

# Steeple Notes

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## WORLD RELIGIONS

6/02/19 - Judaism Sunday Mornings @ 10:30AM  
6/09/19 - Buddhism  
6/16/19 - Father Abraham  
And His Children  
6/23/19 - Islam  
6/30/19 - Hinduism



### Don't miss out on Summer Fun and Education!

We have an exciting summer planned at University Congregational Church! The new sermon series, "World Religions" promises to be informative and introspective as we explore other faith cultures and how they compare and contrast to Christianity.

We have two zoo trips planned, June 9th and July 27th, and a summer movie night on August 6th.

Join us this summer! Everyone is Welcome!!

## SUMMER FUN AT UCC

Take a walk on the wild side at the Sedgwick County Zoo .

Sunday, June 9th at 2:00pm or Saturday, July 27th at 10:00am  
Discount tickets, \$10.00 for adults or \$5.00 for children 3-11.

Family Movie Night

Thursday, August 6th Pizza at 6:00pm, Movie at 6:30pm

Save the date for Plymouth Congregational's Vacation Bible  
School--June 10 - 14 from 9:00 a.m. to noon - More info to come



## By-Laws Update

Mark your calendars for June 30<sup>th</sup> for a Congregational Café. At that time the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the ByLaws, will present their reorganization plan to the congregation. The Committee was formed after the workshop led by Michael Chittum from NACCC. He had several benchmarks for church leaders.

The committee has used those benchmarks to propose changes to the bylaws and will present their proposed changes to you in outline form rather than in bylaws language. The Council has approved the changes and now it is time for the congregation to provide comments. After the Café the committee will proceed to prepare bylaws revisions for your consideration in the Fall.

## Deacons

The Deacons are implementing a new plan for the summer months. Robin came up with a great name: THE SHARING TABLE. The Deacons will be preparing coffee, tea, and lemonade only. They will not be providing treats. Now, here is the sharing part. The idea is to involve the congregation in sharing something that will help us learn more about each other: what you enjoy, what you grow, what you read, your crafts—in other words, what brings you pleasure. If you want to bring something to eat, that is great, and sharing the recipe would be even better. We will have a book basket for both adult and children's books. Feel free to take a book home to read and then return it for someone else to enjoy. Be sure to bring a book to share as well. Paul thought he might bring his recumbent bike some Sunday so that you could try that out. If you read a quote or a paragraph that touched you, make several copies and put in on the sharing table. If you enjoy going to movies, bring some popcorn along with a list of movies that you have enjoyed. If you are a golfer, donate a few practice balls to the sharing table. The possibilities are endless, and for this to be successful we hope you will eagerly participate. This will begin **JUNE 9**. This will take a little "getting used to", and more will be mentioned from the pulpit. The main purpose is to encourage us to get better acquainted with each other by sharing what brings us joy. Who knows? You might find an unexpected "new best friend"!

## Gammon School Supplies Campaign

During June, the Outreach Board invites financial donations toward restocking the Gammon School Supply Closet. As in the past two years, this gift will significantly increase availability of high-demand supplies for Gammon classrooms and students. Without UCC's gift, low-income students do without supplies, or teachers tap into personal incomes to purchase them.

We solicit dollars instead of supplies because Gammon can purchase deeply discounted products for less than any bargains we might find. Based on your generosity in 2018 and the size of the need, our goal is to raise \$5,000. So, bring your checkbooks any Sunday in June, and a volunteer will happily accept your gift at our Fellowship Hall table. Or, you may mail a check noted for this purpose to the church office.

## In The Mood

We hope that you are all "in the mood" for our church FUNdraiser, **IN THE MOOD**. Many of you have expressed your willingness to help make this event a huge success. There are many levels of participation available, and we sincerely hope that you will find something that suits you.

A few suggestions:

Purchase a table or a half table so that you can include your friends and neighbors in our event. A table seats 8 and costs \$800 (half seats 4 and costs \$400). Individual tickets will be available at a later time. To purchase a table, contact the church office.

**FOOD:** (Anne McCoy and Karen Combs, chairs) On the day of the event, October 18, pick up food trays from participating restaurants and bring them to the church. We will consolidate into a couple of vehicles and take the food to the venue. This includes returning the trays the following day.

Assist with parking and guide our guests into the venue.

Greeters inside the venue.

Assist with decorations: Sharon Pedroja and Anita Jones (chairs)

Food clean up after the event.

Sponsor a part of the evening's expenses:

Examples: band, venue rental, bartenders, party bus,

Share your talents by donating items for the silent auction.

For example: needlepoint, quilts, flower arrangement, hobby items, prepare a meal for a dinner party-----

The choice is yours.

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**JUNE CALENDAR**

6/02/19 - 11:45am - All Church Picnic

6/09/19 - 02:00pm - Zoo Trip

6/06/19 - 11:00am - Stephen Ministers

6/13/19 - 09:00am - Pantry Work Day

6/15/19 - 09:00am - Pantry Open

6/23/19 - 10:45am - Board Meetings

6/24/19 - 06:30pm - Council

6/26/19 - 10:00am - Larkfield Class

6/30/19 - 11:45am - Congregational Café - Bylaws

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***Among Our Own***

Justus Fugate, Melody Eby, JoAnn Pottorff, Diane Leisy, Phil Beals, Esther Doner, Leon Greene, Bill Sullivan, Jon Romain, Sue Raymond, Ardis Sowards, Mark Campbell, and the family of Kathy Reichenberger for the loss of her sister.