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## FROM THE PASTOR

Each year at this time we embark on the process of financial planning and budgeting for the next year. Along with budgeting we ask each person / family to discern what God is asking them to contribute to the church as their pledge. Together our resources support the mission and ministry of this church.

This year we'd like to break things down for you a bit and give you the opportunity to adopt a piece of the puzzle, or a piece of the budget. Without you and your support, the puzzle can't be completed. If the puzzle isn't completed, then something within our budget can't be met.

Each of our households must budget carefully to meet our financial responsibilities. It is no different with the church. We try very hard to be good stewards of our finances. But our best efforts can't replace how much we need YOU and your continued support.

In the next few weeks you'll be hearing more about our Stewardship Campaign for 2019. While this is happening, we ask that you and your loved ones be prayerful about how much of the puzzle you're able to adopt. I hope to make this a fun process. You'll just have to come to church to find out what I have in store!

We are growing a "Good News" church and you are very much a part of the puzzle that makes us One and Whole!

Peace, Melanie



## CALENDAR

### Worship Opportunities:

Sundays 10:30am  
1st & 3rd Sundays 7pm

### November

2nd/3rd Treasures Sale  
4th *Contemporary Worship 7pm*  
11th Yankee Candle Sale Ends  
17th CUC Thanksgiving Dinner  
18th *Contemporary Worship 7pm*  
25th Trans Day of Remembrance  
29th Community Dinner

### December

2nd ADVENT BEGINS  
2nd *Contemporary Worship 7pm*  
15th Pastor's Open House 3pm  
16th *Contemporary Worship 7pm*  
**24th Christmas Eve Worship  
7pm**  
27th Community Dinner  
30th Agape Breakfast

*Handbell Choir rehearsal every  
Wednesday at 7pm.*

# NEIGHBORS IN NEED (November Mission of the Month)



The Neighbors in Need offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through [ucc.org/justice](http://ucc.org/justice), our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.



## ***Fall Treasure Sale is Here***

***Friday, November 2nd 10 to 5***  
***Saturday, November 3rd 9 to 3***

Time to gather all the gently used, clean items you no longer want or need. Time for that "junk" to become someone else's treasure!

This fall there is a new service: house pickup: if you are unable to bring your things to the church Pat L. will come to you! Just give her a call or send her a text at 302.753.3190 to make arrangements.

Drop off will begin on Tuesday, October 30th through Thursday, November 1st from 10am to 4pm. After hours drop off are through arrangement with Pat L.

If you are able to bake goodies please talk with Pastor Melanie. Baked goods are always a great seller.

If you are a vendor and would like to rent a table please talk or call Pat L. at the above number for prices (6 and 8 ft tables available).

## **Yankee Candle Sale:**

It's candle time! We are selling Yankee Candles and other really cool things from their catalog from **September 30 — November 11th**. Please pick up your catalog from either Melanie or in the church office. This is a really excellent fund raiser for the church as we receive 40% of our sales in profit. There are two ways to shop—catalog or on-line. We're asking you to help us sell in two ways as well—order yourself and contact out of town friends and family to order, too.

Yankee Candle products are perfect for anniversaries, hostess gifts, housewarmings, birthdays, and a lot more!

For on-line shopping, visit [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) and enter our **group number: 990088647**





**Saturday November 17th  
5PM**

This is the one time of year when Collenbrook family and friends sit down to a wonderful meal together as one big extended family. We get to breathe and relax and enjoy yummy food provided by us. Turkey and dressing are provided but the rest is potluck. Bring whatever your favorite dish is or share your family specialty. Watch for sign up sheets in the next couple weeks. ***Please be aware this is NOT the monthly community dinner.***



Speaking of family...

Save the date: ***December 15th starting at 3pm is Pastor Melanie's Annual Christmas Open House.*** Melanie and Pat enjoy opening their home to their Collenbrook family. Singing, food, conversation and plain old holiday cheer are in store so please join us as you are able.

TRANSGENDER AWARENESS: look at the image on the right. The label says the can contains sweet potatoes so when we open the can that is what we expect to see and have, right? But look, the can does not contain potatoes but green beans. The problem is that we don't know the can is mislabeled until we open that can.

This is what it feels and looks like to be transgender. On the outside, or the label, people see one thing but the inside is something else entirely and no matter how hard anyone tries, the inside, or beans, are never going to turn into potatoes! So too, our transgender sibling. The problem isn't in the mislabeling, the problem is that most of us refuse to believe in the mislabeling. But no matter how much we want the label to match, it never will...until that very brave person decides to open up their "can" and reveal the mismatch.

That transperson sitting next to you in church is not a freak or sick, they are just getting the correct label placed on the outside.



***Did you know...?***

There have been 22 reported homicides of Transgender Americans so far this year.

**COMMUNITY DINNER November 29th  
5-7 PM**

# october highlights

