

UCC NEWS

November 2016

An Open and Affirming Church
"A fellowship in Jesus, the Christ showing God's love to all people."

A monthly publication of

United Church of Christ, First Congregational

11 West Main Street, Norwich, NY 13815

The Rev. Mr. Joseph Connolly, Pastor and Teacher

The Norwich Interfaith Council Invites You to a

Community

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Norwich

Lynn Walton, Emmanuel Episcopal Church will share the Word.

All Are Welcome

**Canned food items and a free-will offering will be collected
for donation to area food pantries.**

Worship Service: Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Childcare Provided

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Facebook has many positive and negative aspects. Yes, those of us who frequent this app often say negative things about it and draw negative conclusions about it.

On the other hand, it also helps us reach out to old friends, stay in touch with relatives and make new friends. Sometimes these “friends” are people who we have never met face to face.

I have never met the poet and United Church of Christ pastor Maren C. Tirabassi but am both her Facebook friend and, because of that, I read her blog. Being a poet she appreciates other poets. She recently posted this poem of the Argentinian Gerardo Oberman based on Luke 18:8b— “Would there still be faith found on earth?”

A faith capable of resisting that which is unjust,
 a faith that knows how to insist, on time,
 at the right and the wrong time,
 a faith that does not give up,
 a faith that does not yield,
 a faith that does not kneel before the powerful,
 a faith that knows how to defend human rights,
 a faith that gets involved, an active faith,
 a political faith, a social faith, an economic faith,
 a deeply sensitive faith when faced with a friend’s pain,
 a fighting faith, present at marches and protests,
 a faith that knows its history, that has memory,
 a faith that becomes flesh in the present,
 a faith that looks at the horizon with hope:

We are so badly taught about faith,
 that we believe it to be just a “feeling”
 or the capacity to “know” true things
 or the custom to repeat some phrases from memory
 or the tradition to go to some religious place ever so often.
 But faith is much more than feeling, knowing, repeating...

Faith is trusting in God, confiding in God;
 and, in the meantime, on the path, in everyday life,
 faith is resistance to all who opposes the love of God,

the fullness of life and the justice of God's realm.

Faith is being like that widow
 who found out how to overcome the indifference of a judge.
 Will God still find it?

November is our "Stewardship," or as it is sometimes called our "Enlistment" month. You will be getting information about and/or hearing about the finances of the church in the course of this month. You already saw a wonderful article from our "Enlistment Chair" Jack Brereton in the Newsletter last month.

Now, you might ask how and why am I making a transition from a poem about faith— a poem which says faith is an action— to addressing stewardship. But the connection is obvious to me.

As this poem indicates, Christian faith is *not* about specific beliefs. Christian faith *is* about action. And it's not about just any action. It's about positive action.

Hence, Christian faith is about freedom. Christian faith is about peace. Christian faith is about joy. Christian faith is about liberty. Christian faith is about equity. Christian faith is about love. Christian faith is about hope.

All these are not feelings. These are all actions. These are actions because unless we act out of our understanding about freedom, peace, joy, liberty, equity, love and hope all these are merely nice words with little meaning.

And that's why faith and stewardship connect. Stewardship— actively doing our part to support the work of the church is action. And let me be clear about what the work of this church is.

As you have heard me say many times every dollar someone pledges and gives or simply puts in the plate in our church we give away. And that action— the action of helping others through our giving— takes these words— freedom, peace, joy, liberty, equity, love, hope— and makes the actions they signify a reality.

When you do receive the letter outlining our Stewardship you will see we are taking a somewhat different approach to Stewardship this year. (No, I am not going to let the cat out of the bag and tell you what's in the letter just yet.)

But I will say our Stewardship approach this year encompasses real and tangible action and will invite you to take real and tangible action. And I believe church is a place *of* action and a place *for* action.

So, let me end in the same way I often do. See you in church— church a place where action happens.

In Faith,



Joe Connolly

Singers Invited



Ceremony of Candles

An Ecumenical Event for Advent
December 18, 2016

Members of church choirs, school choirs and the community are invited to join together to perform

Ceremony of Candles:
A Cantata for Advent and Christmas
By Joseph Martin
Under the direction of Mary Williams.

Rehearsals
Sundays, November 6, 13, 20, 27 and December 4, 11
Dress Rehearsal: Friday, December 16
Performance: Sunday, December 18

Singers must register through the UCC church office at 334-3434 or at <www.uccnorwichny.org>.

There is no registration fee, although singers will need to purchase their music (Item # 10009481 SATB Singer's Edition \$7.95 at www.JWPepper.com)



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Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Linda L. Oehme

We kicked off the new Church School year on September 18th with the *Whole People of God* curriculum for children from 3-12+. We meet most Sundays at 8:30 a.m. Come and see what it is all about. Our second unit is entitled "Telling Stories." Some of the stories we have heard or will hear are *The Persistent Woman*, *The Pharisee and the Tax Collector*, *Zacchaeus*, *Alex's Grandma*, *The Storm* and *The Importance of Examples*. Adult Church School meets most Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and Adult Bible Study meets most Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. We're never too old to learn and refresh our faith. Come join us!

Opportunities for Ministry

- **November 6th - Bread and Soup Luncheon** after worship. Please sign-up or let Linda know what you are bringing.
- **November 21st and 22nd** - our annual Thanksgiving Basket mission. Please see the sign-up form on page 13 to help with preparing the baskets and/or distributing them.
- **Beginning November 27th** through December 24th, prepare a Christmas basket or box for the food pantry. Each day of Advent, put an item in the box and bring them to church on or before Christmas Eve. The foods should be non-perishable and unopened. Cereal and boxed potatoes/stuffing are welcome. Let's share some of our plenty with others. We will make sure the food pantry gets the donations the day after Christmas. Pray for those who will receive this food.

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Turn clocks back one hour before bed on
Saturday, November 5th.



Historian Notes

by Patricia Evans, Church Historian

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

Dear Lord; we beg but one boon more: Peace in the hearts of all men living, peace in the whole world this Thanksgiving. ~ Joseph Auslander, American poet

Thanksgiving is possible only for those who take time to remember; no one can give thanks who has a short memory. ~ Author Unknown

Pride slays thanksgiving, but a humble mind is the soil out of which thanks naturally grow. ~ Henry Ward Beecher, American preacher and reformer

Remember God's bounty in the year. String the pearls of His favor. Hide the dark parts, except so far as they are breaking out in light! Give this one day to thanks, to joy, to gratitude! ~ Henry Ward Beecher, American preacher and reformer

The unthankful heart... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings! ~ Henry Ward Beecher, American preacher and reformer

Heap high the board with plenteous cheer and gather to the feast, and toast the sturdy Pilgrim band whose courage never ceased. ~ Alice W. Brotherton, English noblewoman

On Thanksgiving Day we acknowledge our dependence. ~ William Jennings Bryan, American orator and politician

Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action. ~ W. J. Cameron, American politician

It is literally true, as the thankless say, that they have nothing to be thankful for. He who sits by the fire, thankless for the fire, is just as if he had no fire. Nothing is possessed save in appreciation, of which thankfulness is

the indispensable ingredient. But a thankful heart hath a continual feast. ~ W. J. Cameron, American politician

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues. ~ Cicero, Roman philosopher, politician, lawyer, orator, political theorist, consul, and constitutionalist

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, “thank you,” that would suffice. ~ Meister Eckhart, German theologian

Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: it must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all. ~ William Faulkner, American writer and Nobel Prize recipient

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues. Thanksgiving is the language of heaven, and we had better start to learn it if we are not to be mere dumb aliens there. ~ A. J. Gossip, Professor of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology at the University of Glasgow

To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven. ~ Johannes A. Gaertner, author

Foolish talking and jesting are not the ways in which Christian cheerfulness should express itself, but rather “giving of thanks” (Eph. 5:4). Religion is the source of joy and gladness, but its joy is expressed in a religious way, in thanksgiving and praise. ~ Charles Hodge, principal of Princeton Theological Seminary

There is one day that is ours. There is one day when all we Americans who are not self-made go back to the old home to eat saleratus biscuits and marvel how much nearer to the porch the old pump looks than it used to. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American. ~ O. Henry, author

We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction. ~ Harry Ironside, American preacher

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them. ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation

has ever grown. ~ Abraham Lincoln, Thanksgiving 1863 (Civil War), 16th President of the United States

Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day. ~ Robert Caspar Lintner, author

Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow. ~ Edward Sandford Martin, American journalist and editor

Thanksgiving comes to us out of the prehistoric dimness, universal to all ages and all faiths. At whatever straws we must grasp, there is always a time for gratitude and new beginnings. ~ J. Robert Moskin, historian, writer and editor

Forever on Thanksgiving Day
The heart will find the pathway home.
~ Wilbur D. Nesbit, poet and humorist

Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way. ~ Native American Saying

Thanksgiving Day is a jewel, to set in the hearts of honest men; but be careful that you do not take the day, and leave out the gratitude. ~ E.P. Powell, American author & journalist

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds. ~ Theodore Roosevelt, 26th U.S. president

There should be a parallel between our supplications and our thanksgivings. We ought not to leap in prayer, and limp in praise. ~ Charles Haddon Spurgeon, English Baptist pastor and writer.

He who thanks but with the lips
Thanks but in part;
The full, the true Thanksgiving
Comes from the heart.
~ J. A. Shedd, American author and professor

The private and personal blessings we enjoy – the blessings of immunity, safeguard, liberty and integrity – deserve the thanksgiving of a whole life. ~ Jeremy Taylor, clergyman in the Church of England

Thou hast given so much to me, give one thing more, – a grateful heart; not thankful when it pleaseth me, as if Thy blessings had spare days, but such a heart whose pulse may be Thy praise. ~ George Herbert, Welsh-born English poet

The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving. ~ H. U. Westermayer

We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. ~ Thornton Wilder, American playwright and novelist

Grace isn't a little prayer you chant before receiving a meal. It's a way to live. ~ Attributed to Jacqueline Winspear, writer
God has two dwellings; one in heaven, and the other in a meek and thankful heart. ~ Izaak Walton, English writer

*The
Monday Evening Musical Club
Celebrating Our 107th Year*




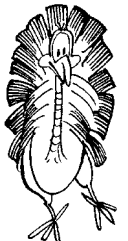
**MEMBERS
AND
AREA MUSIC TEACHERS**

November 7th

7:30 p.m.

United Church of Christ
11 West Main St., Norwich NY

This concert is dedicated to the memory of Gail Cooney.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2016</h1>						
		1 10:00 a.m. Tutoring 4:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Association, Founders' Rm. 6:30 p.m. TNT Quilters 6:30 p.m. Deacon's Mtg.	2 10:00 a.m. Interfaith Council 2:00 p.m. A. Humer, Nave/Founders' Rm. 3:00 p.m. M. Conant, upstairs 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. Choir	3 10:00 a.m. Tutoring 12:00 p.m. Tutoring, upstairs 6:00 p.m. Hospice Annual Dinner	4	5 
6 8:30 a.m. Church School 9:15 a.m. Nursery 10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion <i>Food Donation Sunday</i> <i>Soup & Bread After Church</i> 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir 4:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal	7 5:30 p.m. K. Given, Founders' Rm. 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 7:30 p.m. Music Club, Nave. See p. 9.	8 Election Day 10:00 a.m. Tutoring 6:30 p.m. TNT Quilters	9 9:30 a.m. Conference Meeting, Homer 2:30 p.m. A. Humer, Nave 3:00 p.m. M. Conant, upstairs 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	10 10:00 a.m. Tutoring 12:00 p.m. M. Conant, upstairs 6:00 p.m. Piecemakers	11 Veterans Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">It's a Wonderful Life November 11, 12, 13. See p. 18</div>
13 8:30 a.m. Church School 9:15 a.m. Nursery 10:00 a.m. Worship <i>Enlistment Sunday</i> 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir 4:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal	14 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30 p.m. K. Given, Founders' Rm.	15 9:00 a.m. Head Start Policy Council, Founders' Rm., Nursery 10:00 a.m. Tutoring 6:30 p.m. TNT Quilters	16 9:30 a.m. Association Mtg. Homer 1:30 p.m. PAC Meeting 2:30 p.m. A. Humer, Nave 3:00 p.m. M. Conant, upstairs 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Democratic Committee, Founders' Rm. 7:00 p.m. Choir	17 9:00 a.m. Association Mtg., Ithaca 10:00 a.m. Tutoring 12:00 p.m. M. Conant, upstairs 6:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group	18	19
20 8:30 a.m. Church School 9:15 a.m. Nursery 10:00 a.m. Worship <i>Paper Products Sunday</i> 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir 3:00 p.m. Pastor Joe shares the Word at Chenango Valley Home 4:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service.	21 4:00 p.m. Fill Thanksgiving Boxes 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	22 Thanksgiving Baskets 	23 2:30 p.m. A. Humer, Nave 3:00 p.m. M. Conant, upstairs 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	24 Thanksgiving Day <i>Church Office Closed</i> 12:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Dinner. See p. 16. 	25 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	26
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Stuffing Sunday - November 6th



Bring in boxes of stuffing to include in the Thanksgiving Boxes. (Stuffing will also be accepted any time the church office is open.)

Paper Products Sunday - November 20th

Bring in paper products and personal care items for Our Daily Bread Food Pantry. Donations of diapers also accepted for First Baptist Church's 4th Saturday Diaper Project.



Begins November 27th

Reverse Advent Calendar



Grab a basket or box, and every day leading up to Christmas, add something for donation to the food pantry (non-perishable food, paper products, personal care items, diapers.)

Bring your items to the Christmas Eve Service (or before) and the Deacons will deliver to Our Daily Bread Food Closet.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Monday November 21

- 4:00 p.m. until done. (Pizza provided for dinner.)
Bagging produce and filling boxes.

Tuesday November 22

- 7:45 a.m. Trucks to pick up turkeys and rolls.
Meet at church.

- 9:30 a.m. Unload turkeys and finish filling boxes.

1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

- Greeting & paperwork
 Lift & hand out boxes or Runner
 Caller

When are you available during this time frame (1 -6 p.m.)?

(Linda will contact Tuesday afternoon volunteers to
schedule their shifts.)

**Give this Sheet to Linda Oehme or leave at the church
office.**

Letters

Hello Friends.

The new edition of “These Days” is out and they are using some *Traveling Light* columns from the past for November 6 through November 12. I started writing the column while living in Norwich. It was called *Thoughts in the Night*. Then, after going to a Susquehanna Association meeting I changed the name to *Pockets of Joy*. A few years later I had a strong vision of light shining through panes of glass - we people are the panes of glass and God is the Light.... hence the name *Traveling Light*..... Thank you everyone who has read the column over the years and encouraged me. God bless.

Lynn (Olcott)

Dear Joe & Bonnie and All of the Wonderful Friends at the Church,

Thank you so much for continuing to send me the beautiful “These Days” devotions. A source of inspiration each day. And, of course, you all inspire me!

Buffy (Mayo)

Dear Trustees,

Your church lives up to its “motto” as an open and welcoming community, and I want to thank you for extending courtesy and generosity to my small group of fellow Tai Chi practitioners. By allowing us to use your facility, you are allowing us to “stretch” out and perform the exercises as they should be practiced. We have been meeting in a very tiny space for six months, and are grateful to you for the use of the lovely, spacious Founder’s Room once (and in-the-future twice) a week.

I have asked for this favor a number of times in the past when, as Literacy Volunteer, I needed a quiet space to meet with students or to train other volunteers. My experience was always positive, and I credit the excellent work of your Parish Coordinator, Cheri Willard; Joe Connolly for fostering an open-door, open-heart atmosphere; and the Board of Trustees for granting such requests.

Karen Given

Dear Rev. Connolly,

Thank you so much for donating the microphone stand to Chenango Valley Home. It will be a big help to you and other people who come to deliver the Word of God to our residents. I'm sure our entertainers will find it very helpful as well.

Rose Laughlin & Residents of Chenango Valley Home

Dear Rev. Connolly and Church Members,

Thank you for your congregation's generous gift to Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School's 2016-2017 Fund for CRCDS. Your support and generosity truly make a difference and are vital to our mission of preparing leaders who meet today's challenges head on.

The world urgently needs CRCDS and its graduates. Your support makes the CRCDS education possible. Thank you for partnering with us as we work together to create a more just and more loving world. We are excited about the future of CRCDS and thank God that you are with us for the journey.

Thank you, again, for all you have done and continue to do for CRCDS. May you and your loved ones continue to experience the joy of God's love. We are so grateful for you and for all the members of UCC, First Congregational. We are so blessed to have you as partners on the journey. Thank you!

Mr. W. Thomas McDade Clay

V.P. for Institutional Advancement

Rev. Joseph Connolly and Local Missions Committee Members,

On behalf of the Opportunities for Chenango, Inc. Head Start Program, I would like to thank you for your generous monetary gifts. Your commitment to helping families in our community is sincerely appreciated.

This past year, several Head Start children obtained medical exams, dental exams, and much needed dental treatment. This would not have been possible without your much appreciated donation.

Thank you again for your continued support to our program.

Kelly Ingham, RN

Head Start

We Gather Together
FREE COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING DINNER
 Turkey and All the Trimmings
Thanksgiving Day - November 24th
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
 37 West Main St., Norwich

Home Deliveries (within 2 mile radius of Norwich)
Regular seating starts at noon. (Dinner 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.)

*For Delivery, take out, reservations or to volunteer
 call 607-334-8801 by November 20, 2016.*

Thanksgiving Pies Needed

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is looking for pies to be donated for the Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Homemade and store bought pies are welcome. Pies should be delivered to the Parish Hall on Wednesday, November 23 before 4:00 p.m. Call Emmanuel at 334-8801 if you plan to donate.

Poinsettias

Plans for providing poinsettias or other Christmas flowers have not been firmed up by the Deacon's as we go to press. More information will be available after November 1st. Watch the bulletins for details, or feel free to contact the church office at 607-334-3434 or office@uccnorwichny.org.

Revised Common Lectionary

You may be aware that the readings used at services of worship in most Mainline Protestant churches and in Roman Catholic Churches are from the list of assigned readings known as The New Revised Common Lectionary. In our Congregational tradition, while pastors are encouraged to use the assigned readings, it's not mandatory. This is published in the hope that some may use these readings in their personal prayer and devotional time.

November 1 - All Saints Day

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

November 6- Proper 27 (32) 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98
Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 ; Luke 20:27-38

November 13 - Proper 28 (33) 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12
Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 20 - Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34) - 27th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79 43

November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

November 27th - First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Prayer Concerns

Let us keep in our prayers the following concerns:

- * families-those families that may be going through particularly difficult times, families seeking God's guidance;
- * those who are moving because of their work, those looking for work, and those looking for meaning in their work.
- * those who are ill, who are recovering from illness or surgery, or who anticipate going to the hospital.
- * those who grieve over the death of someone they love.
- * our church, that it might be faithful to its calling, our pastor, all staff members and committees.
- * peace in the world.
- * gay, lesbian and bisexual and transgendered persons, and all those who feel isolated and alone.

OURS PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO

Matt Cooney and his family for the loss of his wife, Gail Cooney who died on October 16, 2016. Gail was a former organist at our church. You can send condolences to Matt Cooney at 531 Aldersgate Court, Simons, MD 20688. Donations in Gail's memory can be made to the Monday Evening Musical Club at 11 W. Main St. or The Alzheimer's Association

Norwich Theater Company, Inc. presents

It's a Wonderful Life



November 11 & 12, 7:00 p.m.

November 13, 2:00 p.m.

Martin W. Kappel Theater, 27 W. Main St., Norwich

Discount tickets available in advance at

www.norwichtheatercompany.org, by calling 888-613-4496
at Service Pharmacy, Norwich or at McLaughlin's Dept. Store

Advance Sale \$12 At the Door \$15

Visitors to Our Church in October

Evan Devine, Clifton Park, New Jersey
 Renee Devine, Clifton Park, New Jersey
 Chip Izzo
 Joe Izzo
 Lisa Izzo

Bulletins from Other Churches

Vicki and Gary Gray - Trinity United Methodist Church,
 N. Myrtle Beach, SC, September 25, 2016.

November Birthdays

Happy
 Birthday

These are the birthdays of members and friends of our church family. If you know someone on the list who's having a birthday, feel free to send that person a card. Even if you don't know anyone on the list, feel free to send any celebrant a card. More

importantly, strive to hold each of these people up in prayer on the anniversary of their birth. Please call the church office with additions or corrections (334-3434).

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| 1 Michael Willard | 16 Betty Brown |
| 2 Pat Flores | 18 Matt Maholchic |
| 5 Bob Bartlett | Betty Reed |
| 7 Michael Adams | 22 Glenn Mahaffey |
| Jennifer Borfitz | 24 Alexander Gage |
| 11 Darcy Gates-Brewer | 29 Taylor Hagenbuch |
| Terry Hagenbuch | Jessica Willard |

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