



Ivanhoe News

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Say Yes to Youth Success

For the past year, Ken Flaks, Ken Kelting, and I have been collaborating with other leaders across the area who care about youth. As we began the Summer LUNCH program last year we tried to form a network of relationships. One of those led to our participation in the Lake County Afterschool Coalition, now called YES = Youth Empowerment for Success!

Their monthly meetings are a wonderful celebration of good things happening throughout Lake County. But, we got to host a special meeting last month. Through other connections, and wider relationships, we were part of a movement in the Chicago area called *On the Table* conversations. These conversations were to be about specific topics at specific locations, but all aimed at inspiring philanthropy. At our conversation about issues affecting youth, we were lucky to have eight students from North Chicago High School SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere), and a student from Mundelein High School Stand Up Coalition.

Below is the "Thank You" note, from the President of the organization that sponsored this event, but I want to say a brief word about what it meant to me. I truly felt like it was another church meeting being held in our fellowship hall, as people gathered around tables sharing their thoughts and discussing ways to work together to help improve the life of our community. Perhaps it was the blessing of the Holy Spirit, perhaps it was because we gathered on holy ground, perhaps it was the prayers in my heart for the blessing of the day; but it felt so right that we would be part of a wider movement for good.

May God bless all that we do at Ivanhoe Congregational Church, whether in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen, classroom, offices, outside on our beautiful grounds – and in the community – to share God's love and grace for all of God's children.

Peace,
Pastor Kris +

Pastor Kris will attend the UCC's General Synod June 25-30, in Cleveland.

As a delegate, I represent our church and the churches of the Illinois Conference, but I am also charged to prayerfully consider how the Holy Spirit is working through the deliberations before I vote. You still may be asking, "What is General Synod?" The answer is a short lesson in the polity of the UCC...

The United Church of Christ gathers its General Synod every two years, consisting of delegates elected from the Conferences (distributed proportionally by conference size) together with the boards of directors. While General Synod provides the most visible voice of the "stance of the denomination" on any particular issue, the covenantal polity of the denomination means that General Synod speaks *to* local churches, associations, and conferences, but not *for* them. Thus, the other settings of the church are allowed to hold differing views and practices on all non-constitutional matters.

Like any national gathering, there are keynote speakers, workshops, and worship. While there are business items and officer elections to be voted upon, the majority of the work is devoted to considering resolutions, and commitments we make to issues of social justice.

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

On Sunday, June 7, we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. This offering builds the UCC's future. It funds new congregations and renews existing ones. It supports programs for youth and young adults and nurtures current and future leaders. Strengthen the Church gifts help to create vibrant church communities of extravagant welcome.

On behalf of The Chicago Community Trust, I would like to thank you for participating in *On the Table* 2015. On Tuesday, a profound dedication to your community and our region was on full display. Last year's inaugural *On the Table* engaged more than 11,500 people to address the issues that matter to us most--quite a feat. Today, I'm pleased to report that **more than 25,000 Chicagoland residents** took part in *On the Table* 2015. Participants came from every neighborhood, every zip code in the city and each county in the region. It's staggering to think about the thousands of stories that were shared around the table on May 12, and the commitments that were made to take action to strengthen our communities and improve the lives of others.

On the Table 2015 was about celebrating and inspiring the everyday philanthropists across our region--people who donate their *time, treasure, and talents* in ways big and small. As an *On the Table* participant, you are certainly among them. *On the Table* 2015 was a bold initiative, and it served as a fitting kickoff to our yearlong Centennial campaign with an even more ambitious goal: **to spark a movement to make our region the most philanthropic in the nation.**

Throughout the coming year, we will support a wide range of substantive, thought--provoking events and programs to explore themes of philanthropy, community and civic engagement. But more importantly, our Centennial is about you. We will soon be launching "**Stories of Philanthropy**," a sustained effort to capture and promote the very kinds of stories you shared on Tuesday, with the hope that they will inspire others to call upon their own inner philanthropist and make a difference.



Ivanhoe Hosts YES Meeting

Ivanhoe Church hosted the May meeting of the YES (Youth Empowerment for Success) Coalition on May 12. The "On the Table" discussion centered on the youth of Lake County and how we as a community can empower them to be of service and participate in philanthropy. Thirty-five people attended the meeting including eight students from North Chicago High School who are involved in a program called SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere), one student from Mundelein High School's Stand Up organization and leaders from the Stand Strong Coalition.

Pastor Kris opened the meeting with a brief overview of the history of Ivanhoe Church and our role in the Underground Railroad. Leaders of the YES coalition then explained the agenda for the meeting and four small discussion groups were formed, followed by a short review of the items discussed by each of the four groups. A complete recap of the discussion is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



The Rev. Dr. Terry Gallagher is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He came into the ministry following a 30+ year career as a manufacturing executive.

Educated initially as an Engineer/Manager and now as a Pastor/Theologian, Terry brings a unique understanding & perspective to the intersection of Science & Theology that can be of assistance in the decision process of determining the appropriate actions that we, as followers of the Way of Jesus, should make in our individual lives and in our society in response to the Global Warming crisis.



Board of Deacons **Barry Johnson, Chair**

Spring continued to be a busy time for Ivanhoe Church activities. Thanks to all the women of the church involved in planning and participating in our yearly Women's Service. As we head into summer, once again Ivanhoe will be a part of the lunch program that supplies children lunches during the summer months. If you are interested in getting involved, speak with Ken Kelting or sign up at mundeleinlunch.org. Upcoming outdoor summer services are planned for the July 4th and Labor Day weekends.

In our quest to find alternative social events to the Festival that has typically been held in late August, the recently completed Supper Club (May 9) turned out to be a great success, with a turnout of 50 members and friends of Ivanhoe. Another social activity to replace the festival this year that was discussed at our recent board meeting was an after church lunch to be followed by square dancing in the parking lot of church. The suggested time frame for this activity was a Sunday after church in September. If you have an interest in this activity, or a suggestion of your own for other alternate social activities, please speak to one of the members of the Board of Deacons.

A fellowship retreat to Tower Hill Camp August 21 through 23 is planned. Check your calendar now. For additional information on these activities, speak to any member of the Board of Deacons. If you have upcoming activities you would like to get the word out for, please contact the church office by phone or email at uccivanhoe@gmail.com to coordinate with Kathy Riehle.

Save the Date:

Calendar Items:

July 5 = Outdoor Worship

July 12 = Holy Communion

August 1 = Cubs Game @ Milwaukee

Men's Social Club

The June Men's Social Group Luncheon will be Tuesday, June 23, at a site to be determined.

Board of Trustees **Peter Fruehan, Chair**

Submitted by Ginger Leopold

During our last meeting, we took a walk around the church and checked all the plants and bushes. It was decided the dying shrubs on each side of the front entrance need to be removed. This will be done sometime this summer.

For all of you interested in the large oak tree, it was treated again this spring to help keep it healthy.

We will also be replacing three or four windows at the pre-school. The windows cannot be opened and are VERY drafty. As money becomes available we will continue to replace other windows.

Don't forget May 30th is the date for the clean-up of the inside of the church. There will be a sign-up sheet posted which will list a large number of jobs needing to be done. If there is something you would just love to do, sign up beside the listed job.



Happy June- July Birthdays



June

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| Lisa Bishoff Cornell | June 4 |
| Elise Robertson | June 7 |
| Liam Cowden | June 10 |
| Michael Cieslak-DeGross | June 12 |
| Grayson Halahan | June 14 |
| Aaron Coulter | June 15 |
| Sandee Dwire | June 21 |
| Sharon Smith | June 23 |
| Francine Salituro | June 23 |

July

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| Larissa Salituro | July 7 |
| Maynard McPherson | July 9 |
| Renee Richardson | July 20 |
| Ryan Fasbinder | July 20 |
| Jean McCormick | July 26 |
| Elaine Hucko | July 29 |
| Emma Brautigam | July 30 |



Wellness Ministry Traci Smith

June's workshop is around the corner; this important topic applies to everyone so please be sure to invite family and friends!

Advance Care Planning & End of Life Directives June 22, 2015, 7 pm

If you are in an accident or have an illness that leaves you unable to talk about your wishes, who will speak for you? Plan now to ensure that the medical treatment you receive will be the treatment you want. Caring conversations that focus on your wishes and beliefs will relieve loved ones and healthcare providers of the need to guess. Learn what forms you can use, including 5 Wishes, with step-by-step instructions on how to complete them.

The topics for the rest of the year are as follows:
8/24 Understanding Hospice
10/26 Communication Skills - the Art of Listening

Thanks to everyone who has been participating in the yoga class and to those who arranged it! If you would like to attend but are not available Thursday mornings please let us know what days/times would be best for you and we'll see if we have enough to expand the program. Please send any comments to Traci Smith at: tlynnuscell@gmail.com.





Mother's Day



Marli Bishoff Volpe



Marlene Lawton



Board of Christian Education
Sandee Dwire, Director

Reading Changes Lives Children's Book Drive

As we continue to put our faith in action through our participation in the UCC's Reading Changes Lives literacy initiative, please consider donating a new, or gently used, children's book to the Sunday School Children's Book Drive. A bin for donations is located in the Sunday School room. Questions can be directed to Sandee Dwire.

Sunday School

Sunday School has wrapped up for the school year and we will be taking a break during the summer months. We will start up again in September. Ivanhoe Sunday School families will receive bi-monthly emails of "The Transmission" throughout the summer.

Food Pantry Donation

The Food Pantry donations for June and July – peanut butter and jelly. All are invited to donate.

Vacation Bible School

Coming to Ivanhoe July 27th –July 30th



Join us at this year's Vacation Bible School, where we will explore how to put our faith into action. In this mission-focused VBS, we will experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. G-Force will come alive with movement and images of all sorts of kid-friendly transportation, such as skateboards, running shoes, roller blades, and more! Each day's message and activities will illustrate how God is at work around the world and how God's people are on the move.

"In God we live, move, and exist" Acts 17:28,

A life with God is one of movement! So, get up, get moving, and invite all your family, friends, and neighbors to Ivanhoe's G-Force Vacation Bible School! July 27-July 30th - 1:00 pm to 3:00pm.

Contact Sandee Dwire sdwire@hotmail.com with questions.



Buck-a-Book Sale

The Knit and Crochet Group will hold a Buck-a-Book Sale in the Fellowship Hall on June 21 and 28, and July 5. The group would appreciate your used book donations and purchases.

The benefits from this sale are threefold. Donated children's books will be given to children participating in the Mundelein Lunch Program. Paperback books appropriate for men will be used to support the portable library that Ivanhoe takes to the Pad's site once a month beginning in October. Profits are used to purchase yarn that in turn supports the mission of the Knit and Crochet Group.

What a perfect way to find a home for the books that you no longer want. You may leave your book donations at any time in the church library.



Historian's Corner

Steve Schmidt

150th Anniversary of the American Civil War 96th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry

Mustered Out

As the third and final year of their enlistment neared its close, the men of the 96th IL Volunteers camped outside Nashville were anxious. As recruits and replacements arrived in camp to fill out the companies of the Regiment, rumors of impending movement farther from home were rife. As the spring days of May lengthened toward June, the news of Joe Johnston's surrender to Gen. Sherman in North Carolina, and Jefferson Davis's arrest in Mississippi, lightened their hearts. On May 26, 1865, Confederate Gen. Kirby Smith surrendered in Texas, and the Civil War was over.

After the grand review of the Fourth Corps by commanding General George Thomas in Nashville, word came down that the 96th Illinois Regiment was to be mustered out of service. The Regiment was ordered to Camp Douglas outside Chicago for final pay and release from United States service. Arriving in Chicago on June 14th, the Regiment of fewer than 400 out of the 1,000 men who left Camp Fuller almost three years earlier, was welcomed by throngs of enthusiastic citizens lined up along Michigan Avenue as the 96th marched by. After a day of well-deserved feasting and ovations, along with a speech by Gen. Sherman, then in residence at the Tremont House, the 96th settled in to wait almost two weeks for the paymaster. On Wednesday, June 28, 1865, the 96th Illinois Volunteer Infantry received their final pay and discharges, and the next day, they passed into history crowned with glory from many battlefields. Among their many accolades, this proclamation from their division commander says it all:

HEADQUARTERS FIRST DIVISION, FOURTH ARMY CORPS

**Camp Harker, Tenn., June 1, 1865. Brevet
Colonel J.C. Smith, commanding Ninety-sixth
Illinois Volunteer Infantry:**

You, with the officers and men of the Ninety-sixth Illinois, after three years' gallant devotion to the cause of our common country in this war against rebellion, are now about to return to your homes, with honor unstained and with reputation bright with glory. Your deeds will live forever. In nearly every battle of the southwest you have been engaged, from Fort Donelson, through Shiloh, Corinth, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Resaca, Rockyface, Dallas, New Hope, Franklin and Nashville—you have borne the flag of the Union and the banner of your noble State to victory over the foe who would have destroyed the Government and Union made by our fathers. God has given you the victory. Remember Him. And now that the war is over, the rebellion at an end, remember those whom you have conquered. Use victory as becomes true men and brave soldiers. Return to your homes with enmity toward none and charity for all.

I know that you will be the best of citizens, because I know you have been the best of soldiers. While we enjoy the honor and privileges which your valor has won and saved, let us ever cherish as idols of our hearts the memory of our comrades who have given up their lives for the salvation of our country—who fell by your sides battling for the right. Remember the widow and orphan of our dead comrades. Be true to them as our comrades were true to us and our country.

My comrades, accept my gratitude for your devotion to me personally; you have been true and noble soldiers, and brave men. May God ever bless you and crown your lives with happiness, and each of you with honor, peace and plenty. Be as you have ever been—true to God, to country, to friends, and to yourselves.

Good bye, comrades: again, God bless you.

Nathan Kimball
Brevet Major General.





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| 7 Worship  | 8 | 9 Knit & Crochet 1:30-3:30pm Board of Trustees 7:00pm | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Worship | 15 | 16 Knit & Crochet 1:30-3:30pm | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 The Crib 6:00am |
| 21 Worship Buck-a-Book Sale Father's Day | 22 Wellness Workshop Advance Care Planning & End of Life Directives 7pm – 8pm | 23 Men's Social Group Luncheon Knit & Crochet 1:30-3:30pm | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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