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Pictorial Directory

We are putting together a pictorial Directory for 2018. The Life Touch photographer will be here on **Friday, October 27th from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m.** and **Saturday, October 28th from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.** The sign-up sheet will be available after worship on Sundays until the event, in the office Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or on line by contacting the church office via email so you may be emailed the link. Schedule your time SOON – Friday is almost full – Saturday is still fairly open. We will not be calling people to schedule appointments – you must contact the church to get your appointment.

It is NOT necessary for you to purchase a photo package to have your picture taken for the Directory and there is no sitting fee. Every family that gets their photo taken for the Directory gets that portrait as a free 8 X 10. So, please schedule a time so we can have a current picture of you/your family for the Directory.

If you absolutely cannot be here for either of these sessions, please contact the office for a reschedule card. Details on how this works will be explained when you pick up your card.

Choir Practices

Bell choir is back in full swing and will be practicing on Thursday evenings beginning with Bells at 6:00. Chancel choir practice is at 7:00 Thursday evenings. All are welcome to ring and/or sing.

Neighbors in Need

We will receive the Neighbors in Need offering on **October 1, 2017** as part of the World Communion Sunday observance.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects

whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

Remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made on-line at any time at: www.ucc.org/nin. This is also where you can learn more about what this special offering does.

New Members Class

Pastor Drew will be conducting a New Members class on **Sunday, October 8th and Sunday October 22nd** after Fellowship (approximately 12:15). This class is open to *anyone* who is either thinking about becoming a member of First Congregational UCC or would like a refresher course on what it means to be a part of First Congregational Church and the United Church of Christ.

Craft Days for October

Everyone is invited to come to Craft Day at the church! It will be held **Fridays, October 6th and 20th at 1 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working on items to sell at our Christmas Bazaar. Bring your own project (there's lots of room and table space) or help someone else with theirs.

Women of the Church

Women's Fellowship Potluck and meeting

The next potluck and meeting for Women's Fellowship is scheduled for **Friday, October 13th** at noon at the church. The hostess will be Ramona Yrazabal. Mildred McNeal is leading the worship. Come and join in the fun and fellowship. All women of the church are invited and welcome.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study will meet the **second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m.** in the pastor's office. This month's meetings will be **Wednesday, October 11th and October 25th.**

We will continue with the *Uppity Women of the Bible* series. The next section will be on the Song of Solomon. Even if you weren't in on the beginning, please don't hesitate to join us. New faces and thoughts are always welcome.

Help Wanted!

The bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 8am until 12 noon. All members of the church are asked to participate! We need donations of gift-worthy items and crafted items

Whether you're a man, woman or child and your craft is wood, yarn, thread, cloth or recycled items, or you bake, can or pickle the bounty from your garden, please share your talent and your art with the Christmas Bazaar. Remember, the proceeds from the bazaar go to support many church programs!

Important: If you have something that you wish to donate for the Raffle, please notify the Women's Fellowship *before* the first of November.

Pilgrim Cove Camp

Come join us at Pilgrim Cove Camp October 20-22 as we say "Goodbye to Summer!"

Bring your work gloves, chainsaws, rakes and strong muscles as we get the grounds ready for the winter season! Arrive Friday evening for dinner and feel free to stay until after breakfast on Sunday.

All lodging and meals will be provided. Just bring your own bedding, towels, and personal hygiene items.

Pick a task and build a team or join others as we get the camp tidied up:

Chainsaw work and limbing up of trees on the grounds

Raking up and bagging loose debris

Blowing out the sprinkler and shallow water systems

Putting away watercraft

Putting away benches and outdoor tables

Boathouse and Beach Area

Put the support beams up in Old Rice

Put away the meadow equipment

There will be plenty of work for all! We would love to see you if even for a part of the day.

Please contact us as soon as you get your calendar marked so we can make sure to have plenty of Chef Lu's wonderful food ready.

manager@pilgrimcovecamp.org or
208-634-5555

October's Potluck

The monthly potluck for October will be on the third Sunday of the month, **October 15th**. If possible, please bring your own place setting and food to share. All are welcome at the table.

Church Halloween Party

This year's Halloween Party will be on **Saturday, October 21st, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.** here at the church, with hot dogs being served at 1 p.m.

There will be Trunk or Treat, Halloween costume walk, games, music, food, and fun for kids of all ages (yes, that means the adults too). Bring the kids, their friends, etc. and let's have a great afternoon of fun. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer your help to set up, run a game, or clean up, please contact Ann Carlin.

If you would like to donate candy or **Halloween decorations** please drop them off at the church office Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or bring your donated items to church with you on Sunday.

Nomination, Please

On November 12th, we will have our Annual Budget and Election congregational meeting. In light of that, the church is looking for nominations to replace board members whose terms are up on December 31, 2017.

We are in need of 2 new members for the Diaconate Board, 1 man and 1 woman, and 2 new Trustees and 1 Pilgrim Cove Board Foundation representative. Boards are 3 year terms. One-Year Appointments and committees needing replacements this year are the positions of Historian, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Youth Coordinator and the Social Committee.

If you would like to know more about any of these boards, committees, or positions, contact the church office. If you would like to serve on one, please give your name and contact information to the office and they will forward it to the Nominating Committee.

Bulletin Sponsors for 2018

The sign-up sheet for 2018 Bulletin Sponsorships are on the back table in the sanctuary. Choose the worship service you would like to sponsor and write your name next to that date; please note if you want to remain anonymous. You may make your donation of

\$10 any time before the end of 2018. Please mark your check for the bulletin date that you are sponsoring. If you have any questions about how this works, contact the church office at 587-4969.

Change of Address

Brent Garretson
210 East St.
Smith Center, KS 66967-2314

Thanks

To Tony and Debi Deal

Thank you, Tony and Debi, for the uplifting book, *199 Promises of God*, you handed out to the church family on Sunday, August 20th. Thank you for your thoughtful gift to everyone.

Late Summer Music

Thank you Amy Sowden for sharing your musical talents with the church family on July 16th and again on August 27th. We feel truly blessed.

Leadership Dinner

Thank you Women's Fellowship for hosting Rev. Molly Carlson! I am grateful for your hospitality and generosity to welcome our new conference minister. This is Christian living in action. Rev. Molly had a wonderful time and your ministry created a space for us to share ourselves and our mission. The food was delicious and the fellowship was inspiring. It is a blessing to share life and faith with you.

Thank you
Rev. Drew

Rally Day!!

We had our annual Rally Day BBQ to kick off our Fall schedule on Sunday, September 10th thanks to the wonderful work of our Rally Day Coordinator Curtis Carlin and our "Master of the Grill" Lawrence Pearsall; without these two fine gentlemen there would not have been a BBQ.

A HUGE "THANK YOU" also goes out to the wonderful people who took time before church and during church to get everything set up for us to feast on after service was concluded. "THANK YOU" to Sherry Bush, Cassidy Carpentier, Mollie Marsh, Rose Pearsall, Linda Ramsey, and Nadine Roberts. If anyone was missed "THANK YOU" for your help as well. We look forward to having our Rally Day BBQ again next year.

Sincerely,
Ann Carlin

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

To Our Wonderful Church Family-

Curtis and I would like to take this moment to thank each and every member of the congregation for the calls, cards, kind words, love, and prayers these past 3 months, it has been a very trying time for both of us and it has meant the world to both of us knowing that you all cared so much. We are honored to be members of such a caring, giving and loving church.

Pastor Drew, thank you for being there at a moment's notice and guiding us through prayer. It meant the world to both of us that you were there for us these last 3 months. Our church is blessed to have you as its Pastor.

May the good Lord above continue to bless each and every one of you all the days of your lives.

God Bless,
Ann L. Curtis Carlin

From Dorraine Aggen

Thank you for all the cards and prayers I received. I really appreciated the thoughtfulness. I will be back in full-swing soon!

Dorraine Aggen

Copy Paper

Thank you, Beth DeVore, for the half case of copy paper and the Anonymous Person who left another package of copy paper on Rally Day. These donations make the office budget go so much further.

Coming Events

Daylight Savings Ends

Sunday, November 5, 2017
Turn those clocks back one hour.

Annual Budget and Election Meeting

The Annual Budget and Election Meeting will be after worship on **Sunday, November 12th**. Please be sure to attend so that we have a quorum and won't have to re-schedule. Thanks!

Giving Tree

There will be a Giving Tree again this year. Ann Carlin should have the gift tags approximately the first or second Sunday of November.

Women's Fellowship Christmas Bazaar

The Women's Fellowship Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday, December 2, 2017**, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm.

There will be homemade candy, breads, and baked goods as well as homemade jellies, salsas, pickles. Pies with coffee and tea will be available in Horner's Corner.

Besides goodies to eat, handmade crafts and needlework and gift items will be available for purchase. Come join us and bring friends and neighbors. Get your Christmas baked goodies here and unique gift items for those very special people on your Christmas list.

If you have something to contribute to the Bazaar, contact the church office or one of the ladies from the Women's Fellowship.

October Birthdays

1 – Dale Hooley	13 – Mary Ann Hamilton
2 – Suzanne Dillard	16 – Henry Toy
3 – Ruth Steckelberg	18 – Chuck Eckenrod
4 – Lauren Tomsic	25 – Mollie Marsh
7 – Joyce Allgood	26 – Linda Ramsey
7 – Jay Leonard	26 – Ethel Wolfe
9 – Rick Parks	27 – Noah Lichdi
10 – Terri Jones	28 – Reece Straley
13 – Kristy Blanksma	29 – Jonathen Deal
31 – Dottie Olson	

October Anniversaries

12 – Elin & Clayton Colthorp
18 – Janet & Bud Weise
18 – Ann & Curtis Carlin
25 – Vicki & Chuck Eckenrod
30 – Anne Parker & Paul Taggart

Special Angels for October

LITURGISTS (Heidi Harris)

1 – Heidi Harris
8 – Tony Deal
15 – Grace Townsend
22 – Chris Paille
29 – Lawrence Pearsall

GREETERS (Jennifer Dillenbeck)

1 – Heidi and Allen Harris
8 – Carrie Roeder
15 – Mickie Betts
22 – Ramona Yrazabal
29 – Chris and Todd Paille

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (sign-up sheet)

1 – Linda Thomsen and Oledeen Bermensolo
8 – Rose Pearsall
15 – Potluck

22 – *Volunteer, Please*

29 – Helena DeWeerd and Ramona Yrazabal

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1 – Communion – No Children's Church
8 – Heidi Harris
15 – Betty Ashcraft
22 – Ken Andersen
29 – Ken Andersen

FLOWERS (Sign-Up Sheet)

1 – Linda Ramsey
8 – Linda Ramsey
15 – Mickie Betts
22 – Linda Thomsen
29 – Ken Hill

USHERS (Curtis Carlin)

PARAMENTS (Allen Harris)

COMMUNION (Vicki Eckenrod)

From the Pastor

“God you have made the nation great
you have brought them abundant joy!
They celebrate in your presence
As with the harvest celebrations!”
(Isaiah 9:3)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

This fall our church is celebrating! We have for a few months now been enjoying the 125th year of our beloved community. There are various ways we are living this out. Our Sunday school is exploring our history, its meaning, and discussing what it means to “be the church”. This year our Thanks and Giving Dinner is going to be a festive exclamation of the past, present, and future.

Most importantly this is the season of giving and stewardship. The 125th is a celebration of the love that has overcome loss, mortgages, and more than we may ever know. Love and generosity empowered generation after generation to worship God, learn about Christ, and serve our neighbors with the power of Holy Spirit.

I invite you to prayerfully and joyfully come to celebrate. Let us celebrate all the good times. Let us celebrate the strength God has given us to overcome adversity. Let us sing with praise the relationships we share with one another. Let us be grateful for what we have given and continue to give to this community of Christ. Let us celebrate the love we have harvested from our shared life together!

Blessings
Rev. Drew Terry

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NIN offering 1 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ <u>Communion</u> Diaconate Board mtg.	2 3:30 GSA 7 BSA	3 7 Cubs	4 10 – Noon Coffee with Drew at the Public Library 3:30 GSA	5 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	6 1 p.m. Craft Day	7
8 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship New Members Class after Fellowship	9 Columbus Day *office closed* 7 p.m. Trustees	10 7 Cubs	11 10 – Noon <u>Coffee with Drew</u> 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 GSA	12 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	13 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship potluck and mtg.	14
Potluck 15 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Christian Ed mtg.	16 3:30 GSA 7 BSA	17 7 Cubs	18 10 – Noon Coffee with Drew at the Public Library 3:30 GSA	19 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	20 1 p.m. Craft Day	21 Halloween Party Time 12 – 3 p.m.
22 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship New Members Class after Fellowship	23 3:30 GSA 7 Church Council 7 BSA	24 7 Cubs	25 10 – Noon <u>Coffee with Drew</u> 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 GSA	26 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	27 Pictures for Directory 2 – 9 p.m. At the church	28 Pictures for Directory 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. At the Church
29 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	30 3:30 GSA 7 BSA	31 Halloween				

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5 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship w/ <u>Communion</u> Diaconate Board mtg.	6 3:30 GSA 7 BSA	7 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Voting	8 10 – Noon <u>Coffee with Drew</u> 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study 3:30 GSA	9 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice	10 12 p.m. Women's Fellowship potluck and mtg.	11 Veterans Day
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26 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship Hanging of the Greens – all invited to help	27 3:30 GSA 7 BSA 7 Church Council	28 7 Cubs	29 10 – Noon Coffee with Drew at the Public Library 3:30 GSA	30 6 Bell practice 7 Choir practice		

