



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Rivers swell and wain depending upon the occurrences of tributaries upstream. Some years there are great amounts of water that run off of fields and through the vital filters of swampland which eventually end up flowing to the rivers. Rivers are a vital part of an ecosystem, flowing living water to all parts of the earth. The water is always moving, Heraclitus says, "No person ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and they are not the same person."

Rivers are referenced throughout the scriptures as a symbol of peace, life, and vitality. In the River Jesus was baptized, beginning his earthy ministry. Refreshed with clarity, Jesus was seen and could see the field of vision and his purpose before him.

John 7:38- and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'

Psalm 1:3- They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

Isaiah 43: 2- When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

Joshua 3:15-17- Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Ezekiel 47: 12- On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves



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for healing.”

Amos 5:24- But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Sitting on the banks of a river envision all your concerns, worries, being carried away, into the current. Off they go, never to be known again. Then open your heart to feel the cool refreshment filling your soul with goodness and mercy. This is the life being renewed within you.

Blessings as you navigate the currents.

Pastor Sara

PEANUT NEWS

The Peanut Season is about to start again!!! Our order of Super Extra Large peanuts will arrive soon from Wakefield Peanuts in Wakefield, VA. They will be safely stored away, and we will then be ready to start the 2024 season!

The first processing session will be held on **August 26**, followed by the next session on September 9 (making room for celebrating Labor Day). Peeling peanuts begins at 8:00am; usually the crew is finished peeling by 11:00am.

Like last year, the price for a 12oz bag of Congregational Peanuts is **\$8.00**. The **maximum** size of an individual order remains **10 bags**. Orders can be picked up on Mondays between 11:00am and 1:00pm (or by arrangement by calling the church office). Orders can also be picked up before and after Worship on Sundays throughout the fall. **Judy Knapp** will begin taking **advanced orders** before worship on Sundays in August, beginning August 4th . We anticipate ending peanuts processing just before Thanksgiving, so be sure to get your orders recorded soon.

There are so many folks involved in making our famous Congregational peanuts: the peelers, of course, who remove the redskins, but also the kitchen crew that inspects the peanuts, dries them, fries them in **100% peanut oil**, garnishes them with salt and lays them out on Kraft paper to cool before heading to the bagging line!

It is a satisfying experience spending Monday mornings not only with folks from our church but also with others from the community who come to help and trade stories (OK, gossip) about what's been going on in town and the local area. Come join us and experience the fun!

As always, “Come when you can, leave when you must.”



Helper Schedule for August

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Lay Reader	Tech Support
Aug. 4	Jeff & Linda Glendon	Roger & Marsha Anderon	Eunice Ann Slaney	Kevin Becker
Aug. 11	Roy & Karen Hetts	Ruth Hammiller and Nancy Onufer	Donna Abel	Bob Buell
Aug. 18	Donald & Nancy Hoepfner	John John & Jane Wilmet	Zach Finch	Kurt Wesemann
Aug. 25	Carol Maasz & Nancy Onufer	Lynn Klug & David Stedman	Jo Ann Rose	Kevin Becker

Put the Coffee on and Pull up a Chair

Coffee Chat with Pastor Sara Wednesday mornings in August 9am- 11am at the Langhoff Café- 225 S Main St, Fort Atkinson
August 7, 14, 21, 28

All are welcome to share in the casual conversation about life, gratitude's, challenges, and interesting facts about Spam. Pull up a chair and check it out.



August 4th Communion Team

Joe & Eunice Ann Slaney,
Bob & Sue Buell

Thank you all for the lovely prayer quilt presented to me a few weeks ago. The prayers and good wishes that go with it have helped me as I go through my weekly treatments.



Blessings and love —**Mary Narkis**



Nowotny Adventure!

Nowotny's completed the Green Lake Triathlon located around Green Lake and Daycholah Center. Dave and Laura did the Olympic Triathlon. Adam and Jennifer completed the Sprint. They all had a great time and all finished!

SEPTEMBER 8th

10 AM Worship Returns!

The Food Pantry items needed:

Canned Pineapple
Oats and Honey Cereal
Fresh Potatoes
Vegetable Beef Soup
Hamburger Helper
Peanut Butter

SAVE THE DATES

- **August 1**— Facilities Meeting 6 PM
- **August 6**— Safety Committee Meeting 1 PM
- **August 8** — Safe Sanctuary Meeting 9 AM
- **August 13**—Council Meeting 6 PM
- **August 7, 14, 21, 28**
9 AM—11 AM Coffee with Pastor Sara at Langhoff
- **August 22** — Creation Care Team 1 PM
- **August 26th**
Peanut season begins!!

Hygiene Drive for Students

During the month of August, Outreach is collecting deodorant for the Fort Atkinson school district. Deodorants are given to fifth-grade students when body growth is discussed, and deodorants are kept at all six school buildings for students in need. The school district is asking for 275 deodorants from the community, either regular or mini-sized.

There is also a need for feminine hygiene items in the schools. Tampons (regular or super) and Maxi pads are requested.

As you are shopping, please consider buying and donating one or more of these items. All items donated need to be in their original sealed packaging. Starting August 4, baskets will be in the narthex at church for donations.

Thank you for your donations that help support our youth in the Fort Atkinson School District. Donations are truly appreciated by all!

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