
Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ

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Rev. Jonathan Riedel, Pastor

“THE CHURCHMOUSE”

July 2022

Sabbatical

I will be on sabbatical from June 1 thru August 31. This time away is a time for rest and renewal. It is also a time for serious study and thoughtful reflection on the work ahead for smaller churches in the United Church of Christ. Throughout these months I will be visiting smaller churches in a variety of settings. Many of these churches are Open and Affirming and most have pursued active local missions that address the dilemmas and challenges in their communities. It is my intention from time to time to post on the church's and my Facebook page a running travelogue of what I have discovered along the way. Please take the time to consider some of the mission outreaches I have encountered and ask yourself some of the questions I will be looking closely at as I go from church to church.

From time to time, I will be between travels and staying at the parsonage. I will, however, not be available for visits and will not be taking phone calls. This is not a personal slight. It is a recognition that if I take one phone call, I will have to take them all because I do not want to hurt anyone's feelings. I have arranged for the pulpit to be filled by talented preachers and for pastors to be available for funerals and emergency hospitalizations. Gloria, Ken, and Dorothy have a list of those ministers and will gladly get a hold of those on call if a need arises. I look forward to worshipping with you on the first Sunday of September. I will also be resuming the Tuesday Noon Forum when I return. Blessings to all of you.

Pastor Jon

Noon Forum

There will be no Tuesday noon classes in July or August while Pastor Jon is on his sabbatical. Classes will resume Tuesday, September 6.

Evening Prayer

On Wednesdays at 7:00 pm we will join over the phone for a time of meditation and prayers for ourselves and others. To join us, dial 1- 978-990-5000 then 283560#.

The prayer service will continue as scheduled during Pastor Jon's sabbatical.

What's Happening at NCUCC July 2022

Events, Anniversaries and Birthdays

Worship is in person and on ZOOM at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84864699096>
or phone 1-312-626-6799 ID: 848 6469 9096

Pastor Jon's Tuesday noon class is in person. Will also be on ZOOM by request
or due to bad weather. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84229731057>
or phone 1-312-626-6799 ID: 842 2973 1057

Wednesday Night Prayer Time 7:00 pm. Call 978-990-5000 then 283560#

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| Fr. 1: | Sa. 16: Jean S. b'day |
| Sa. 2: Stan & Ella M. anniv. | Su. 17: Worship 10 am |
| Su. 3: Worship w/Communion 10 am | Guest pastor: Rev. Maurice Fetty |
| Guest pastor: Rev. Forrest Hoppe | Mo. 18: |
| Galatians 6:1-10 | Tu. 19: George & Ann P. anniv. |
| Sheila R. b'day | Ann P. b'day |
| Mo. 4: Office Closed for Holiday | We. 20: Prayer Time 7:00 pm (phone-in) |
| Marilyn S. b'day | Eli P. b'day |
| Tu. 5: | Beth F. b'day |
| We. 6: Prayer Time 7:00 pm (phone-in) | Th. 21: Council 10 am |
| Th. 7: Administration 10 am | Paul E. b'day |
| Circles 6-8 pm | Fr. 22: |
| Fr. 8: Jane P. b'day | Sa. 23: Linnea G. b'day |
| Sa. 9: | Su. 24: Worship 10 am |
| Su. 10: Worship 10 am | Guest pastor: Rev. Roger LaWarre |
| Guest pastor: Rev. Bruce Roller | Mo. 25: |
| Maxine P. b'day | Tu. 26: |
| Mo. 11: W&PC 10 am (phone-in) | We. 27: *August NEWSLETTER DEADLINE* |
| Ivy B. b'day | Th. 28: Fred V. b'day |
| Tu. 12: Eric T. b'day | Alden R. b'day |
| We. 13: Prayer Time 7:00 pm (phone-in) | Fr. 29: Miriam S. b'day |
| Th. 14: Circles 6-8 pm | Sa. 30: |
| Fr. 15: Holly S. b'day | Su. 31: Worship 10 am |
| Sarah R. b'day | Guest pastor: Rev. Bruce Roller |

Members and friends in need of Prayers: Allen R., Dorothy R., Ed R., Marilyn S., Carolyn S., Fred V., Karen V., Gloria W.

Deadline for information to be printed in the August newsletter is Wednesday, July 27

Annual Meeting Update

- Proposed Slate of Officers and Committee members passed.
- Proposed By-Laws Revisions passed.
- Proposed Budget passed
- Proposed discontinuation of the Housing Project passed.
- Proposed Open and Affirming Covenant passed unanimously by secret ballot.
(We are now one step closer to becoming an Open and Affirming Church, as we await the Open and Affirming Coalition's approval of our Covenant and ONA designation.)
- The Ukrainian Relief Proposal was amended to say the amount collected from donations plus \$5,000 from the Phillips Fund will be sent to World Central Kitchen. (Donations will be collected until July 15. Amount donated to date: \$2,418.00)

Treasurer's Report May 16 – Jun 15. 2022

Income:

May 23 \$1,101.00

May 29 \$1,814.00

Jun 6 \$2,794.00

Jun 14 \$ 375.00

Total \$6,013.00

Expenses \$7,095.50

Difference (- \$1,082.50)

Phillips Fund \$174,574.97

Family Fund \$ 73,511.74

Dawn Anderson Treasurer