



# **Are you ready for your faith to be tested?**

**August 11, 2019**

**The Congregational Church UCC**

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***Church Office Hours: M-F 10am-2pm***

***Pastor's Office hours: Tues & Wed 9am-12pm***

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Youth, Charlotte Gillen***

**Preparation Music**

**Ring of The Church Bell**

**Welcoming of Visitors and Friends**

**Worship Begins With Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

**LEADER:** Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all humankind; from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth-he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do. No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

**ALL:** The eyes of the Lord are on those whose hope is in his unfailing love to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

## **Opening Song #108 “Come, Christians, Join To Sing”**

### **Scriptures: Luke 12:32-40**

<sup>32</sup> “Fear not, little flock, for <sup>t</sup>it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <sup>35</sup> “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

### **Collection of Tear Off Sheets**

#### **Children’s Moment “Where did I put my Faith Key?”**

#### **Joyful Noise Anthem “What Faith Can Do”**

### **Confession of Sin**

**People:** Loving Father all the fancy words in the world, expressed in eloquent prose, decorated with motion, spoken with conviction, cannot compete with a heartfelt 'sorry' when all other words fail. There are times when we are all too aware of our limitations, conscious of sin and the distance it creates between us. Sometimes 'sorry' is all the heart can

bear to say aloud. It is only you who can read and understand the language of our hearts. Only you who can translate our 'sorry' into the prayer we would have prayed if we had the words within us. Then you forgive, and having forgiven, surround us in an embrace of love, drawing us close to your heart as it was always meant to be. Thank you, Loving Father, that you listen to hearts as well as voices. Thank you

## **Response #75 “God Is So Good” vs. 1 & 2**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### **Message “Faith is...”**

#### **Offering**

**Sung Praises #649 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

**Prayer of Dedication**

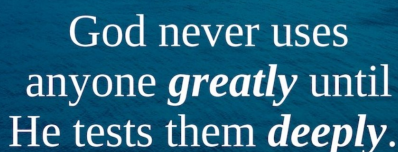
#### **Closing Song #609 “What A Fellowship”**

#### **Closing Blessing**

**Closing Response Amen; amen; amen.**

#### **Music to Send Us Into The World**

\* Nursery available during Worship and Education Hour



God never uses  
anyone *greatly* until  
He tests them *deeply*.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun.	Aug	11	10:00 am	Worship
			11:15 am	Trustee Meeting
Mon.	Aug	12	9:30 am	Senior Dining
			7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Tues.	Aug	13	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study
			9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
			10:00 am	Bible Study
			6:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed.	Aug	14		Newsletter Submission Deadline
			6:00 pm	FUEL - Trinity Lutheran Church
Thur.	Aug	15	8:15 am	Ministerium
			9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
			5:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
			7:00 pm	Money Management
Fri.	Aug	16	9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
Sat.	Aug	17		
Sun.	Aug	18	10:00 am	Worship
			11:15 am	Congregational Giving Meeting

It's easy to have faith when everything is going great. The real test of faith is when you're facing something that only your faith in God will get you through.

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**Welcome: To our members, friends, guests and visitors.  
Our Congregation reaches out to you in faith and love.**

### **August Ushers and Coffee Host - Volunteers**

**Remember in your Prayers:** Pray for our service personnel, for Fire, Police and EMS workers, for all who keep us safe and strong. Pray for those that are ill or hospitalized. Pray for those fighting addiction in all forms. Pray for LeAnn S., Dave W., Laura, Penny S., Sharon, Beth's son, Carter, Heidi's granddaughter, Danny W, the Hite family and for their newborn baby. Pray for family healing for those in need. Pray for all the families crushed by domestic terrorism in Texas, Ohio and all the other mass shootings this year. Please fill our hearts with love for our neighbors. We give praise for answered prayers for the health and safety of our loved ones.

**Pastor's Office Hours:** Pastor Schaefer's regular office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 12pm. To contact him, call his cell 715-222-2899.

### **News and Events:**

#### **Bible Study:**

**Tuesdays  
10am  
in the Congo Conference Room**

#### **“Know How We Got Our Bible”**

In this study, church historian Ryan Reeves traces the history of the Bible from its beginnings to the present day, highlighting key figures and demonstrating the reliability of Scripture. Reeves surveys the writing of the Bible's books (including authorship and dating), the formation of the Old and New Testaments (including early transmission and the development of the canon), and Bible translations from the Latin Vulgate to the current, ongoing work of translation around the world.

## **August Tote**

### **The Tote for August is CRA (Community Referral Agency)**

Their list of needs is:

Laundry Soap ( if possible the small 306 ml that can be found at the dollar stores for \$1.00 )

Shampoo and conditioner

Women's underwear size 6,7,10

Boys underwear 14-16, 18+

Batteries D and AA

Boys deodorant

Thank you for your generosity,  
Missions & Social Concerns

### **Youth News:**

**FUEL - Faith Used in Everyday Life**. Wednesday August 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Amery for all middle school and high school youth beginning at 6pm. Please join us for our final summer FUEL event before school starts.

**Music on the River**: Friday August 16th at Michael Park (behind the Dairy Queen) Look for our Congo kids as they hand out free treats to the crowd beginning at 7pm.

**Blessing of the Backpacks**: Sunday August 25th during our 10am worship service. Please join us for a special blessing for all who are going back to school. We will also be having a fun back to school Sunday School party during our worship service - you wont want to miss it!!

**Youth group kicks off soon! Homework & Hangout, grilling out and boomball kicks off our youth group season on Wednesday August 28th after school.**

**All kids in grades 5-12 are welcome to join us each week.**

**Cooks needed**: we are still in need of volunteers to help feed our Congo kids on Wednesday evenings. Please see Charlotte Gillen if you are able to help!

## **Summer Stretch Adventure**

We had a beautiful, sunny day for our Summer Stretch finale at



Valley Fair. Our youth have had an awesome summer serving others, having fun and making memories to take back to school with them. We had 33 youth and adult

participants at Valley Fair representing our area churches. Our Congo kids would like to thank you for your continued love, support and prayers.



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## BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11TH

08/13 Betty Jansen

08/16 Brennen Wagner

08/15 Shirley Johnson

08/16 Juli Swanson

08/15 Howard Monteith

08/17 Cheryl Bowman

08/16 Linda Satterlund



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/01 Brett Johnson

08/16 Brennen Wagner

08/02 Chad Leonard

08/16 Juli Swanson

08/03 Douglas Johnson

08/17 Cheryl Bowman

08/08 Yvonne Monteith

08/20 Lavone Pratt

08/09 Carol Eklund

08/24 Wyatt O'Rourke

08/13 Betty Jansen

08/24 David Russo

08/15 Shirley Johnson

08/27 Benjamin Pitchford

08/15 Howard Monteith

08/27 Mindy Molls

08/16 Linda Satterlund

08/27 Bobbie Edin

### **Amery UCC Mission Statement:**

**"We are a family of faith, dedicated to the mission of making disciples, spreading the Good News and baptizing in the name of Jesus Christ"**