every age, ability, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, nationality, ethnicity and immigration status into full membership and participation in our community life and ministry. We embrace and support those who experience rejection and exile from spiritual community and commit ourselves to the struggle against injustice.



Beloved,

The coming of Autumn brings about one of my favorite services of the year; 'The Blessings of the Animals'. This is a time to worship with, pray for, and bless all our pets. Those creatures who keep us company and give us that special unconditional love only a pet can give. It is also a time to remember the important place all creatures play in God's created world. If we look to scripture we are reminded that in the beginning all creatures were created before humans.

And God said, "let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven." And God created great whales, and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth." And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. And God said, "let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind": and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after their kind and cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps upon the earth after their kind: and God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:20-25)

In the book of Job we are told to go to the creatures to learn from their wisdom. "You have only to ask the cattle, for them to instruct you, and the birds of the sky, for them to inform you. The creeping things of earth will give you lessons, and the fish of the sea provide you an

explanation: there is not one such creature but will know that the hand of God has arranged things like this! In his hand is the soul of every living thing and the breath of every human being!" (Job 12:7-10)

So why is it that we as humans forget the importance of creatures not just in our lives but to God? Throughout scripture animals are mentioned and we are reminded of their integral part in creation. Jesus tells the disciples: "Go in to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) Not just to humans but every creature. So what I want to know is why do some people take their pets and other creatures for granted? How does each of us, including me, forget that they, all creatures, are part of God's created world and as such are as special to God as we are? "The Lord is good to all, Compassionate to every creature." (Psalm 145:9)

Though I do not have the answer to the question I can tell you that every October I am reminded of the important place all creatures have in this world. From this I try to re-dedicate myself to being more compassionate, loving and caring to all creatures. Yes, even things that creep on the earth.

Last October we invited everyone to bring their pets, great and small, four legged and winged to church for the Blessing of the Animals. All creatures are invited to attend for as the psalmist says; "Let EVERYTHING that has breathe praise the Lord! Alleluia." (Psalm 150:6) So I hope you will all join me for worship on Sunday October 6th for the blessing of the animals; cats and dogs, birds and reptiles, work animals, stuffed animals, and pictures of those pets who cannot be with us.

I leave you with these words to think about; "If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who deal likewise with their fellow men." (St. Francis of Assisi) This article is lovingly dedicated to all the animals and pets of our congregation and throughout our community.

Shalom, Rev. Derek

CABINET

Meeting Minutes August 25

Subject to Approval

Present: Jack Reed, Moderator and Christian Education Committee; Rev. Derek van Gulden, Pastor; Rev. Sue Koehler-Arsenault; Sue Herron, Diaconate; Bonnie Gray, Trustees; Rev. Liz Rice-Smith, Historian; Joe Chambers, Stewardship Committee; Jay Reed, Treasurer of Mission Funds; Stephen Kalaghan, Christian Outreach Committee; Phil Swanson, Music Committee; Lou Cannon, Personnel Committee; Jim Schell, Membership Committee and recording secretary.

Handouts: Agenda: Meeting of Church Cabinet June 16, 2019, Meeting Minutes - Subject to Approval; Charting the Future Phase II Final Report; First Congregational Church of Rockport - Year to Date Operating Summary and Cash and Investment Summary July 31, 2019; Rainbow Day School Lease:

Action, Discussion, and Follow-up Items

Declaration of a quorum, approval of minutes.

Moderator Jack Reed observed that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

Rev. Derek Van Gulden led the Cabinet in prayer.

1. It was found that the June 16, meeting minutes distributed needed a few corrections. The minutes of the June 16 meeting were approved as amended by voice vote.

2. Charting the Future Phase II Final Report;

Rev. Sue Koehler-Arsenault, Highlights of report were;

- A. The congregation has aged. Rockport's average age is 55, the oldest in the state.
- B. There were no replies to email questionnaire.
- C. The conversation with parishioners talked of intergenerational programs.
- D. Upcoming Harvest Fest would be a great opportunity to connect with the community. Signing up for a table FCCR could display banners on social justice and environmental issues and could have T shirts for sale on these topics.
- E. Web site needs to be one stop information for families.
- F. Families do not participate because of lack of time.

Discussion:

Outreach is a real strength that interests more people. Local service most important.

Talks with Amy Rose (HS Principal). Need to reach beyond our comfort zones to help youth. High School needs to be non-secular participation. Think out what's being done and the needs of the students: yoga, a separate meeting place, etc.

Phil Swanson indicated that the choir had opportunities for the kids to be included with senior choir. Music Program wants to expand its outreach, maybe visiting, nursing homes, join in or travel to other churches (concerts etc.).

Kids are worried about the planet. Clean the beaches was a suggestion.

Katie W. babysitting service, would allow parents some time.

We have 3 young families who will be joining the Church. Sunday morning is only down time for parents, Church meals might create more time and opportunities for fellowship. (Age old practice of Army and Churches)

Outreach program could draw in people and youth. Faith Formation director position, should be considered with Christian Ed. taking the lead.

Recommendations Noted.

Officer Reports

Pastor Derek: Rainbow Day School will re-open in September. He was in agreement to obtain a table at the **Harvest Fest**. He proposed a Shawl project that we could share ministers from other Churches.

Treasurer: Bruce Coates said, operating budget has some timing issues due to investment income delay but is not in bad shape.

Treasurer of Mission Funds: Jay Reed reported that the Outreach Treasury has \$3,000. Outreach receipts are also behind. Budget is low but will improve in fall. Jay represented the Church at the Refuge International walk from Boston to Lynn and from Lynn to Stafford NH Federal holding cell.

Historian: Report- Rev, Liz Rice-Smith recommends that the congregation become a member of the Congregational Library in Boston, MA. Cost of membership will be handled by the History Budget. In the works is a program 2019, 2020, 2021 to gain a fuller, historically responsible perspective on our theological, ecclesiastical, and historical ties to Separatist/Congregational - Pilgrim roots in the context with the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims arrival in Provincetown, 2020. A program of study, exhibits, reenactment, and field trips will be offered. Field Trip opportunities will be offered re: participation in a re-enactment of a Pilgrim Worship Service at the Church of the Pilgrimage in Plymouth; visits to the Smithsonian affiliate Plimoth Plantation and Wampanoag Village in Plymouth; visits to the newly restored Mayflower ship in Plymouth; as well as other events of living history.

Committee Reports

Diaconate: No meeting in July.

Trustees: Bonnie Gray reported that the Building Study Committee has added new members Chip Kistner and Jim Schell. In lieu of contracting the last few tasks to complete their project, Verizon has offered to donate \$5,000 to the church and have the church finish up. The Trustees have authorized Rev. Derek to purchase a portable baptismal font. The very heavy marble one will become part of a historical display.

Outreach Committee: Stephen Kalaghan reported that we had people at the North Shore Pride parade in Salem. A video and discussion about Yemen took place after pot luck on June 26. There was a fundraising walk for Refugee Immigration Ministry on June 30. Next Family Promise week is in September.

Old Sloop Fleet: Liz Rice Smith noted that during the summer, Old Sloop Fleet Crews have been busy sending notes and cards; bringing gifts of flowers; sharing meals; providing rides to medical, church events, and other activities; making calls and visits, and engaging in other acts of kindness, and celebrating miracles. There is still a need for volunteers for Rides and Other Miracles to appointments.

Stewardship Committee: Joe Chambers reported on the Basket raffle during the Old Sloop Fair. He also thanked all the committee's that participated so much during the Fair. We received \$630 from the raffle.

Membership Committee: Jim Schell reported that the Membership Committee is discussing having banners in the Narthex explaining who we are as a Church. Dates and times for new members will be scheduled for October. Liz also announced the Old Sloop Film Series (a project of the Team for Welcoming Ministry of Hospitality) has been invited to partner with Rob Newton and Cape Ann

Cinema to develop its program offerings, with publicity augmented by the notable outreach which Cape Ann Cinema can offer. The Coffee Hour Hospitality Ministry hosts a Birthday Party with cake and singing each last Sunday of the month for any Old Sloopers who celebrate their birthdays that month. It is the responsibility of the team hosting on the last Sunday of each month to provide a cake or cupcakes for that celebration.

Personnel Committee: Lou Cannon reported that the Commonwealth has established a new policy for employees that will affect the church. A small contribution will have to be made to a fund for maternity/paternity leave and long-term medical leave. She reported that the financial cost was not a substantial increase.

Emergency Procedures Policy

The draft is done and will be presented at the next Cabinet meeting.

Capital Campaign and Building Projects

Bonnie Gray summarized the examination of ceiling water damage. Moisture and previous leaks were pointed to as the cause. Roof fixes may have stopped future leaks. It may have been 50 years since ceiling was last painted. Recommendation was to do test spots with primer and paint to see if paint will adhere to plaster. Building committee will present more details at the next meeting.

Jack Reed has E-mailed the Church Security Policy for the next meeting review.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Schell



TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes: August 12, 2019

Trustee Meeting – called to order at 7:00 PM. Bonnie opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Mark Jurewicz; Bonnie Gray; Walter Vining; Chip Kistner

Absent: Bruce Coates; Bill Elwell; Kevin Love; Rev. Derek van Gulden; Geof Lyon, Building Study Committee.

- **Minutes:** Minutes from the June 10, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved. Due to scheduling conflicts the July 8th meeting was not held.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Bruce emailed a copy of the report. Trustees to review and direct any questions to Bruce.
- **Monthly Reviews:**
 - Bank Statements:** Walt has reviewed through April with no significant issues noted.
 - PEX Statements:** Bonnie has reviewed with no issues noted.

Old Business:

- **Narthex Improvement Project** –Due to ongoing concern that the upcoming painting project could disrupt renovations in the Narthex it was decided any actual work would be postponed. Trustees would like the project planning to continue so renovations can begin as soon as work in the Sanctuary is completed.
- **Exit Door Replacement** – Doors have been delivered. Installation is projected for September.
- **Remaining Steeple Work** –All remaining items have been completed. There is still a question if the current lightning rod wires are sufficiently grounded.
- **Sanctuary Ceiling Paint** – Bill, Derek, Mark and Geof met with Kohta Ueno the representative from the Building Science Corporation (BSC) who performed an exhaustive inspection of the peeling ceiling paint, the condition of the insulation in the attic above, the inside of the roof boards and the roof and attic wall vents. His preliminary assessment is the peeling paint was due to water leaks that have been resolved by sealing vents, roof replacement and the steeple repairs. Trustees are awaiting his formal report with recommendations.
- **Front Façade** – No update from Building Study Committee.
- **Verizon Progress** – Walt will contact Tom Moylan regarding the sign-off document from Verizon we have yet to receive.
- **Steeple Lighting** – No update.
- **Critical Incident Committee Update** – The CIC has not met. Bob Canon has rewritten the Emergency Procedure Policy which will require further Trustee/Cabinet approval.
- **Funding for New Website** – No update.

New Business:

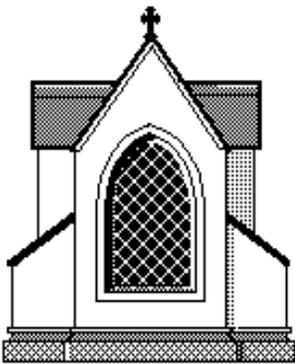
- **Bell Ringing Schedule** – As a result of 2 recent inquiries regarding overnight ringing of the bell the Trustees discussed this issue again. There is currently no mechanism within the clock that will allow the bell to be turned off at night. Since the church does not own the clock this issue may best be addressed by the town. Bonnie agreed to draft a standardized response to use if the church receives additional inquiries regarding the bell.
- **Possible Bat Sighting** – A bat may have been sighted in the utility closet. 2 dead birds were found underneath the water heater. They were removed and Walt closed the open damper. Phil B will monitor the situation.
- **Rolling Panels** – Membership Committee has announced a plan to have 3 rolling stands (to be located in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall and the lobby of the Waring Building) with rotating panels that will highlight the many church activities. Trustees fully support this plan.

A copy of this report will be forwarded to the editor of The Old Sloop Log. There being no further business, the Board of Trustees adjourned at 8:04pm.

Due to the special town meeting on September 9th the next scheduled meeting of the Trustees will be Monday, September 16, 2019.

Walter Vining
Chair, Board of Trustees

Mark Jurewicz
Recording Secretary



Stewardship Committee

STEWARDSHIP — LOG AUGUST 2019

My Almost 79 Years-A Witnessing Steward Reflection

This church represents for me the many times I've spent time in the various spiritual gatherings of all kinds combined over my almost 79 years. Right now, Sunday services aren't as drawing as in years past. Nonetheless they're there when I am inclined. Other activities enable me to feel part of the caring community which I appreciate and value. So that's why I wish to support this church.

Thebreezeatdawn@gmail.com

I love the honesty of this email I received from a long-time member of the congregation. Like her, I've experienced times when the church was my rock and other times when I felt I could better connect with God in other ways—maybe a walk along Eden Road and Loblolly Cove or a silent meditation on my deck. There have been changes in Sunday worship that have been meaningful for me and some not so much! However, I continue to pledge my financial support because, though our lives and needs and circumstances may change, the important work of the church continues. The sanctuary for worship, the administration of our daily ministries, and the outreach we provide require funding.

With Labor Day already a memory, we move beyond summer and breathe in the clear fresh air of September. Don't we all feel a little of that "back to school" state of mind, whether that was 5 or 15 or 50 years ago? For me, "back to school" means signing up for a few lectures at the MFA and a "Jumpstart your Writing" course. It also means working with the Stewardship Committee to launch the fall pledge drive. Fall is a good time to energize our commitments—what might that mean for the role you play in our church community?

During October and November, we will be hearing from several witnessing stewards during Sunday worship about their relationship with the church and what inspires them to support it. If you would like to be a witnessing steward or learn more about what that entails, please contact the committee at stewardship@rockportucc.org. We would love to hear from you.

We bid a bittersweet farewell to summer and extend a wholehearted welcome to an abundant fall. *This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

--Louisa Casadei-Johnson for the Stewardship Committee

Membership Committee

Get-Acquainted Gatherings

With

First Congregational Church of Rockport

"The Old Sloop"

SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesdays, October 2, 9 and 16

6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Morgan Room, at the 12 School Street entrance

If you are interested in learning more about "The Old Sloop", wish to consider your faith journey, and wish to explore church membership, we invite you to join us for these gatherings with Membership Committee representatives and Pastor Derek.

You are welcome to come to Wednesday night potluck dinner, starting at 6:00, then hop on the elevator to the first floor to the Morgan Room.

If this time is not possible for you, we will make every effort to accommodate you.

Sincerely, The Membership Committee

Ruth Janet Taylor, Sigi Lindo, Jim Schell, Geof Lyon, Stephen Kalaghan

Practices of Faith in the United Church of Christ: Baptism

In each of the coming months, the Membership Committee will be offering writing on one of twelve practices of faith in the United Church of Christ. We hope that considering these writings will stimulate your thinking about your faith and the First Congregational Church of Rockport.

UCC sacraments are ritual actions in worship, which, according to Scripture, were instituted by Jesus. The two UCC sacraments are Communion and Baptism. This month, we explore the meaning and practice of Baptism. We invite you to consider the following, whether you are new to the church or have been here a long time. If you would like to receive *Practices of Faith in the United Church of*

Christ, with the UCC's pamphlets on each of the twelve practices, please contact the church office (978-546-6638).

The following is a blend of the UCC literature referenced above, lightly abridged, and words of Pastor Derek.

Baptism

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ Jesus have clothed yourself with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus

Galatians 3:26-28

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Through baptism a person is joined with the universal church: the body of Christ. In baptism, God works in us the power of forgiveness, the renewal of the spirit, and the knowledge of the call to be God's people always.

The use of water is a significant symbol of our Christian tradition, recalling our birth, the baptism of Jesus, and a new life as spoken of in scripture. The sins of the baptized are washed away and they begin life anew in Christ. Invoking the blessing of the trinity, God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit the Sustainer, connects the newly baptized to all Christians baptized throughout time and is a reminder that we are all connected to God.

People of all ages are baptized in the UCC. Baptism marks their acceptance into the care of the church, the sign and seal of God's grace and forgiveness, and the beginning of their Christian faith and life.

Baptism may take place at any worship service where the community is gathered. The sacrament of Baptism is as important to the congregation as it is to the one being baptized. The commitment to Christ is made before all those present who act as witnesses. As all those present make a declaration to help the newly baptized grow in a Christian environment, they also reaffirm their faith in Christ. Our baptismal vows compel us to participate in God's mission of reconciling humanity with one another, with creation, and with God. These types of relationships exemplify the fellowship into which Christ asks us to enter.

Parents, in consultation with the pastor, may choose sponsors or Godparents for those who are to be baptized. At the time of the service, the sponsors and Godparents may make promises identical to the promises of the parents concerning their role.

It is our tradition here at FCCR to welcome the newly baptized of all ages by singing to them. In the case of youth and adults all the Deacons present come forward and shake the newly baptized one hand as a form of welcome into the congregation and family/body of Christ.



Christian Education Youth Ministry News

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, September 8	10:00	Worship with Children in Service
Sunday, September 15	10:00	Worship with Children in Service Backpack Blessing during Service
Sunday, September 22	10:00	Worship with Children in Service
	5:00 – 7:00	Youth Group
Sunday, September 29	10:00	Worship with Children in Service

Important Updates from Christian Education

We are now in the process of looking through the “charting the future of Christian education” report and looking into the next steps of our Christian education programming. If you are interested in working with the Committee we hope to meet Thursday, September 19th @7:15 and Thursday, September 26th @7:15pm.

Keep your calendars open for Youth Group Babysitting Night, Friday, October 25th!



Christian Outreach Committee

MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2019

Present: Jay Reed, Charlie Brackett, Stephen Kalaghan, Ann Kistner, Sarah Mowitt, Darlene Spittle, and Wendy Woodbury.

Jay Reed called the meeting to order at 10:15 with a prayer.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in the Wider Mission Treasury at the end of July was \$3,761.58. Receipts during the month included \$2,712.06 from pledges. During the month, \$1,780 was disbursed. Budgeted recipients included the UCC Massachusetts Conference Basic Support (\$1,180), as well as \$300 to Lifebridge which helps homeless in Salem, Beverly, and Gloucester and \$300 to Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, located in Lynn.

We don't know the status of funds in The Pastor's Fund. The committee discussed how to respond to a request and the types of requests that are appropriate.

Open Door: We will serve dinner on August 17.

Pot Luck dinners: Currently the dinners are attended by 15 to 20 people. Previously, we served a larger number of participants. Posters about the dinners are being placed around town as we work on how to get the word out to the community.

Family Promise: A retraining session will be held on September 8, following worship service. One issue to be addressed is about boundary issues. Also, CORI checks will be done. Refreshments for the training session will be provided by Family Promise.

Our guests will come for a week starting on September 15.

Solidarity Pilgrimage for Immigrant Justice: The Essex County Community Organization and the Marblehead UU church are organizing a five day pilgrimage to demonstrate solidarity with the immigration population and to protest government policies regarding immigration. The pilgrimage will start on August 18 from the JFK building in Boston and end at the ICE Detention Center in Dover, NH, covering about 12 miles a day. In Dover, the Essex group will meet with similar pilgrimages that started in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Jay Reed will be walking the first leg of the pilgrimage from Boston to Lynn on August 18 and welcomes anyone who would like to join him.

Social Justice sub-committee: This group has been meeting for about a year. At a recent meeting, the sub-committee discussed a number of issues, including the Solidarity Pilgrimage, affordable housing and the situation in Yemen. Andrew DeFranza from Harborlight Community Partners will be invited to speak on October 20 or 27 about affordable housing in our community. He will be asked to speak during our worship service in lieu of a sermon and then again after the coffee hour at a session open to people from the community.

Action Lunches: We made sandwiches on July 31 and will do so again in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

We will meet again on September 22.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Mowitt



This is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Recipients of the offering include the Council for American Indian Ministries, justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries. We will celebrate your offering on Sunday, October 6.

The UCC offers grants to UCC churches and programs that address one of the following program areas: the rights and freedoms of all persons, environmental justice, and economic justice.

Justice and Witness Ministries offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues, including the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crime, civil liberties, and the environment. One third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries, the forebears of which historically established churches and addressed issues of concern to the Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara and Hocak in the Dakotas, Wisconsin, and Nebraska.

In this era of extraordinary threats to individual and minority rights and freedoms, we need the strong and well-funded justice arm of the United Church as much as ever. Please give what you can, and thank you for your help!

Outreach Scholarships

The following high school students were chosen to receive the annual scholarship awards:

Kimberly Curcuru-Henry

Eliza Nugent

Zachary Mocerri

Thank you

Dear First Congregational Church, Thank you so much for awarding me your scholarship. It is a huge relief to me that I will be receiving your scholarship. I can't thank you enough for this opportunity. Sincerely, Zachary Mocerri.

OLD SLOOP COFFEEHOUSE UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Caroline Cotter and Emily Mure

Old Sloop Coffeehouse will present a co-bill featuring Caroline Cotter and Emily Mure Saturday, October 5 at 7:30 PM at the handicap-accessible First Congregational Church of Rockport, 12 School St.



Caroline Cotter takes listeners all over the world and into the depths of the human heart. Her songs are tinged with raw emotion and brimming with honest, soul-searching expression. With a captivating soprano voice and award winning songwriting, Caroline has performed over 700 shows in 45 states and 13 countries.



Raised on New York City's Roosevelt Island, Emily Mure sharpened her songwriting chops while studying music at Ithaca College and busking on the streets of Galway, Ireland. She later returned to New York to pursue her songwriting career in the same city that hosted her grandfather, guitarist and songwriter Billy Mure. Over the course of three acclaimed albums, she has cracked the Top 10 on the Folk DJ Charts, showcased at the International Folk Alliance conference, toured internationally, and seen her music featured on NBC, ABC, and PBS.

Advance tickets are \$10. Visit the website at oldsloopcoffeehouse.org, John Tarr Store in Rockport, or The Bookstore of Gloucester. The suggested contribution at the door is \$12 for adults, \$5 for those age 18 and under, and \$24 for families.

A Photo and video library for our New Website for the Old Sloop Church

We are in the process of developing a new website for the church and will be gathering photos and producing videos of events and candid occurrences that represent church life here. We are establishing a "photo and video library" where you can deposit photos pertaining to various categories – the fairs and bazaars; worship services; youth activities; special events, such as weddings and baptisms; concerts, etc. We will notify you when we will be ready for contributions to this important part of this project and will provide the instructions you will need to load us up with your favorite images. In the meantime, sort through what you have in your stash. You'll be hearing from us over the next few months.

Weekly Church Events

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
POTLUCK DINNER
6 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



POTLUCK DINNER

THURSDAY MORNING
BOOK GROUP
MORGAN CONFERENCE ROOM
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



The Fellowship Hour Schedule for September
 September 1 Jay Reed and Derek Van Gulden
 September 8 Jack Reed and Steve Lindo
 September 15 Wendy and Mark Woodbury
 September 22 Rick Kasten and Kathleen Morgan
 September 29 Ann Kistner and Sue Morris

If there are any questions or concerns or if you would like to be a part of our fellowship hour by baking or hosting, please contact Liz-Rice Smith or Wendy Woodbury.

With Gratitude for our Church Servants for August

Ushers

Month of August Dorothy Geiser and Fred Witte

Readers

August 4 Liz Rice-Smith

August 11 Barbara Reed

August 18 David Arsenault

August 25 Hope Norton



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**** All articles are due on the
18th of each month. ****

Church Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship Service

Nursery Care is available

Sunday School

No Sunday School in
August

Church Staff

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Rev. Derek van Gulden

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Regina Reis

Music Director

Dr. Phil Swanson

Youth Choir Director

Kristina Martin

**Youth director and
Interim Christian Ed. Director**

Kaitlyn Welch

Sexton

Phil Bynarowicz