Cable UCC NEWSLETTER

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The 2nd Chapter Garage Sale sprouted and grew with the help of these two lovely ladies.

Shirley Byrd, pictured on the left, was one of the main forces behind the evolution of what is now known as the 2nd Chapter Garage Sale. The 'original' garage sale was part of the annual Country Store and Salad Luncheon. It was held in the basement of the church. Used clothing was even sold! It was called a 'yard sale' back then. Lois Jenkins, Charlotte Reynolds, Pauline Ludwig and Katie Flowers were some of the women who set up the sales inside and outside during the luncheon. Shirley had accumulated a lot of 'stuff' in her garage and that's what was used in the beginning. As it grew in popularity, Shirley opened up more often, using the old garage pictured on the right, with Kathy Uffenbeck as her assistant. John Uffenbeck added some lights and hauled away unsold items at the end of the year. He remembers "working in the dark with car headlights one year as we

closed up for the season after Fall Fest"! It was at this point that Shirley teased that we ought to build a new garage for the yard sale...little did she know that the seed was planted! "Even after the current garage was built, it was common to head over to Shirley's for more 'stuff' that she had collected for the sale. Another popular storage area was Pat Aldrich's garage."

Ellen Nelsen, pictured on the right, also helped to make this community outreach opportunity happen. We continue to be blessed with having good leaders in Mike Most and Shelly Wilson and others on the Garage Sale Committee: Patty Anderson, Carol Elliker, Beda McKinney, and Cathy Rosebush. But none of this would happen without the many helping hands all of the amazing volunteers. Thank you one and all!!

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The 2nd Chapter Garage Sale is still going strong, with \$11,655 in sales so far.

This is a church wide endeavor that runs from June through September.

Please consider volunteering in some way.







Annual Country Store Fun

Good food. Wonderful fellowship.
Thanks to the many
who helped make this happen,
especially chairperson Kris Cooper.

On the day of the luncheon, the bakers of UCC did us proud with the delicious baked goods

sales of \$422. Carol and Judith sold \$227 in their yummy jams of all varieties. The luncheon itself brought in \$828, after expenses, with 70 guests enjoying the meal. These monies will go to the UCC Giving Committee for dispersing to various 501c3 entities per the established donation request process.





Protest, Pain, and Joy

Reflecting on the protests in the United States after the murder of George Floyd, writer Danté Stewart shares how, when watching video footage of protest marchers, he witnessed joy and hope amid suffering. And I would add that these same beautiful and hopeful words still apply to the "No Kings" protest marches on June 14, 2025.

I saw scores of young folk, fists held high in the sky, their lungs exhausted from all the screaming they did. I saw scores of old folk, some with canes, some in wheelchairs pushed by another, their lungs exhausted from all the screaming they did. I saw scores of gay folk and straight folk, Muslim folk and Christian folk, American folk and global folk, rich folk and poor folk, all lungs exhausted from all the screaming they did....

I looked again at ... the videos of millions marching in solidarity, and I saw so much more. I saw joy. I saw intimacy. I saw bodies let loose. I saw tears of strength in the face of danger. I saw heaven smiling as love was cast on Earth's threshing floor. I saw so much joy. It was not simply resistance; it was power. I saw the good news. I saw a better story than the story we were offered. The beauty of this moment showed that suffering is not the total image. This is a moment of faith, flying one would say. I see an unexpected glimpse into public bravery, the willingness to rise again. There is something about these images that calls out to me to sit still; to ponder, to anticipate life beyond brutality.

This joy is love dancing with reality, humanity. I saw the complex and complicated relationship with hope, a tragic but necessary one if it is to become what it can become—beautiful.

Gardeners, please consider sharing your fresh produce with The Little Free Food Pantry or the Cable Area Food Shelf... or both!

The Cable Area Food Shelf is open on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

The Little Free Food Pantry is always open.

Donations of food and money to these worthy causes are always welcomed.

Thank you!





The Wesley Bell Ringers, with 19 teenage ringers playing more than 150 handbells and handchimes, gave an outstanding concert at UCC on June 16th.

Take Note

Our own UCC Singers will sing during worship on Sunday, July 13th.

On Sunday, July 20th, for Special Music during the worship service, members of The Garland City Chamber Players will play. They will also give a concert at UCC at 3 PM that afternoon.



"If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table, not a taller fence."





July Birthdays

Lily Pergolski, 7/1 **Henry Kingdon 7/2** Jesse Freericks, 7/4 Abett Icks, 7/9 Kathy Uffenbeck, 7/9 Sara Balbin, 7/13

Glenn Grage, 7/21 Deb Bartolini, 7/22 Phyliss Karr-Hoyt, 7/25 Linda Parker, 7/26 Mike Ulrich, 7/28 Kathi Jensen, 7/29

Corinne Rasmussen, 7/14 Bobby Rasmussen, 7/19

> If your birthday isn't/hasn't been listed and you'd like it to be, please let us know by emailing marilynhemsey@gmail.com

Cable Senior Dining

Come and join us! Site opens at 11:30 am Lunch at 12:00 pm

Menu for Monday, 7/7

Chef's Salad Ham /Turkey, Cheese, Carrots, Tomato Wedges **Assorted Salad Dressings Dinner Roll** Dessert

Menu for Monday, 7/21

Inside Picnic! Baked Ham Baked Beans, Potato Salad Fresh Mixed Fruit Dinner Roll

Thoughts from Pastor Phil

Shifting Sands

by Rev. Phil Milam

"Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It didn't fall because it was firmly set on bedrock. But everybody who hears these words of mine and doesn't put them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It fell and was completely destroyed." - Matthew 7:24-27 CEB

If there's one thing I think everyone can agree on it's that the times they are a-changin'. We're in the middle of a seismic cultural shift all across this nation, indeed, the whole of Western society. And I know change can be intimidating. Sometimes we long for the comfort of what we once knew, for institutions that functioned in a way we could understand; we sometimes long for the good-ole-days.

But, whether we like it or not, the shift is on. So, the question becomes... How do we respond to these changes? As individuals? As a society? As a church?

Well, I read a devotion from Cameron Tremble recently that may offer us a place to begin. She said, "If we allow ourselves to shift from thinking primarily in terms of strategy to thinking in terms of story, of relationality, a new kind of clarity emerges."

It's the shift from:

- Strategy → Story
- Systems thinking → Relational sensing
- Scalability → Soilability (What can grow here, now?)
- Problem-solving → Pattern-seeing
- Deliverables → Devotion

"That doesn't mean we stop planning. But it does mean we hold our plans more lightly. It means we allow relationships, trust, and attentiveness to guide us more than deadlines, leverage points, or key performance indicators. In this way, we are not building institutions. We are cultivating a field—alive with prayer, presence, and mutual remembering." And in that field:

- Actions emerge from attunement, not agenda.
- Relationships self-organize around resonance, not roles.
- The story you carry guides the rhythm, not the roadmap.

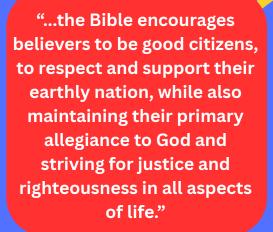
"When we do that, we shift the field. We stop trying to hold things together with pressure and start tending a space where Presence can emerge. We become people who listen more than fix, who discern more than direct, who nourish more than control. That may not look 'effective' in the eyes of old systems. But it is deeply faithful."

As our shared journey of life and faith continues, may we, each of us and as a community, find those solid places where we can begin to rebuild toward a more hopeful and joyous future.

Many Blessings

"It is cheerful to God when you rejoice or laugh from the bottom of your heart."

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

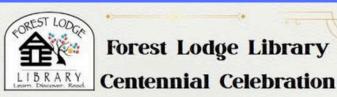




- Your vet won't tell you this, but if your dog is running a fever, get some mustard. It's the best thing for a hot dog!
- I met a girl who runs a battery kiosk at the park. So basically, she sells C cells by the seesaw!
- I've been telling people about the benefits of eating dried grapes. You know, Raisin Awareness!

Thank you Larry Hanson for these great puns!





Sunday, July 20th ~ Noon to 4 PM at the Forest Lodge Library

Events of the day will include:

- · local and library trivia and pop-up trivia
 - prizes will be awarded at 3:30 need not be present to win
- Music by Ron Gran
- Christmas in July corner stockings filled with goodies given, while supplies last - a nod to Mrs. Griggs' tradition
- · Reading with therapy dog Rowan
- · Color Our World crafts
- · Variety of outside games
- · Food available for purchase
- · 1:30 Cake and Ice Cream
- · 2:00 Message from our Towns
- 2:15 Bill Jamerson 'Songs and Stories From the Northwoods'

"Where the future resides with the past."

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OUR COMMUNITY!



A BLAST FROM THE PAST...

Turns out UCC has a long history of participating in the 4th of July parade!



UCC Financial Status, submitted by Church Treasurer Barbara Mika

		2025
P&L	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income	\$91,816.78	\$83,771.52
Expenses	\$ 96,108.19	\$83,771.52
Net	\$ (4,291.41)	\$ -
	Jun-25	Y-T-D
Incoming Cash		
Collections	\$ 4,112.00	\$ 45,587.76
Delta UCC	\$ 2,280.00	\$ 13,680.00
Online Giving	\$ 3,174.02	\$ 16,349.02
Women's Fellowship	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 9,700.00
Endowment		\$ 6,500.00
	\$ 10,566.02	\$91,816.78
Expenses	\$ 10,936.09	\$ 96,108.19
Actual	\$ (370.07)	\$ (4,291.41)