

# Tidings

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*Following Christ, We Connect a Diversity of People with each other and with God!*

## **Heart to Heart**

From the UCC's Daily Devotional by John A. Nelson      August 28, 2018

*"So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus will tell you everything. He is a dear brother and a faithful minister in the Lord. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, to let you know how we are, and to encourage your hearts." - Ephesians 6:21-22, NRSV*

He is mentioned five times in the Bible, once as a companion of Paul and four times as Paul's emissary. He came from the province of Asia, according to Acts. Details of his life and ministry are fragmentary, at best.

But while he lived and committed himself to the movement of Jesus-followers, he was able to share everything about how Paul was faring and what he was doing. Even though Paul had letter-writing at his disposal, and used it with extraordinary effectiveness, Tychicus could do what media could not do: encourage the hearts of the faithful.

"Encourage hearts" is a lovely word-play, in English. Encourage has heart "cor" right in its middle, so the phrase carries the sense "to put heart into your hearts." In the language of the New Testament, the Greek suggests "to call, up close and personal, to your hearts." Any way you read it, the verbs carry intimacy. To convey intimacy, there's no substitute for sending a message through a trusted messenger.

The media are splendid helps — Paul used cutting edge technology to extend his reach, and because he did his words reach all the way to us. But maybe they took root because Tychicus, and women and men like him, carried the Word from Paul's heart to those of the saints.

Technology has become an integral part of our lives due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The focus on how we spread the good news has shifted a little to the side of technology as we had been prevented from hugging and shaking each other's hands. Still during Covid-19, there have been so many shining examples of goodness via technology in our church and beyond our own doors as

well. We learned how to use technology for good things, like teaching, learning, worshiping, and loving. In our own unique way, we have become a Tychicus for someone else, bringing encouragement in a much-needed time.

We can only thank God for the saving message of grace, and we are thankful for all the messengers who keeps on carrying if from heart to heart, even during a Zoom session! The medium may have changed, but the message stays the same!

With Love,

Rev. Co

# Worship Ministry

## June 6

Service of Worship	9:00a – <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
Virtual Coffee Hour	9:50a – 11:00a <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
Lay Reader	Jackie Schmitt
Scripture Reading	Mark 3:20-35

## June 13

Service of Worship	9:00a – <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
Virtual Coffee Hour	9:50a – 11:00a <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
Lay Reader	Michelle Herrera
Scripture Reading	Mark 4:26-34

## June 20

<b>Father's Day</b>	
Service of Worship	9:00a – <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
Virtual Coffee Hour	9:50a – 11:00a <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
Lay Reader	Ruth Reinhold
Scripture Reading	Mark 4:35-41

## June 27

Service of Worship	9:00a - <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
Virtual Coffee Hour	9:50a – 11:00a <a href="http://www.fccdp.org">www.fccdp.org</a>
Lay Reader	Les Stein
Scripture Reading	Mark 5:21-43

## Annual Meeting Set

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ, Des Plaines, Illinois, will be held on Sunday, June 06, 2021, in-person as well as via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting will be to approve the 2021/22 budget, review annual reports, vote for church officers, and to entertain comments from the Congregation.

## Save the Date

An outdoor worship service and picnic is being planned for Sunday, July 11, with the church service to begin at 9:30am followed by a “bring your own” picnic lunch. Watch “Notes from Co” and check your July Tidings for details.

## Children's & Adult Education Ministry

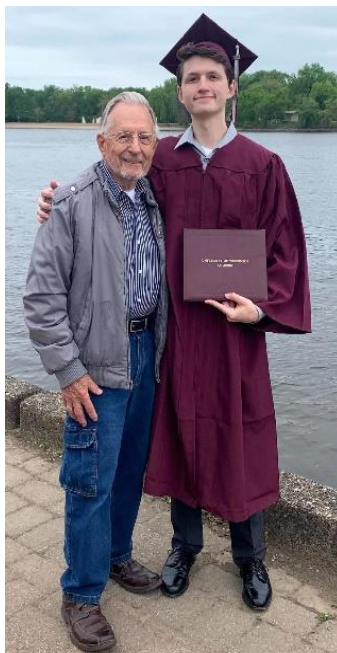


Confirmation 2021: Congratulations to our newest church members, pictured (l to r) with Rev. Co. They are Andy Olsen, Auwren Yost, Luke Engler, Caitlyn Claussen, Mia Thomas and Faith Almerigi.

## Membership & Communications Ministry



**Congratulations, Class of 2021!** Pictured (clockwise from top left) are Katie Grice with her dad, Will; Caitlin Farrell; Catelan Cameron; Connor Tomsic; Kyle Kain with his grandfather, Richard Weihsmantel; and Madeleine Larson.





**Congratulations, Class of 2021!** Pictured (clockwise from top left) are Megan O'Brien; AJ Almerigi; Jenna Cooper; Maureen McCullough; Lisa Thomas; and Jacqueline Toporek.





## **Congratulations, Class of 2021!**

Pictured (left to right) are Emma Bryers, Connor Thomas and Miranda Villanueva.

### **Best Wishes to our FCC Graduates**

Thanks to all those who shared news of their Class of 2021 graduates, including: **Kaitlin Ahbe Grice**, daughter of William Grice IV and granddaughter of Rev. Dr. & Mrs. William Grice III. Katie graduated from Heavener High School in Oklahoma and will attend Carl Albert Community College in Poteau, OK; **Caitlin Farrell**, daughter of Brian & Janet Farrell. Caitlin graduated from Maine West and will attend Oakton Community College; **Catelan Cameron**, daughter of Brian & Julie Cameron and granddaughter of Don & Mary Cameron. Catelan graduated from preschool in Northbrook; **Connor Tomsic**, son of Chris Tomsic, graduated from Maine West. He begins his studies in Business with an internship this summer and then will attend Broward College in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.; **Kyle Kain**, grandson of Richard Weihsmantel. Kyle graduated from the University of Wisconsin with double degrees in Business and Finance; **Madeleine Larson**, daughter of Jim & Heather Larson. Madeleine graduated from Maine West and will attend the University of Illinois, in the Honors Program, studying Sports Management.

**Megan O'Brien**, daughter of Dan & Christine O'Brien, graduated from Maine West and will attend St. Norbert College in WI to study Music Education; **AJ Almerigi**, son of Anthony & Sue Almerigi, graduated from Maine West, studied welding at Harper College and will continue his studies at Oakton Community College. He currently is employed full time as a welder; **Jenna Cooper**, daughter of Chris & Joy Cooper, graduated from Maine West and will attend the University of Wisconsin/Whitewater to pursue Environmental Studies; **Maureen McCullough**, granddaughter of Bob & Barb McCullough, graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Finance and has accepted a position with Vanguard in North Carolina; **Lisa Thomas**, granddaughter of Bob & Barb McCullough, graduated from Buffalo Grove High School; **Jacqueline Toporek**, granddaughter of Deb Alde, graduated from Marlowe Middle School in Huntley and will attend Huntley High School; **Emma Bryers**, daughter of Michael & Amy Bryers, graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in Behavioral Sciences and will pursue a graduate degree, also at WMU, in Behavioral Analysis; **Connor Thomas**, son of Chris & Kirsten Thomas, graduated from Maine West and will attend Grand Valley State University in MI to study engineering; **Miranda Villanueva**, daughter of Edgar and the late Robin Villanueva and granddaughter of Marcia Urban, graduated from Maine West and will attend Michigan State University to study psychology; **Vito Pelletiere, Jr.**, son of Vito & Bobbi Pelletiere, graduated from Forest Elementary School and will attend Algonquin Middle School; **Carson Urry**, grandson of Sharon Urry, graduated from Kenyon Woods Middle School and will attend South Elgin High School; **Marissa M. Mannhardt**, granddaughter of Nancy and Rich Schacht, graduated with honors from North High School in Eau Claire, WI and will attend the University of Wisconsin/Madison to study chemical engineering.





Marcia, Marcia, Marsha! A large group of church members and friends gathered in May to welcome Wendy Wallace home from an extended hospital stay. Among those who greeted Wendy were church members (l to r) Marcia Alban, Marcia Urban and Marsha Jancsovics.

## Mission & Outreach Ministry

### Calling All Gardeners – ‘Got Plants to Spare?’

Our church mission team is headed back to Tower Hill Camp in June. One of their jobs is to make a pollinator garden for bees and butterflies. We are asking church members for perennial (that come back every year) plants to send with the team. Some examples are daisies, bee balm, lilies, sunflower, cone flowers, butterfly bushes, milkweed, yarrow, asters and more. Please email Sue Almerigi at [sewnspark@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sewnspark@sbcglobal.net) or text at 847/894-1135 if you have donations to offer or want to learn more.

### Relay for Life Coming in June – please join us!

This year’s Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held from **3:00pm to 5:00pm pm on June 19**, in the parking lot at Walter R. Sundling Jr. High School, 1100 N Smith St., Palatine. The theme is “Driving Out Cancer,” and all participants will remain in their cars for this drive-through event. A virtual luminaria ceremony will be held that evening. **Thanks** to all those who have donated to our church team to date, for a total of approximately \$1,300. You can join our church team and make donations by clicking on this link: [Relay-for-Life](#). Watch for updates in Notes from Co. For details contact our FCC team captain, Paul Schmitt.

### FCC Helping Kiwanis Club, Salvation Army “Baby Shower” Efforts

The Des Plaines Kiwanis Club is hosting a ‘baby shower’ from June 14 to June 18, to help fill the Breakfast with Baby shelves at the Salvation Army in Des Plaines. During that week, our church will assist by being a drop-off site during the hours of 9:00am to 1:00pm, Monday through Friday. For a complete list of items, please click on this link: [Baby Shower](#). You also can visit their website: [www.ekiwanis.org/baby-shower-drive/](http://www.ekiwanis.org/baby-shower-drive/) to learn more. For further information, speak with Jana Haas.

### Coordinator Sought for Meals on Wheels

Our church is seeking a new coordinator for our role in the community Meals on Wheels program, to deliver meals to local shut-ins. Please contact Michelle Herrera at 847/338-5718 or Nancy Schacht at [nls.900@hotmail.com](mailto:nls.900@hotmail.com) if this is something that you would like to do or have questions about the position of coordinator.

## Why Tower Hill?

*(Submitted by Bob McCullough)*

Every year for the past five years the Adult Mission Trip has been to Tower Hill, the UCC Conference Camp in Michigan.

We were tired of traveling a long distance to a disaster area only to find that,

1. They didn't need us or,
2. They were overstaffed or,
3. They didn't have materials for us to use.

**This became a waste of our time, equipment, and money.** Our team of 12 to 15 people were standing around or picking up shards of glass on a parkway that was going to be sodded shortly.

After 11 years we reevaluated our mission and discovered that there was a desperate need right here at our own UCC Conference Camp, Tower Hill. And, we were well-equipped and able to employ our talents in a meaningful manner.

The first year we built a handicapped ramp to the Dining Hall, a wooden deck for outdoor dining (overflow), constructed and stained a deck, and planted flowers. We also built a wood shelter 10' X 24' X16' high and split enough wood to fill it. In exchange they provided meals and we paid for room and board.

The following year we built more decks, recalibrated the forest paths and painted guide posts, painted a cottage building and trimmed other cottages. Built firewood boxes, and kept splitting wood and hauling it to the wood boxes we built.

In year three we stained and moved over 50 picnic tables, and built several brick fire pits. However, because of Covid-19 the Dining Hall was shut down. So we had to provide our own meals. And, we still split wood and hauled it to the fire boxes and shelter.

By year four things became more desperate because of the fear of the disease. Tower Hill did not have any income from programs and could not retain staff. We, and other outside volunteers basically maintained the camp from this period on. We have also gone to Tower Hill four times in the last 15 months for three-day "workends" for special projects.

Members of First Congregational UCC and our metal collecting gig have supported these endeavors. And the loyal 10 to 15 volunteers have sacrificed family time and vacations to do this.

This year we have 13 volunteers to do what is needed to keep this resource viable for future generations as well as for adults using the cottages and other camp facilities.

These volunteers, led by Jim Foster, are Sue and Anthony Almerigi, Mary Bucholz (Stiletto), Don Cameron, Dave DeHart, Kevin Donoghue, Rev. Co DuToit, Bob McCullough, Ralph Murdy, Jim Ruedisueli, Rick Warren and Richard Weihsmantel.

*Check your July Tidings for photos from this group's June trip to Tower Hill.*

## Music Ministry

### **Get Ready for Summer Music Opportunity**

Ellen Alde, director of our church's Wholly Ringers Handbell Choir, will offer summer workshops at church on various ringing techniques. The workshops will be held from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on Mondays, from June 14 through August 9. All are welcome. (Ages 10 and up) Experience not necessary but masks required. For further information, contact Ellen at 847/297-3231 or [ealdefccd@gmail.com](mailto:ealdefccd@gmail.com).

### **...and, Start Thinking About September**

Scott Emerick, Music Ministries Director, has started to plan for our church's annual Favorite Hymn Sunday in September, and he wants your input! Do you have a favorite hymn to share, as well as perhaps a favorite story to go with the hymn? Please send your suggestions to Scott at [salemropa@gmail.com](mailto:salemropa@gmail.com). And, if you don't want to share your name, just let Scott know and he will use your information anonymously.

# Property Ministry

## Memorial Garden Brick Order Form

*This is an order form to purchase engraved bricks for our Memorial Garden. Orders must be received by **June 30, 2022**. Bricks can be in memory of loved ones, or to commemorate special occasions such as weddings, birthdates, anniversaries, confirmations or graduations.*



### ***This order is for:***

\_\_\_ 4" x 8" Bricks, 3 lines – 13 characters per line (incl. spaces) @ \$80.00 per brick.

\_\_\_ 8" x 8" Bricks, 6 lines – 13 characters per line (incl. spaces) @ \$175.00 per brick.

*(You do not need to use all lines on your brick. The engraving company reserves the right to edit text.)*

### ***4" x 8" Brick:***

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

### ***8" x 8" Brick:***

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Line 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Line 6 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to First Congregational Church, Memorial Garden.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

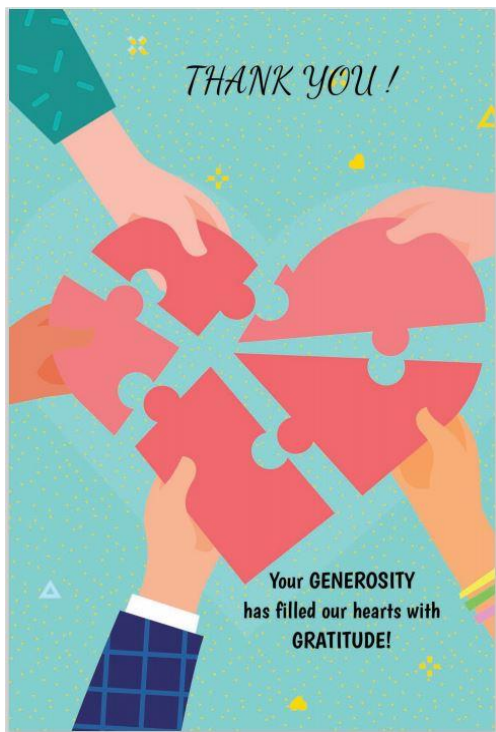
**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

# Finance Committee

## Financial Report

For the month of April, we had income of \$17,149 and expenses of \$30,777, resulting in a shortfall for the month of \$13,628. Year-to-date, we are running in a negative position of \$3,392. Although we never like to run in the negative, we received some good news recently that will help us erase that shortfall. Even though Oakton Community College has not been using our building for ESL classes over the past year, they want to make sure that the space in our church will be available to them when they are able to once again conduct in-person ESL classes. Therefore, they have agreed to pay us for the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters, at a rate of \$3,475 each. And they will continue to pay us going forward, even if they are not yet ready to return with classes.

## Your Generosity Has Filled Our Hearts with Gratitude



The Finance Committee would like to thank every one of our church members and friends for your continued, faithful, and generous support of First Congregational Church of Des Plaines. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

## Offering Envelopes

If you have not yet ordered Offering Envelopes for the upcoming fiscal year, we still have a small supply available.

Contact Jana Haas at [fccfinance@gmail.com](mailto:fccfinance@gmail.com) to get yours.

## Church Budget for Fiscal 2022

At the Church's Annual Meeting on June 6, you will be asked to approve the proposed Church Budget for the Fiscal year that begins July 1, 2021 and continues through June 30, 2022. The budget for the coming year totals \$352,278 and is allocated by Ministry as follows. For a breakdown of the budget categories, see Co's Notes.

\$122,897	Worship Ministry
99,200	Property Ministry
58,098	Administrative Expenses
12,700	Children & Adult Education Ministry
31,800	Music & Drama Ministry
13,690	Youth Ministry
6,500	Mission & Outreach Ministry
7,293	Membership & Communications Ministry
0	Diaconate Ministry
<u>100</u>	Heart of the Church/Stewardship Expenses
<b>\$352,278</b>	

## **LIVE STREAMING**

Congregants and visitors love the streaming option.

- Homebound? You can still attend.
- Extra cautious about COVID-19? You can still attend.
- Traveling or moving? You can still attend.

We have even attracted new attendees, many of whom we have not met yet, but they like our services so much they have become regular viewers and have supported us with offerings and donations. It has become clear: our future includes streaming.

Striking a good balance between cost and quality, Live Streaming will provide:

- Higher quality video and audio for remote viewing
- Video in the sanctuary (adding benefits while also reducing the need for paper bulletins and wear & tear on hymnals)
- Easier operating for amateur volunteers behind the computers and cameras
- A way to keep those who sometimes prefer Sunday morning sleep to stay engaged, and
- An ongoing way to extend our reach in the community and further.

## **LIVE STREAM COMMITTEE**

In April, the council approved a committee to be put together to review and suggest solutions for incorporating streaming into our services permanently.

The committee is made up of the following people: Paul Meincke, Wendy Ellis, Cody Meincke, Andre Deadwyler, Co DuToit, Marcia Urban, Nancy Schacht, Scott Emerick, Larry Schimka, Lowell Handy, Chris Tomsic, Jim Ruedisueli and Michelle Herrera.

Before our first meeting, several of the members did a walk through in the sanctuary. Cody Meincke, who does this for a living, came prepared with a lot of ideas. We had a lot of questions. We voted for equipment that would last longer than two years. We also decided that the internet connection to the cameras should be wired and not wireless.

In May, the council approved \$15k budget for our committee. Live Stream committee met again and approved the quote from Stream Dudes, a local company in Des Plaines. The quote was for 3 cameras, computer, warranties, virtual training, set-up and everything else needed to do a video set-up.

We also decided to do this in two phases. The first phase is getting the Cameras up and working. The second phase is putting up the screens.

## **LIVE STREAM FUNDING**

As mentioned, we have a budget of \$15K.

We can request some money from foundation.

Larry Schimka has already donated \$10k, so the camera equipment can be purchased now. Larry has one request, that we give the congregation an opportunity to support this initiative to bolster the future success of our church and that the balance of his donation go to the general Fund.

If you're interested in supporting this exciting new chapter, please call the office, send a check, or use our [online giving option](#) and note that your donation is for "Streaming."

## **LIVE STREAM TEAM**

We are looking for volunteers who would like to serve on the live stream team. Every Sunday, we would need 2 to 3 people to run the equipment from a room upstairs, off the sanctuary. We are looking for enough volunteers, so that each volunteer would only have to cover 1 or 2 Sundays a month. There will be virtual training involved. Please reach out to Michelle Herrera at [michelleherrera48@gmail.com](mailto:michelleherrera48@gmail.com) or 847-338-5718.



## Happy Birthday to You!!

Congratulations to the following church members/friends on their birthdays!!  
*If you would like to add a birthday, please contact the church secretary Paul Whittenhall at 847/299-5561.*

Jim Ruedisueli	01 -June	Kathy Ruedisueli	13-June
Katy Berman	02-June	Zach Masciopinto	16-June
Christy Santos	03-June	Heather Doyle	19-June
Bobbi Pelletiere	06-June	Chris Cooper	24-June
Hans Eschenbach	06-June	Zack Meincke	26-June
Mark Muhr	10-June	Rob Urry	29-June
Rob Fink	10-June		

## Gifts & Memorials

In Loving memory of Dick Wilson from Joanne Kimball

## From the Congregation

*From Jerry & Joyce Petersen:* Thanks to everybody for all you do!

*From Laura Dahl:* We miss seeing the congregation. I'd like to thank the Sunday School teachers for doing a fantastic job over zoom. Andrew enjoys attending. Thanks for all you do for the children!

## **From our Historian, Nancy Meyer**

*As you will read, Meth Norris is the daughter of our longtime minister, Dr. Brehm. She submitted these memories to her Maine HS Class of 1949's newsletter and gave me permission to republish them here! Enjoy!!*

### MY FATHER, THE MINISTER

By Meth Brehm Norris

“Your father has such an easy job! All he has to do is preach a sermon every week!” Whoa? Really? Here’s the behind the scenes story.

A stellar academic record beginning with Topeka High School as indicated in a note from his teacher, Miss Ruth Hunt: “Dear Earl, Just a word of congratulations on the record you have left at T.H.S.---a record of fine, sincere work and good fellowship that makes you most truly an honor student.”

Next came, Graduation with Honors from Washburn College, Class of 1925, with majors in Economics and English, followed by a full scholarship to the Chicago Theological Seminary with graduation in 1928. Later he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity in 1951 with the following citation: “William Earl Brehm; Trusted and sagacious minister of a local church where green grow the suburbs O: your tact, good judgment and devoted application have also resolved many complex situations in the wider life of our churches: admired and beloved alumnus of the Seminary.”

First was the pastorate in LaGrange, IL as student pastorate, followed by pastorates in Hancock, MI, Dubuque, IA and finally Des Plaines, IL.

Hancock, MI located in the Copper Country of Northern Michigan was my parents’ home for six years, and during this time my sister and I were born. This was a congregation of older people and readily they adopted their young pastor and his wife. During the depression while the church continued to pay his salary, they also brought blue berries and chickens and all kinds of food to the door! One sweet story from these years is that when I was born early in the morning of March 13<sup>th</sup>, the announcement appeared in the morning paper, *The Daily Mining Gazette*, tucked in on the Sport’s page. My parents felt that this foretold my years as a rabid Chicago Cubs fan!

During those depression years, my father challenged his congregation to return to their pattern of generous benevolences by increasing their giving! Not easy for the members during a depression. My father’s conviction was that “the church which does not seek to reach out and serve others is doomed to die.” One member complained, “We need the money at home, but admitted to his pastor, “I know you’re right.” A woman remarked to him, “I like the fashion in which you administer missionary propaganda in painless doses.”

After the beauty of Copper Country and endless winters, it was off to Dubuque, IA and the First Congregational Church. There my life as a “preacher’s kid” really took form!. There was some notoriety involved. Everyone knew me. With that came expectations for “good behavior.” But I was just a kid.

A friend and I were fascinated by the Catholic churches in this predominantly Catholic town. One day as we walked home from school, we spied an open door at the side of a cathedral, probably open just to cool the inside. We peeked in, blew out a few candles near the altar and RAN. Really Ran!

That was fun compared to another event that I recall. Our church was celebrating its Centennial Anniversary and many photographers were there to film the festivities. All who were in attendance marched out of the church and onto the sidewalk to be filmed. We were in couples and I wanted to be on the side of the camera and so I was. My partner was a little girl, who was later murdered by her

father. And to this day I am eternally saddened by the fact that she did not show in the film because she was blocked by me.

In January 1941, our family moved to Des Plaines and the First Congregational Church amid great protestations by me. You have read of this transfer in an earlier class newsletter. We arrived on a cold January night and were the guests of A.L. Webster and wife until we could move into the ugly, brown parsonage.

Now the fame that goes with being the minister's daughter really kicked in. Most of the children in my new fourth grade class were members of my father's new church. From then on, I managed to get in trouble. I was living up to the reputation that PK's are just like other kids, if not worse.

All my friends and I were in the Junior Choir led by a lovely young woman named Jessie Mae Slusser. There must have been 35 of us wigglers and gigglers and giggle we did! After many kind warnings, I was kicked out of the Junior Choir! What kick out the minister's daughter? She did. Probably both she and I had to face my father. I eventually returned. Better, I am not sure? Phyllis Eckdahl wrote in my Maine Yearbook, "Loads of luck to a fellow choir goer. Do you think it will survive without us?" It did. On Sunday mornings as my father prepared the congregation for the Pastoral Prayer, he looked to his right at those Junior Choir wigglers and gigglers, folded his hands and sternly said, "Let us pray." I've never forgotten the expression on his face. He was not joking!

Probably the "naughtiest" thing my sister, Margie and I ever did was to place a raw egg under that lovely plush cushion on the seat adjacent to the lectern. I have no idea how many years passed before those cushions were cleaned and our misbehavior was discovered. In 1949 Dick Irving wrote in my yearbook, "Now when you break loose, 'Ethel' be good!" He didn't know I had broken loose many years prior!

While his daughters misbehaved with regularity, my father went on to accomplish great things at Des Plaines First Congregational Church. There was the Sunday morning he accepted into membership 105 new members. That is a lot of work. It took many evening of visitations. And on October 27, 1949 he welcomed his 1,000th new member.

Undoubtedly, my father's proudest moment came in 1964 when the City of Des Plaines formed a Human Rights Commission. *The Des Plaines Suburban Times* reads: "The City Council last Monday night agreed, with one dissenting vote, to form a Human Relations Commission after hearing an impassioned plea from William Earl Brehm, pastor of the First Congregational Church." The commission was formed "to encourage understanding and respect between residents of Des Plaines of various religious, racial and nationality backgrounds, and to safe guard the rights of all citizens as defined by our ordinances, statutes and constitution."

Other accomplishments included paying off the mortgages in Hancock and Des Plaines, remember that economics major? Some of you may also remember that my father spoke at our Baccalaureate service.

My father retired in 1967 and came to live in Albuquerque, NM where he enjoyed helping to raise his grandchildren and to enjoy and support his eldest daughter. He died in 1983, A life well lived!

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# June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Noon – Lunch Bunch	<b>2</b> 9:00a WWC	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00am Worship Annual Meeting 10:00am Fellowship Tower Hill	<b>7</b> Tower Hill 10:00a Drop-Offs	<b>8</b> Tower Hill	<b>9</b> Tower Hill	<b>10</b> Tower Hill 7:00p Membership & Communications	<b>11</b> Tower Hill	<b>12</b> Tower Hill
<b>13</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship	<b>14</b> 11:00a Creative Conversation Brunch at Elly's Pancake House 7:00p Finance	<b>15</b> 12:00p Administrative Staff Lunch	<b>16</b> 6:30p PRC 9:00a WWC	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship Tidings Deadline	<b>21</b> 10:00a Drop-Offs	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00a WWC	<b>24</b> 7:00p Worship Ministry	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 11:00a Ministry Staff Brunch	<b>28</b> 6:30p Property	<b>29</b> 7:00p Council	<b>30</b> 9:00a WWC	<b>7:00p Chair Meeting</b>		