



The Newsletter of First Congregational United Church of Christ
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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, SUNDAY JUNE 21, 2026!



**NEED NAMES OF GRADUATES, YOUNG AND OLD
FROM KINDERGARTEN THRU COLLEGE- PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE OR DROP US A NOTE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE A
GRADUATE IN THE JULY/AUGUST MESSENGER.**

Scheduled to Serve in June

Head Usher—JonnyAnn Roach

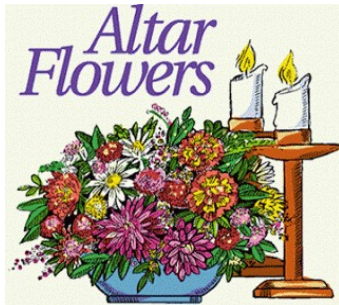
	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Reader</u>
06/07	Carol Ann Obrochta, Michelle Becker Eric Marcynski, Gayl Weinheimer	Joan Blais	Kathy Bienias
06/14	Kathy Bienias, Cherryl Vincent-Becker	Marjorie McCarthy	Jessica Ludwig
06/21	Dale Ketterer, Carrie & Emerson Ward	Donna Nagel	Bob Fuerst
06/28	Laurie Ludwig, Jessica Ludwig	Bill Ludwig	JonnyAnn Roach

Counters

06/07 Michelle Becker, JonnyAnn Roach
 06/14 Marcia Whittemore, Sue Weinheimer
 06/21 Judy Strade, John McPherson
 06/28 Jessica Ludwig, Laurie Ludwig

ALTAR FLOWERS

We would like to thank May Altar Flower Dedicators:



Rachel & Lia Garrasi
 Donner & Mazur Family
 The Ludwig Family
 Carrie Ward-Marcynski
 Chris & George Beith
 Sally Needham
 Carol Ann Obrochta

If you are interested in dedicating Altar Flowers, the cost is \$20.00, please see the sign-up in the Narthex or call Michelle in the office 716-549-2115.

We would like to thank May Bulletin Dedication:



The Ludwig's gave this
 month's bulletins to the
 Glory of God, and For all
 our blessings received.

If you are interested in dedicating Bulletins, the cost is \$50.00, please see the sign-up in the Narthex or call Michelle in the office 716-549-2115.



Don't Reinvent the Wheel—Just Keep Rolling

(Two thousand years ago, Paul told us what keeps community rolling. So there's no point to reinventing those wheels. Rather, we just need to keep air in the tires!)

You've probably heard the phrase—or said it yourself—“There's no need to reinvent the wheel.” Usually, we mean that when a good solution already exists, we don't have to start from scratch.

And honestly, the wheel is a pretty good example. It's one of humanity's oldest and most useful inventions. Ancient people used wheels thousands of years ago to move heavy loads across rough ground, and even today, despite all our technology and innovation, the basic idea still works remarkably well. Sure, people have spent centuries trying to improve wheels—there are thousands of patents for different designs and gadgets—but the simple wheel itself has endured because it does exactly what it was created to do.

The same can often be said about living in community.

In his letter to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul offers practical wisdom about how people are called to live together—with kindness, patience, humility, forgiveness, and love. Paul wasn't trying to invent something new. He was reminding people of timeless truths that help communities grow stronger and healthier.

Sometimes the challenge isn't that we need a brand-new way of living. Sometimes the challenge is simply getting the wheels turning again.

And if we are honest, there are moments when it feels like the wheels of our wider culture have become wobbly. We see division, fear, anger, and loneliness all around us. We see people struggling to trust one another. We long for deeper connection, greater compassion, and a renewed sense of hope.

That's why the church matters so much.

The church is a place where we keep practicing the simple but life-changing things Paul talked about long ago: caring for one another, welcoming others, serving together, worshiping together, and following Jesus together. Those are

not outdated ideas. They are the steady wheels that continue to carry communities forward.

Some churches “take a break” over the summer; that’s not true for us at First Congregational. As we move into an exciting summer season together, there is much to celebrate and anticipate. We look forward to special gatherings, music, fellowship, service opportunities, and new ministries taking shape. Every event, every shared meal, every act of kindness becomes another reminder that God is still moving among us.

But just like the tires on a car, our faith and commitment sometimes need a little attention. They need to be re-inflated and renewed. We all need moments to reconnect with God, with one another, and with the mission we share as followers of Christ.

The good news is this: we do not have to reinvent the wheel of Christian living. The call to love God and love our neighbors still works. Grace still works. Compassion still works. Community still works.

The wheels are fine.

Let’s just keep them moving.

Peace,
Pastor Jen

JOY Fellowship

We will keep you posted on any upcoming dates during announcements on Sundays and future newsletters.

Thank you to all who donate money through dues and bake good sales. All were reminded of the upcoming hot dog and village wide yard sale on June 6th as well as the Strawberry Social June 11th and 12th. Please sign up to help with these events.

Thank you.
Anne Becker

PLEDGES and CONTRIBUTIONS

Summer is almost upon us and we know how busy it can be!
If you would like to stay up to date with your pledges and contributions,
you can by mailing them into the office.
Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

May Trustee Meeting was held on Tuesday 5/12/26 from 4pm-6:10pm. Opened the meeting with prayer by Carol Ann Obrochta, approval of April Minutes, agenda additions, financial reports and Bills to be Paid discussed.

Upcoming events discussed: Chicken BBQ, Strawberry Social, closing service for Sunday school, Community Dinner, Village Wide Yard sale & Hot dog sale.

Strawberry Social is coming soon: Many hands are needed, please see sign up sheets in Updyke Hall. We are fortunate that many capable students have volunteered. Strawberry Social planning: new event is a "Kids Corner" with many games for children and returning is the "Dunk Tank" from 4-8pm both days. Looking for volunteers to be in the dunk tank for both days and help with Kids Corner games, if interested please see Tom McMullen or Carol Ann Obrochta. Road closure approved from 2-8pm each night. Set-up Wednesday 6/10 at 12pm till done.

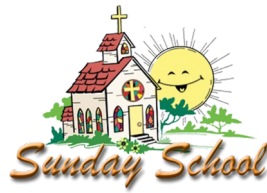
Evans Community Theater will be hosting their next production on Friday Sept. 11 & Saturday Sept.12, Thursday Sept. 17 & Friday Sept. 18 and Friday Sept. 25 & Saturday Sept. 26. As information becomes available we will post in the newsletters as well as flyers around the church.

The church is seeking an experienced handyman to help with property upkeep. A new 4 hour secretary position was approved, this will help unburden Michelle from filing, folding, etc duties.

Ornaments for June 28th service are still available for purchase. They are \$10 each and can be purchased In Memory/ Honor of someone or just to decorate the sanctuary for the 250th year.

Your Board wishes you a safe Memorial Day!
Reflect on the Brave men and women who died in
US Military Service and Honor their sacrifice.
God Bless America!

Peace – Jean Galfo



Summer is coming!

We are wrapping up a whirlwind of a Sunday School year!

If you're interested in helping out this summer with the Sunday school classes to give our dedicated teachers a break please see Tiffany Hurd or Pastor Jen. The closing of Sunday School will be June 14^h. We will need some volunteers from June 21st thru Sept. 6th. Everything will be provided for the class we just need you!

Join us Sunday 6/14/2026 after church down in 132 North for a special coffee hour hosted by our kiddos! They have been working on projects based off of stories from our teachers and they cannot wait to show you! Once again if you have any tasks the big kids could add to a "to do" list please let us know. We are excited to have a consistent group of youth showing up and working together, building relationships together and with God.

This year at our Strawberry Social, we will be adding "Kids Corner" and returning the "Dunk Tank." If your child is participating or helping work please make sure there is adult supervision.

Have a safe and fun summer!

Peace

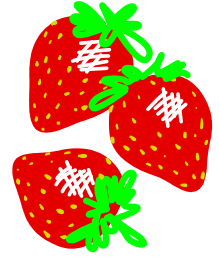
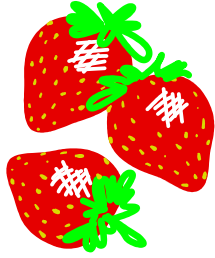
Tiffany Hurd



Last Day for Choir is June 14th

Anyone interested in singing or doing music over the summer please see Heather Pappas.

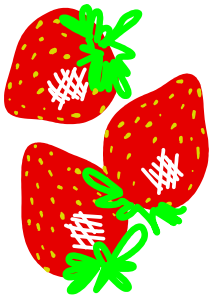
54th Annual Strawberry Social 2026



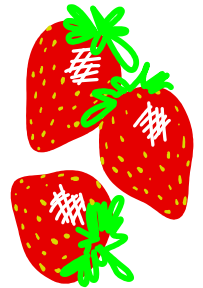
First Congregational UCC
132 N. Main Street
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Thursday, June 11th 11am-8pm

Friday, June 12th 11am-8pm



Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers,
Grilled Cheese, Italian Sausage, Grilled Chicken,
French Fries and Mozzarella Sticks,
Sundaes, Milkshakes, Cones, Strawberry Shortcake,
Pop, Water & Coffee



Bake Sale Inside

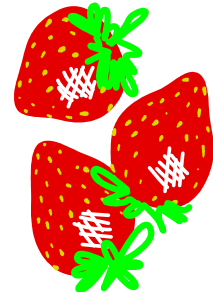
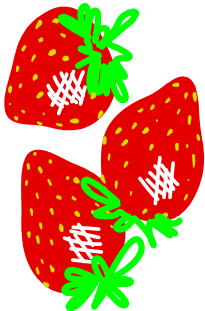
RETURNING THIS YEAR

Dunk Tank 4-8pm

NEW THIS YEAR

Kid's Corner 4-8pm

(Tootsie Pop Toss, Duck Pond, etc.)



Entertainment: Thursday from 3:00-5:00pm Tim, Marty and Eric,
5:00-7:00pm "Gang of Scoundrels"
and 7:00-7:30 pm 132 NORTH service
Friday from 3:00-5:00pm Mike Skowronski,
5:00-6:00pm "The Love Movement" Exercise and
6:00-7:30pm "Gang of Scoundrels"

Please Bring Your Lawn Chair

Menu subject to change



Congratulations to our newest members!

EXERCISE CLASSES

The “Love Movement” by Lisa Watkins meets every Wednesday
from 9:30am-10:30am

“Chair Yoga” by Sue Brown meets every Tuesday
from 11:15am-12:15pm

“Cardio” by Chris Berfield meets Tuesday and Thursday
from 5:30pm-6:30pm

All classes are \$5 donation!

VACATION BIBLE School News:

We are very excited to announce our
Vacation Bible School Program for 2026 entitled:
“Snowball Mountain Challenge”



The program will run the week of July 27th thru July 30th. We are very excited for this year's Vacation Bible School and can't wait. If you are able, please plan to join us, as many hands help the week run smoothly. Please contact Michelle Becker or Carol Ann Obrochta to offer your help. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, please consider helping, you will not be disappointed. It is very rewarding to see the smiles on the faces of the children.

Registration Forms are also available in the Narthex

VBS Student Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

Home Church (if any) _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Special Needs/Allergies/Medical Information/Other: _____

Emergency Contacts: Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

Photo Release: _____ Church/VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____ Date _____

----- (for church use only) -----

Assigned Group: _____

Are family members helping with VBS? _____ If yes, where? _____



Community Events

2026 EVENTS

2 MAY **Meat Raffle**
MPB Parish, 22 Prospect St.
Doors Open 6pm, First Spin 7pm
FREE Beer & Pop...bring your snacks!

6 JUN **Village Wide Yard Sales**
9am - 4pm
Sign-up at Village Hall 716-549-1126
Rain date - Sunday, June 7

13 JUN **Children's Bike Rodeo**
Children 5-12 years old; 11am - ?
Prizes, Bike Inspections, Helmets required. Parents to stay with child

11 JUL **11th Annual Main Street Cruise**
Main Street Business District, 12-4pm
No registration required!
Trophies, Food and Live Music

19 SEP **Build-A-Boo Workshop**
MPB Parish, 22 Prospect St.; 1-4pm
Kick-off Halloween season with a workshop building outdoor ghosts

17 OCT **Country Line Dancing Outdoors**
Dancing Instruction & Dance; 1-3pm;
Halloween themed! Prize awarded for best costume! Location to be announced

12 DEC **27th Annual Christmas in the Village**
Congregational Church, 132 N. Main St.; 9am-2pm
Free Hot Breakfast & Visit with Santa 9-11am. Craft Show at the church and additional activities throughout the Village

Subject to Change Without Notice

**ANGOLA'S VILLAGE WIDE
YARD SALE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6
9AM-4PM**

RAIN DATE: SUN. JUNE 7TH

Village residents must call the Angola Village Hall at 716-549-1126 by **11am, Tuesday, May 26th** to have their address listed in the location map in the Pennysaver.

Sponsored by Friends of the Village, Inc.
"Working Together to Make a Difference"

ANGOLA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

MEAT RAFFLE

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD
17 Prospect St., Angola, NY

Doors Open: 6:00 PM
Raffles Start: 7:00 PM

WIN BIG on PREMIUM MEATS!
Stock Your Freezer & Support Your Local Heroes!

RESERVE YOUR TABLE!
Table of 8 People for \$40.00
FREE Draft Beer (2+ with ID)
and Pop Provided
\$10.00 per Person Day Of Event

Hosted by the
ANGOLA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

**Angola Public Library
Annual Hotdog Fundraiser
Summer Kickoff!**

Saturday, June 6th

Hotdog Fundraiser
11:00—1:00pm (or sold out)

- * Hosted by the Angola Library Board of Trustees
- Homemade Cookies & Brownies donated by the Friends of the Angola Library

Used Book Sale
Our Annual Used Book sale is back for **ONE DAY ONLY!**
June 6th
11:00 am—3:00 pm
\$2.00 per bag
or purchase an Angola Library bag for \$2.00 and fill it for free!

Angola Public Library
34 N Main Street, Angola, NY 14006
(716) 549-1271

2026 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

PRESENTED BY:
ANGOLA PARK & GAZEBO COMMITTEE
VILLAGE OF ANGOLA

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7 PM - 9 PM		ANGOLA CENTENNIAL PARK & GAZEBO
JULY 8 TH	-----◇	The Funkensteins
JULY 15 TH	-----◇	West of the Mark
JULY 22 ND	-----◇	Double Shot
JULY 29 TH	-----◇	Second Hand News
AUGUST 5 TH	-----◇	Zack Gerken Band
AUGUST 12 TH	-----◇	Diamond Sound
AUGUST 19 TH	-----◇	Boogie Monsters
AUGUST 26 TH	-----◇	Nerds Gone Wild



Keep up to date:
Scan for the latest info.



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TIME VALUE MAIL
Mailed on May 28, 2026
Please deliver promptly.

Sunday Worship – 10:00 AM

Sunday School - 10:00 AM

OFFICE HOURS: MON., TUES., THURS., FRI., 9:00am-1:00pm

For **Emergency Pastoral Services**, please call

Pastor Jen Mazur at 716-725-2157

Michelle in the Church Office 716-549-2115 or 716-262-6171

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of this church shall be to bring together followers of Jesus Christ, to live and preach His gospel, to celebrate the sacraments and to be a beacon and model of faith for all.

- **The Next Newsletter (July/August) deadline is June 10, 2026**

There is PLENTY of room for your article!!!